

2023 Season Awards

Background

Ontario Cycling (OC) recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of all individuals who help progress the sport in Ontario. Athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, teams and volunteers all play an integral role in the success of the sport. To acknowledge some of the major achievements within the province in a given year, OC recognizes individuals in the below award categories. Award recipients are determined by the Ontario Cycling Awards & Recognition Committee (unless otherwise noted) and possess the qualities that OC associates with exemplary performance, excellence, sportsmanship, leadership and determination.

Nomination Process

Criteria for each nomination will be based upon any results, achievements, and/or contributions made between October 1st 2022 and September 30th, 2023. All nominations must be submitted by the relevant Eligible Nominating Group (see below chart) and include background information on the nominees' credentials **no later than 11:59pm ET October 18, 2023**. For awards open to all OC members to nominate, a link is provided below to the relevant nomination form.

Award	Eligible Nominating Group	Selection Committee
All Athlete of the Year	HP Committee: Brendan Arnold Sue Haviland David Jack Rob MacEwen Jenny Trew Coaches: Julia Farell Rob Holmgren Britney Hovencamp	OC Awards & Recognition Committee
Volunteer of the Year	All 2023 OC Members	OC Awards & Recognition Committee
Ryan Victor Griffin	All 2023 OC Members	Ryan Victor Griffin Award Selection Committee
Commissaire of the Year	All 2023 OC licensed Commissaires	OC Events Team

NOTE: Nominators cannot be family members or related to the individual they are nominating



Selection Process

Once the nomination deadline has passed, OC staff will review all submissions for information accuracy and award eligibility. A Final Award Nominee List, based on all eligible nominations received, will be submitted to the relevant Selection Committee no later than October 20, 2023.

Each Selection Committee will then be responsible for selecting an award recipient from the Final Award Nominee List by 11:59pm ET on **October 30, 2023**.

Award recipients will be notified via email no later than November 3rd and posted on the OC website.

Eligibility Criteria

Please be sure to review the Eligibility and Selection Criteria as well as each specific award's description prior to nominating.

- Award recipients must be a current and valid member of Ontario Cycling for the 2023 season. (**Note:** Exception is the Volunteer of the Year Award, which is also open to a non-member who has contributed their time to the sport in 2023)
- A member is defined as anyone who holds a current and valid:
 - OC issued UCI License
 - OC issued Provincial Race License
 - OC issued Associate Club Membership
- The nomination must be based upon accomplishments between **October 1st, 2022 and September 30th, 2023**.
- Nominations submitted without supporting details will not be considered

[NOMINATE FOR THE RYAN VICTOR GRIFFIN AWARD](#)

[NOMINATE FOR THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD](#)

NOMINATION DEADLINE: 11:59pm ET October 18, 2023

Must have a Gmail account to submit nomination



Athletes of the Year Awards

U17/Junior Road Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U17 or Junior age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Road events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

U23/Elite Road Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U23/Elite age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Road events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

U17/Junior Mountain Bike Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U17 or Junior age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Mountain Bike events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

U23/Elite Mountain Bike Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U23/Elite age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Mountain Bike events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

U17/Junior Cyclo-Cross Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U17 or Junior age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Cyclo-Cross events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.



U23/Elite Cyclo-Cross Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U23/Elite age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Cyclo-Cross events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

U17/Junior Track Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U17 or Junior age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Track events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

U23/Elite Track Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete in either the U23/Elite age categories that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Track events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.

Tim DaSilva BMX Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the rider that encompasses everything that Tim DaSilva was: dedicated, passionate, great attitude, always giving back, a natural leader, and a man with integrity. The award is presented to a BMX athlete who competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned BMX events and achieved significant results in either of these competition levels.

Para-Cycling Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the para-athlete in either that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned events this season. The athlete must have had significant results achieved in high level competitions, while also demonstrating strong character, sportsmanship, and leadership in all areas of cycling.



Community Awards

Ryan Victor Griffin Award

This award is given to a MTB athlete who consistently displays all the characteristics that Ryan showed throughout his life: dedication, hard work, consistently going above and beyond expectations, always willing to step in and help others and give back, as well as showing perseverance and resiliency. The recipient also will have demonstrated a desire to actively participate and support as many Ontario events as possible.

Volunteer of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who has freely contributed their time, talents, and energy to elevating the sport of cycling within the province. The award is presented to the individual who exemplifies passion, respect, dedication and commitment to the cycling community at large in any capacity over the past season. The nominee for this award need not be a member of the Ontario Cycling.

Commissaire of the Year

This award recognizes an active Ontario Cycling Commissaire on the basis of their achievement of excellence, at the Provincial level. The award is presented to the individual who demonstrates the highest commitment to the values of sport and fair play, as well as the highest standards of officiating professionalism and integrity. This individual has made a positive contribution and impact on the sport of cycling in Ontario and is recognized by their peers as a valuable member, mentor, and resource to the sport of cycling.

The nominee must have been an active Commissaire over each of the past three years, with at least one Ontario assignment during the current season (UCI, National or Provincial), and have not won the award in the previous two years.