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Topic:	CHRIS MACPHERSON SPIRIT AWARD	
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This award is renamed in honor of *Chris MacPherson*, who personified what the Spirit Award represents. Chris loved Special Olympics and through his commitment, determination, and humor brought out the best in himself, other athletes, and his coaches at the programs he attended.

This award will be presented annually to a Special Olympics PEI Athlete who embodies Chris' spirit, enthusiasm, and ability to brighten up any room.

Nominations

Each Special Olympics PEI parent/guardian, coach and volunteer is 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 one award recipient.

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 demonstrate improvement in personal growth and development.
- The nominee must exemplify the true spirit of Special Olympics.
- The nominee must display the following characteristics:
(specific examples required)
 - Dedication
 - Perseverance
 - Ability to build morale among fellow athletes

Award Recognition

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