



JOHN SEMMELINK MEMORIAL AWARD – Canada’s Outstanding Competitor

The John Semmelink Memorial Award is awarded annually by the Canadian Snowsports Association in recognition of a competitor who through **leadership, conduct and ability best represents Canada in International competition**. This award is the highest honour the CSA confers and it is in memory of H. John Semmelink who lost his life while representing Canada in the Arlberg-Kandahar Races on February 7, 1959 at Garmisch-Partkirkirchen, Germany.

Basic Guidelines for Nominees:

- Nominees will be assessed on the basis of their contribution to the sport using the following criteria:
 - Has a high level of athletic leadership and conduct
 - Achieves athletic goals
 - Actively contributes to sport and community
- The Athletes of each member discipline are to select a candidate. The CSA Awards Committee shall facilitate selection through each discipline.
- A nominee must be a member of the Canadian Snowsports Association through one of its member Olympic/Paralympic disciplines: alpine, cross country, freestyle, nordic combined, ski jumping and snowboard.
- Nominations are submitted by the Athlete Representative of the member discipline.
- There shall be a maximum of six (6) candidates each year.

Nomination Procedure:

- The Selection committee will be comprised of five (5) voting members and a Chair who is non-voting. The Committee is comprised of individuals from the Canadian media who have experience in reporting on Canadian snow sports.
- Each member discipline of the CSA shall nominate one competitor.
- The CSA shall forward a nomination form to each CSA discipline by **March 30** of each year, requesting the athletes of each discipline nominate one competitor.
- The Athlete Representative shall submit the discipline nomination by **April 15** to the CSA.
- The CSA will forward a voting ballot plus a copy of the nominations to each member of the Selection Committee on or before **April 30**.
- Each member of the Selection Committee shall be entitled to one vote and shall return the ballot to the Selection Committee Chair on or before **May 10**.

Award Announcement

- The CSA Managing Director shall notify, within one week of the selection decision, the recipient of the award as well as the CSA Board and the national office of the recipient member discipline.
- A public announcement of the award shall be made by the CSA within two weeks of the selection.
- The award shall be formally presented at the Annual Canadian Ski Hall of Fame Awards Banquet and/or a function determined by the discipline to which the recipient belongs.
- The selection procedure shall be confidential.

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