

# 2020 AOA AWARDS GUIDE

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## AWARD CATEGORIES

Alpine Ontario Alpin's (AOA) provincial awards program recognizes outstanding performance and contributions in the sport of ski racing in Ontario. AOA recognizes various categories to honour recipients for their dedication, athletic success, performance and passion for the sport of ski racing.

1. Athlete of the Year: Alpine – Male & Female
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(VOTING CATEGORY)**
9. Spirit of Sandy Proctor Award
10. Builder of the Year (formerly Chairperson's Award)

With the exception of the Performance Ski Club of the Year all award winners are decided upon by the AOA Staff, AOA Athletic Committee and if need be the Awards Committee.

The Performance Ski Club of the Year is a voting category that will open April 1<sup>st</sup> and run until April 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an online vote for no more that 5 finalists and allows the club with the most votes to win!

## AWARDS TIMELINES: \*

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| • Tuesday, February 11             | Nominations open                         |
| • Sunday, March 29th               | Nominations close                        |
| • March 30-31                      | Selection Committee Review for finalists |
| • April 1-19                       | Voting opens for Club of the Year        |
| • April 19                         | Voting closes                            |
| • April 10-23                      | Invitations sent to all finalists        |
| • Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Awards presentation in Toronto           |

*\*please note dates are approximate and may change slightly*

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

The 2019 Awards selection committee is led by **Allan Mihalcin** of Thunder Bay and includes the following volunteers:

- Allan Mihalcin, LSDA - Chair
- NOD Representative - TBD
- Wendy Bunston, SOD Parent volunteer & Official
- Brian Ivay, NCD Representative
- Bill Reeves, AOA Executive Director

The job of the committee is to review the nominations submitted to the AOA and create a 'short list' of no more than 5 per category using the criteria outlined in this guide.

The committee members are not entitled to submit nominations in any of the categories listed below and shall recuse themselves from voting on any nominee.

## AWARD CRITERIA

### **1. Athlete of the Year: Alpine – Para – Ski Cross**

The AOA Athlete of the Year will be awarded to one male and one female athlete from alpine, one athlete (either male or female) from para and one athlete (either male or female ) from ski cross.

Eligibility: The nominated athletes:

- Be registered members with AOA in good standing for the current season.
- Be an active member on an AOA club team.
- Cannot be the same person, or a member of the immediate family, as the person placing the nomination. For example, you cannot nominate yourself, or your child, parent, aunt, etc.

**Criteria:** The Selection Committee shall determine the Athlete of the Year based upon:

- Overall athletic performance quantified by podium finishes and overall standings.
- Dedication both on and off the snow with a passion to pursue all avenues of training to continually better performance both technically and physically.
- Demonstrates a strong sense of mentorship and/or leadership to the rest of their teammates.
- Champions of the sport through participation in events, and in engagement in ski club communities.

## **2. Coach of the Year**

The AOA Coach of the Year Award in the honor of Anthony Pacione's dedication to outstanding coaching performance that results in exceptional and demonstrated athlete advancement in alpine, para-alpine or ski cross racing. Pacione's home ski club was the Osler Bluff Ski Club.

**Eligibility:** The nominated coach must:

- Be an accredited AOA coach in good standing for the current season.
- Have annual professional development/licensing credits completed and logged with ACA/AOA.
- Be working with athletes in an AOA club, Regional FIS team and/or the Ontario Ski Team.
- Cannot be the same person, or a member of the immediate family, as the person placing the nomination. For example, you cannot nominate yourself, or your child, parent, aunt, etc.

**Criteria:** The Selection Committee shall determine the Coach of the Year based upon:

- Achievement and Results
- Leadership and/or Mentorship
- Retention of athletes
- Ethical Conduct

### **3. Volunteer of the Year**

Recognizes one or more volunteers in the sport of Ontario ski racing who have made an extraordinary contribution to their Club, Division or Province, and to the sport in general. This award recognizes the important role of volunteers as they support their children, team, club or sport as a whole.

**Eligibility:** The nominated volunteer must:

- Be participating in the sport of ski racing in any capacity, at any age group.
- The volunteer does not have to be a registered AOA member.
- Cannot be the same person, or a member of the immediate family, as the person placing the nomination. For example, you cannot nominate yourself, or your child, parent, aunt, etc.

**Criteria:** The Selection Committee shall determine the Volunteer of the Year based upon the following:

- An unwavering commitment to the sport demonstrated throughout the ski season.
- A strong passion for ski racing, ski programs and the sport in general.
- A person(s) who continually strives to help the great community of athletes, who may or may not include their own child.
- Provides outstanding service to the sport.

### **4. Robert Shore Official of the Year**

This award recognizes an Official in the sport of Ontario ski racing who has made an extraordinary contribution to their Club, Division, Province, and to the sport in general.

This award was created in honour of the outstanding dedication to the sport made by Robert Shore, a former FIS TD Official.

**Eligibility:** The nominated Official must:

- Be a registered official with AOA in good standing for the current season.
- Have participated in a minimum of three AOA races, at any level, during the 2019-20 season.
- Cannot be the same person, or a member of the immediate family, as the person placing the nomination. For example, you cannot nominate yourself, or your child, parent, aunt, etc.

**Criteria:** The Selection Committee shall determine the Official of the Year based upon the following:

- The nomination process is open to certified officials at any level (Level I, II or 3) in any capacity, whether on-course, in-office, etc.
- An unwavering commitment to the official's process as demonstrated throughout the ski season.
- A strong passion for ski racing, ski programs and the sport in general
- An official who continually strives to learn more and do better in their work

## **5. Event of the Year**

The Event of the Year is awarded to a ski club or race organizing committee which demonstrated an exceptional commitment to Ontario ski racing, through one or more ski racing events that support the local, Provincial, National and even International community.

Eligibility: The nomination for this award is:

- Open to any AOA sanctioned alpine, para or ski-cross event.
- Open to any multi-day event include training, competition and related activities.

Nomination criteria:

- The event showcased collaboration between various partners
- The event demonstrated professionalism from its officiating, to its timeliness to its safety
- The event was engaging, community-oriented and inclusive.
- The athletes had a positive and “fun” experience

## **6. Performance Ski Club of the Year**

Presented by Mackenzie Investments

The Performance Ski Club of the Year presented by Mackenzie Investments is awarded to one Ontario ski club that has distinguished themselves as being invested in their members and athletes on and off the hill. They provide exceptional ski racing programming, supporting the development of athletic success and have built an incredible culture for it’s members and their families. Nominations for Club of the Year must be a registered club with AOA in good standing for the current season. The nomination may be submitted by members of that same club who may or may not be registered AOA members

Criteria: The Selection Committee shall determine the Club of the Year based upon the following:

- Athlete retention
- Athlete success
- Volunteer participation
- Culture and community engagement
- Governance policies for its athletic programs (codes of conduct, etc.)
- Officiating programs (how many, how qualified)
- Other factors that set your club apart from the rest in Ontario

## **7. Spirit of Sandy Proctor Award**

Embracing the characteristics in honour of Sandy Proctor, who for many years was the face of the Nancy Greene Ski League in Southern Ontario and had an enormous love for both the participants of this sport and the entire sport. This award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of one or more individuals to the “Spirit of Ontario Ski Racing”. This person(s) is always wearing a smile and is a positive and motivating force to the people around him or her. This award recognizes the important role of motivators as they support the spirit of sport with their children, team, club, Division or Province.

Eligibility: The nomination for this award is:

- Open to any AOA member, or non-member who has an impact on those around him/her.
- Open to any athlete, parent, coach, official or volunteer in any capacity to the sport, whether on-course or behind the scenes.
- Cannot be the same person, or a member of the immediate family, as the person placing the nomination. For example, you cannot nominate yourself, or your child, parent, aunt, etc.

Criteria: The Selection Committee shall determine the award based upon the following:

- An unwavering commitment to the spirit of sport including being a great teammate, support your coach, support ALL athletes, welcoming new athletes, inclusiveness, motivator, promoter and more!
- This person is someone we all want to be around – they invoke fun and joy into the programs at AOA.

## **8. Builder Award**

Formerly the Chairperson's Award, the Builder Award is for extraordinary contributions of one or more individuals to the sport of Ontario Ski Racing, and is intended to recognize one or more individual's lifetime contributions to Ontario Ski Racing.

Eligibility: The nomination for this award is:

- Open to any AOA registered member or non-member.
- Open to any athlete, parent, coach, official or volunteer in any capacity to the sport, whether on-course or behind the scenes as a partner or equipment provider for example.
- Cannot be the same person, or a member of the immediate family, as the person placing the nomination. For example, you cannot nominate yourself, or your child, parent, aunt, etc.

Criteria: The Selection Committee shall determine the award based upon the following:

- Person(s) who made an extraordinary contribution to the sport of ski racing in Ontario.
- Person(s) who had an unwavering commitment to the sport in the form of a partner (corporate), motivator, program developer, visionary and builder in any facet of the sport.
- Made things happen – they may have secured a specific event, created a new ski club, promoted the growth of Ski Cross, secured funding for the sport, expanded the reach of ski racing and more!
- Past winners include the former SOD Chair and ski representative **Ron Warren**, 2018 U16 Nationals Chair **Bill Reeves**, NZ Foundation & SOD FIS Coach **Bebe Zoricic** and Calabogie Ski Club President **Brian Ivay** for his incredible work leading the inaugural 2019 U16 Eastern Finals.

## **NOMINATION & VOTING PROCESS FOR SKI CLUB OF THE YEAR:**

All votes and nominations must be submitted through the Alpine Ontario Alpin website here:

<https://www.alpineontario.ca/2020awards/>

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