

Sport Manitoba Salutes Manitoba's Best

April 14, 2009 – Manitoba's ultimate recognition event for amateur sport in Manitoba, the 2009 Sport for Life Gala, will be held in Winnipeg on May 21st.

"This year's nominations highlight Manitoba's wealth of talent and commitment to sport," say Jeff Hnatiuk, President and CEO of Sport Manitoba. "Our athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers have distinguished themselves across the country and throughout the world. Sport Manitoba takes pride in recognizing the achievements and the valuable contributions of so many."

The Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum will join the 2009 program honouring a veteran induction class of ten individuals and six teams as part of the show. "This event provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate our sport history and commemorate our 30th Anniversary," states Hall of Fame board member, Lois Howard.

A coach recognition award has also been added to the program. Sport Manitoba's Director of Coaching, Greg Guenther explains, "Coaching Manitoba will host our Excellence Awards on April 25th, where we will celebrate coaches in a number of categories. From there we will select an overall Coach of the Year Award to be presented at the Sport for Life Gala."

To accommodate additions to the program, the 2009 Sport for Life Gala will be held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. As in previous years, the Gala will also highlight the Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council Tom Longboat Award winners.

2008 was a great year for amateur sport in Manitoba. Join Sport Manitoba at the Sport for Life Gala and celebrate those successes, call 925.5605.

The finalists for this year's Sport for Life Gala including bios can be found in the attached PDF. Photographs are available upon request.

Sport Manitoba is a not for profit organization and the lead planning, programming and funding agency for the development of amateur sport in Manitoba. Sport Manitoba partners with over 100 organizations to deliver sport in our province and is responsible for programs including the Power Smart Manitoba Games, Coaching Manitoba, Team Manitoba, Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum and KidSport.

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