

<b>Section:</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>5000-08</b>
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This award will be presented annually to a Special Olympics PEI male and female athlete for the most outstanding athletic performance at a Provincial, National or International Competition.

### **Nominations**

Each Special Olympics PEI parent/guardian, coach and volunteer are encouraged to nominate athletes who they believe are worthy of receiving this award and who meets all the award criteria.

An ad-hoc subcommittee of the Special Olympics PEI Provincial Program Committee will carefully review the nominations, and from them select three finalists for both the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Award, one of the three finalists being the winner.

### **Award Criteria**

- The nominee must be an active registered athlete with Special Olympics PEI.
- The nominee must be involved in Special Olympics program(s) throughout the year.
- The nominee must have attended a provincial qualifying event, national games or international games.
- The nominee must demonstrate improvement in athletic skill.
- The nominee must demonstrate improvement in personal growth and development.
- The nominee must exemplify the true spirit of Special Olympics
- The nominee must display sportsmanship and be considerate of fellow athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials.

### **Award Recognition**

These awards will be presented at the Annual Special Olympics PEI Awards Presentation.