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## Alberta's 2017 athletes and teams of the year

Edmonton - Alberta Sport Connection has announced their 2017 Athlete and Team of the Year Awards.

Kaetlyn Osmond	Open Female	Figure Skating	Sherwood Park
Justin Kripps	Open Male	Bobsleigh	Calgary
Megan Bankes	Junior Female	Biathlon	Canmore
Alphonso Davies	Junior Male	Soccer	Edmonton
Victoria SC Women's	Open Team	Soccer	Edmonton
Team Alberta Midget Boys	Junior Team	Lacrosse	Various

The Athlete and Team of the Year Awards celebrate significant achievements, performances and contributions of Alberta's amateur athletes. Award winners are outstanding role models who inspire other Albertans to higher achievements at the recreational or competitive level.

"As we've seen at the Olympic Games this year, Alberta's athletes stand among the best in the world. We are proud of our amazing teams and athletes, and it's so important to continue to recognize and honour them and their accomplishments," said Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism, responsible for sport. "Congratulations to the recipients of the 2017 Athlete and Team of the Year Awards. You are all an inspiration to Albertans and we look forward to your continued success."

"Alberta Sport Connection is committed to supporting and assisting our athletes to strive for excellence and achieve their potential," said Andrew Ference, Chair of the Alberta Sport Connection. "We're proud of what these individuals and teams have accomplished in 2017, and we're honoured to recognize their success and their outstanding commitment and contribution to Alberta's sport sector."

The Alberta Sport Awards for Athletes and Teams of the Year will be presented in conjunction with this year's Alberta Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, on June 1, 2018, in Red Deer.

Alberta Sport Connection is an agency of the Government of Alberta dedicated to the development of sport and making Alberta the premier sport delivery system in Canada.

For additional information on the awards please click on: [Alberta Sport Awards](#) or visit the Alberta Sport Connection, website at: [www.albertasport.ca](http://www.albertasport.ca) Follow ASC on Twitter [@AlbertaSport](#)

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# 2017 Alberta Athlete and Team of the Year Recipients

## **Open Female: Kaetlyn Osmond, Sherwood Park**                      **Sport: Figure Skating**

- Silver Medallist, World Figure Skating Championships (Helsinki, Finland)
- Gold Medallist, Canadian National Championships (Ottawa)
- 4th place, Four Continents Championships (Gangneung, South Korea)

## **Open Male: Justin Kripps, Calgary**                                      **Sport: Bobsleigh**

- Silver Medallist - 2 Man, World Championships (Konigssee, Germany)
- Three 2nd place World Cup finishes - 2 Man (2017-2018 season)
- Ranked 1st at end of 2017 - 2 Man
- Two 2nd place World Cup finishes - 4 Man (2017-2018 season)
- Ranked 3rd at end of 2017 - 4 Man

## **Junior Female: Megan Bankes, Canmore**                                      **Sport: Biathlon**

- First Canadian woman to win Gold at the Biathlon Junior World Championships (Bresno-Osrblie, Slovakia)
- Shot 20/20 enroute to Gold, one of only 5 athletes to shoot clean out of 69 athletes
- Silver Medallist at Junior IBU Cup (Nove Mesto, Czech Republic)
- 2017 Biathlon Canada Female Athlete of the Year

## **Junior Male: Alphonso Davies, Edmonton**                                      **Sport: Soccer**

- Played six matches with the Canadian Men's National Team as a 16 year old
- Best Young Player and Best XI at 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup
- 2017 CONCACAF Golden Boot Award (3 goals in 6 matches)
- Youngest Goal Scorer in the history of the CONCACAF Gold Cup and Canadian Men's National Team
- Played professionally with the Vancouver Whitecaps FC
- Youngest goal scorer in the history of the Canadian Championship
- 2017 Soccer Canada's U-17 Player of the Year

## **Open Team: Victoria SC Women's, Edmonton**                                      **Sport: Soccer**

- National Champions
- 11 wins, 0 losses, 3 ties in League Play, 2-0-0 at Provincials

## **Junior Team: Team Alberta Midget Boys, Various**                                      **Sport: Lacrosse**

- National Champions - First Alberta team in history to win Gold (Whitby)
- 8-0 record at Nationals
- 3 wins, 1 tie at Nationals

**2017 Alberta Open Team of the Year  
Victoria SC Women's Soccer, Edmonton**

**Players**

Jordan Boyle  
Jessie Brown  
Nikole Byrne  
Olivia Chu  
Morgan Corbett  
Megan Duro  
Elise Emmott  
Rebecca Ferguson  
Laura Kautz  
Terri Kutryk  
Heather Lund  
Tori Martyn

Kayla Michaels  
Carleigh Miller  
Kaily Mohn  
Jamie Pasemko  
Kaitlin Phillips  
Annalise Schellenberg  
Kristyn Shapka  
Elisa Stamatakis  
Keshia Wallin  
Marissa Webb  
Heather Young  
Maggie Zacsko

**Coaches**

Rick Haxby  
Frank Imbrogno  
Laurie Hartley (Manager)

**2017 Alberta Junior Team of the Year  
Team Alberta Midget Boys Box Lacrosse**

**Players**

Liam Bell, Calgary  
Jacob Bowen, Edmonton  
Shayden Brinton, Red Deer  
Jack Bruzell-Friesz, Calgary  
Kyle Dziwenka, Edmonton  
Mattias Flammenspeck, De Winton  
Evan Gartner, Calgary  
Mathieu Gautier, St. Alberta  
Will Holan, Edmonton  
Nicolas Izzo-Jarrett, Calgary

Ethan Landymore, Okotoks  
Malcolm MacInnes, Calgary  
Charlie McFadden, Edmonton  
Tyler Merilees, Lloydminster  
Cole Pickell, Calgary  
Kyle Playsted, Calgary  
Jacob Power, Stony Plain  
Caden Rotter, Airdrie  
Bennett Smith, Edmonton  
Roman Smoot, Sherwood Park

**Coaches**

Todd Lorenz  
Dane Dobie  
Pauline Hughes (Manager)