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2021 GymBC Awards Recipients

Vancouver, BC (March 1, 2022) – Gymnastics BC (GymBC) is pleased to announce the 2021 Gymnastics BC Award recipients. These awards recognize both budding talent and accomplished athletes, along with the network of hardworking coaches, clubs, judges, parents and volunteers who help it all come together.

The 2021 GymBC awards were presented February 26, 2022 in a virtual presentation. In a year full of virtual competitions and closed trainings, this virtual awards show is symbolic of the tenacity that our sport has demonstrated over the course of the pandemic.

“The ability of our gymnastics community to rebound, and even flourish, throughout the past two years is a testament to the relevancy and resiliency of the sport,” states Nigel Loring, CEO GymBC. “The old adage that ‘you can’t teach an old dog new tricks’ does not apply in our world – gymnastics is truly a sport for all. Regardless of age, stage, gender or ability, there is space for any and every one in our community.”

GymBC recognizes the following individuals and clubs in 2021:

2021 GymBC Scholarships

Providing financial support to deserving student athletes since 2006

- Maja Bonham Shasta Trampoline Club, New Westminster
- Meaghan Kujat, Momentum Gymnastics, Salmon Arm
- Natalie Anderson, Delta Gymnastics Society, Delta

2021 Gymnastics for All (GFA) Awards

Gymnastics for All, also known as recreational gymnastics, is the umbrella discipline for all non-competitive programs. As a foundation sport, gymnastics helps develop physical literacy and a lifelong love for movement.

GymBC-recognized activities offered under the GFA banner encompass a tremendous range of ages, abilities, program goals, and philosophies; this includes Active Start programs (0-6 years), school age gymnastics, Interclub, Acrobatic, Trampoline, Adaptive and Inclusive programming, Adult, Senior, Parkour and Performance or Group Gymnastics, among many others.

GFA Club of the Year

- Inspire Sports Victoria, Victoria

GFA Coach of the Year

Zone 5

- Miranda Gregory, Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics, Vancouver

Zone 6

- Fran Schneidmiller, Duncan Dynamics Gymnastics Club, Duncan

GFA Leader of the Year

- Hailey Boustead, Kicking Horse Gymnastics Club, Golden

GFA Volunteer of the Year

- Nicholas Brady, Chimo Gymnastics Club, Comox

2021 GymBC Members of Distinction

This award honours individuals whose long-term commitment, contributions, and achievements have benefited the gymnastics community in British Columbia. All Members of Distinction are eligible for selection as GymBC Life Members.

- Todd Sader
- Jade Kotzer
- Ford White

2021 GymBC Life Members

The prestigious GymBC Life Member award honours an individual who has devoted their life's work to bettering our sport and acting in the best interest of our BC gymnastics community. Life Members are selected from the GymBC Members of Distinction winners list.

- Toni Vance and Ford White

2021 Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Awards

Owen Walstrom outstanding male Athlete of the Year

- Kai Iwaasa, Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics, Vancouver

Bill Mackie High Performance Athlete of the Year

- Alec Ikeda, Twisters Gymnastics Club, Abbotsford

Richard Ikeda National Level Athlete of the Year

- Parker Thomlinson, Langley Gymnastics Foundation, Langley

John Tutte National Level Coach of the Year

- Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics, Vancouver

Stan Wilkes Provincial Level Coach of the Year

- Langley Gymnastics Foundation, Langley

2021 Trampoline Gymnastics (TG) Awards

TG High Performance Male Athlete of the Year

- Gavin Dodd, Kamloops Gymnastic & Trampoline Centre, Kamloops

TG High Performance Female Athlete of the Year

- Kayla Howell, Club Aviv Gymnastics, Coquitlam

TG National Male Athlete of the Year

- Owen Harbo, VIP Gymsports Ltd., Nanaimo

TG National Female Athlete of the Year

- Brooklyn Lee-McMeeken, Wayland Sports (Richmond) Ltd, Richmond

TG Provincial Male Athlete of the Year

- Brayden Renou, Okanagan Gymnastics Centre Society, Kelowna

TG Provincial Female Athlete of the Year

- Kira MacDougal, Club Aviva Gymnastics Coquitlam

TG Outstanding Achievement Award

- Olympian Sam Smith and coach Curt Dewolff, Shasta Trampoline Club, New Westminster

TG Provincial Club of the Year

- Club Aviva Gymnastics, Coquitlam

TG National Club of the Year

- Shasta Trampoline Club, New Westminster

2021 Women's Artistic (WAG) Awards**High Performance Novice Athlete of the Year**

- Aaliyah De Sousa – Flip City Gymnastics Club, Langley

Karen Kelsall Provincial Stream Athlete of the Year

- Emily Kim – TAG Sports Center, Port Coquitlam

Sandra Hartley National Stream Athlete of the Year

- JO9 – Mikayla Gilfillen – Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics, Vancouver
- JO10 – Kennedy Duke – Langley Gymnastics Foundation, Langley

High Performance Club of the Year

- Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics, Vancouver

Gladys Hartley Provincial Club of the Year

- Delta Gymnastics Society, Delta

Kate Richardson High Performance Athlete of the Year

- Shallon Olsen – Flicka Gymnastics Club, North Vancouver

Sev Heiberg National Stream Club of the Year

- Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics, Vancouver

Watch the 2021 Awards Presentation [HERE](#).

Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and thank you to everyone who is part of our motto to play, perform and progress.

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Gymnastics BC is a non-profit organization that delivers competitive and recreational programs for the sport of gymnastics in British Columbia. We are responsible for the governance, promotion, and development of gymnastics in BC and are dedicated to making gymnastics an accessible sport for all. Established in 1969, we are committed to providing exceptional support and services to our member clubs.

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