

Excellence in Sport, Culture and the Arts Award Recipients

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), through the Oceanside Services Committee, recognizes amateur competitors who achieve first-place standing in a sport, artistic or cultural competition at a provincial, inter-provincial or national competition. In addition, the RDN recognizes amateur competitors who have been chosen by their organization to represent Canada at a recognized international competition.

“Our region is home to many talented athletes and visual and performing artists. It is the RDN’s pleasure to recognize their achievements at provincial, national and international competitions,” said Sean Wood, Oceanside Services Committee Chair and RDN Board Director. “We are fortunate to enjoy many great recreation, cultural and sporting opportunities where our residents of all ages can hone their abilities and proudly represent their hometown, British Columbia or Canada.”

Nominees must be residents of the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach or Electoral Areas E, F, G, or H and achieved their standing between 2023 and the nomination deadline. The RDN congratulates the following 2024 award recipients:

- Seren Melanson, Amelia Light, Juniper Brocklebank and Amrynn Goldney, 2024 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival
- Maria Pettigrew, Brynn Binder, Kaitlyn Mercer, Shaylee Gardiner, Sophie Martin and Keanna Jeffs, 2024 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival
- Maria Pettigrew, Brynn Binder, Kaitlyn Mercer, Shaylee Gardiner and Keanna Jeffs, 2023 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival
- Kai Aikman-Heir, Easton Barlow, Caleb Willers and Gabriel Willers, 2024 B.C. Athletics Junior Development Track and Field Championships
- Rowan Spitz, 2024 Junior and Cadet B.C. Team Trials and B.C. Taekwondo Open
- Matteo Bennett, Anthony Fee, Asher Fee and Jack Macleod, 2024 B.C. Taekwondo Open
- Charlie Pennock, 2024 BC Games in baseball
- Jill Grisdale and Margo Gregson, 2024 Huntsman World Senior Games and 2024 55+ BC Games in soccer
- Caroline Lambert-Mimnaugh, Barbara Wildman-Spencer and Christine Bieg, 2024 55+ BC Games in soccer
- Elaine Johnston, 2024 55+ BC Games in tennis
- Roger Jinks, 2024 55+ BC Games in soccer, men’s 65 plus
- Ian Miller, 2024 55+ BC Games in soccer, men’s 70 plus

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- Dietmar Baumeister-Quint, 2024 55+ BC Games in soccer, mixed 70 plus
- Russell Sharock, 2024 55+ BC Games in swimming
- Leah Miltenberger, 2024 55+ BC Games in golf
- Ann McVey and Judy Shaughnessy, 2024 55+ BC Games in slo-pitch
- Linda MacPherson, 2024 55+ BC Games in swimming
- Ray Kasten, 2024 BC Masters Weightlifting Championships
- Richard McBride, 2024 Winter World Master Games in figure skating
- Mackenzie Burnham, 2024 International Dance Organization Hip Hop World Championships
- Tony Sweet, 2023 BC Sprint Distance Championships and 2024 55+ BC Games, BC Sprint Distance Championship, World Age Group Triathlon Championship in Triathlon and 2024 BC Standard Distance Championship in duathlon
- Shelly Stouffer, 2024 Canadian Mid-Am Championship, BC Women’s Senior Championship, BC Women’s Mid-Master Championship, Canadian Mid-Am Women’s Interprovincial Team Championship, Canadian Senior Women’s Interprovincial Team Championship and US Senior Women’s Amateur Championship in golf
- Trevor Hirschfield, 2024 Paralympics in wheelchair rugby
- Nicholas Bennett, 2024 Sardinia Para World Open-water Cup, Bell Canadian Olympic/Paralympic swimming trials, and Paralympics in swimming

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