



ONTARIO CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Cycling Celebration Awards Banquet

Background:

The Ontario Cycling Association recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of our athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, and clubs. Awards are presented annually at the Cycling Celebration Awards Banquet held in the fall. Award finalists are member nominated and possess the qualities the OCA associates with performance, excellence and sport achievement.

Nomination Process

The OCA will request nominations from members for each of the Year End Awards listed below. Nomination collection will begin in August and will last three weeks. Nominators AND nominees must be an OCA member in good standing for the current season (with the exception being the Ontario Volunteer of the Year Award, which is open to non-member nominees. Note the nominator must still be an OCA member.)

Along with the nomination, nominators will also be required to provide an explanation as to why they feel the individual, club, organizer, etc. is worthy of the award honour. All submitted nominations should meet the pre-defined set of criteria listed for each award. Members may nominate for as many awards as they like however, a maximum of one nomination per award is allowed. All nominations must be submitted **prior to Friday September 8th, 2017 at 12:00pm (Noon) ET.**

How awards are selected

At the conclusion of the nomination period, the OCA staff will review ALL submitted nominations. Three finalists will be selected, based on the criteria for the award, and forwarded to the OCA Board of Directors for final voting, using a weighted voting system.

Note: If less than 3 nominees meet criteria, the OCA reserves the right to limit the final voting of the award to only those who have met the pre-defined criteria for the award.

Once the Board of Directors has voted on all awards, award recipients will be contacted and invited to the 2017 OCA Cycling Celebration p/b CCN Bikes taking place **Saturday November 4th at The Rialto at the Veneto Centre** in Woodbridge to accept their award.

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

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- The nominator MUST be a current (2017) member of the Ontario Cycling Association.
- The nominee must be a resident of Ontario and be a member in good standing of the Ontario Cycling Association for the current 2017 season. (Note the exception to this is the Ontario Volunteer of the Year Award which is open to non-OCA members. See Award Criteria for more information)
- A member, for the purpose of being a nominator or nominee, is defined as anyone who holds a current (2017) and valid:
 - UCI Licence
 - Citizen Permit
 - Affiliate Club Membership
 - General Membership
- The nomination must be based upon accomplishments between September 15th, 2016 and September 14th, 2017.
- Nominations submitted without any supporting details will not be considered.
- Any nominations submitted after the cutoff date and time will not be counted.
- All nominations should be completed using the online nomination form.

Ontario Road Organizer of the Year

This award is based on the accomplishments of the Individual, Club, and/or Group in respect to their commitment to organizing Road cycling events within the province of Ontario. Taken into consideration are all Road cycling events that the Individual, Club, and/or Group organizes over the course of the season. This award is not based solely on the volume of events organized. Also considered are the sanction level of the event, the leadership displayed in the setting up and running of the event itself as well as having sufficient volunteers and support staff to assure that the event is safe and successful.

Ontario Road Contributor of the Year

This award is designed to recognize an Individual or Group who has contributed their time and talents to the sport of Road cycling. This award is given to the member who has exemplified passion, dedication and commitment to the Road racing community at large in any capacity over the past season.

Ontario Road Female Athlete of the Year (includes road Para-cycling athletes)

This award is presented to the Female athlete that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Road events this season. This athlete must have had significant results achieved in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Ontario Road Male Athlete of the Year (includes road Para-cycling athletes)

This award is presented to the Male athlete that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Road events this season. This athlete must have had significant results achieved in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Ontario Mountain Bike Organizer of the Year

This award is based on the accomplishments of the Individual, Club, and/or Group in respect to their commitment to organizing Mountain Bike events within the province of Ontario. Taken into consideration are all Mountain Bike events that the Individual, Club and/or Group organizes over the course of the season. This award is not based solely on the volume of events organized. Also considered are the sanction level of the event, leadership displayed in the setting up and running of the event itself as well as having sufficient volunteers and support staff to assure that the event is safe and successful.

Ontario Mountain Bike Contributor of the Year

This award is designed to recognize an Individual or Group who has contributed their time and talents to the sport of Mountain Biking. This award is given to the member who has exemplified passion, dedication and commitment to the Mountain Bike racing community at large in any capacity over the past season.

Ontario Mountain Bike Female Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the Female athlete that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Mountain Bike events this season. This athlete must have had significant results achieved in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Ontario Mountain Bike Male Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the Male athlete that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Mountain Bike events this season. This athlete must have had significant results achieved in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Ontario Track Female Athlete of the Year (includes track para-cycling athletes)

This award is presented to the female athlete that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Track events this season. This athlete must have achieved significant results in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Ontario Track Male Athlete of the Year (includes track para-cycling athletes)

This award is presented to the male athlete that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Track events this season. This athlete must have achieved significant results in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Ontario Cyclocross Athlete of the Year

This award is presented to the athlete (Male or Female) that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned Cyclocross events. This athlete must have had significant results achieved in National or International competitions. They must also have shown strong character and sportsmanship in all areas of cycling.

Tim DaSilva Ontario BMX Athlete of the Year

This award is given 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 the athlete (Male or Female) that competed in both National and International UCI sanctioned BMX events and achieved significant results in either of these competition levels.

Ontario Volunteer of the Year

This award recognizes an Individual or Group who has freely contributed their time, talents, and energy to cycling. This award is given to the individual who has exemplified passion, 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 Association.

Board of Directors Special Recognition Award (Previously the President's Award)

This award is selected by the OCA Board of Directors and may recognize either;

- A) An Individual or Group that has given tirelessly to the sport of cycling or,
- B) An outstanding achievement by an individual and/or group.