



2014 *SportsTravel* Awards Nominees Announced

The nominees of the 2014 *SportsTravel* Awards have been announced. Events are nominated by the readers of *SportsTravel*, the sports world's event magazine. Criteria for nomination and voting include superior organization of and attendance at the event; a superior experience for the competitors and/or spectators at the event; and how the site or venue served to enhance the event.

"Events such as this one are a prime example of the achievement of excellence in the organization and management of sporting events," said Timothy Schneider, publisher of *SportsTravel*, which organizes the TEAMS Conference & Expo. "*SportsTravel* readers are the leaders of the sports-event industry and they know what it takes to execute a high-quality event. The *SportsTravel* Awards program is an opportunity for them to honor their peers for a job well done."

Final balloting is open through September 15, 2014. Winners will be announced at the TEAMS '14 Conference & Expo, November 10–13, 2014, in Las Vegas. Below is the complete list of nominees.

Best Amateur Single-Sport Event: 2013 NHPA World Tournament, St. George, UT; 2013 USA BMX Grand Nationals, Tulsa, OK; 2014 AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships, Orlando, FL; 2014 Modern Pentathlon World Cup, Sarasota, FL; 2014 National Wheelchair Basketball National Championships, Louisville, KY

Best Amateur Multi-Sport or Multi-Discipline Event: 2013 National Senior Games, Cleveland, OH; 2013 Pop Warner Super Bowl/Cheer and Dance Championships, Orlando, FL; 2014 Olympic Winter Games, Sochi, Russia; 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, NJ; 2014 USA Gymnastics AT&T American Cup, Greensboro, NC

Best Amateur Sports Event Series or Circuit: 2014 Divas Half Marathon & 5K Series, Various; 2014 Ironman Triathlon Series, Various; 2014 Major League Dragon Boat Series, Various; 2014 Men's Senior Baseball League National Tournament Series, Various; 2014 Merrell Down and Dirty Obstacle Race Series, Various

Best Collegiate Single-Sport Event: 2013 Auburn vs. Alabama Football Game, Auburn, AL; 2014 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, Oklahoma City, OK; 2014 NJCAA Wrestling National Championships, Spokane, WA; 2014 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships, Richmond, VA; 2014 USA Ultimate Division I College Championships, Mason, OH

Best Collegiate Multi-Sport or Multi-Discipline Event: 2014 College National Finals Rodeo, Casper, WY; 2014 NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships, Gulf Shores, AL; 2014 NCA & NDA Collegiate Cheer/Dance Championship, Daytona Beach, FL; 2014 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, Albuquerque, NM; 2014 NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, Minneapolis, MN

Best Collegiate Sports Event Series or Circuit: 2014 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, Various; 2014 NCAA Men's College World Series, Omaha, NE; 2014 NCAA Women's College Softball World Series, Oklahoma City, OK; 2014 NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series, Grand Junction, CO; 2014 STIHL Timbersports Collegiate Series, Various

Best Professional Single-Sport Event: 2013 Professional Bull Riders Built Ford Tough World Finals, Las Vegas, NV; 2014 Boston Marathon, Boston, MA; 2014 NBA All-Star Game, New Orleans, LA; 2014 NFL Super Bowl XLVIII, New York/New Jersey; 2014 NHL Bridgestone Winter Classic, Ann Arbor, MI

Best Professional Multi-Sport or Multi-Discipline Event: 2013 Reebok Crossfit Games, Carson, CA; 2013 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Las Vegas, NV; 2014 Dew Tour Beach Championships, Ocean City, MD; 2014 ESPN X Games, Austin, TX; 2014 GoPro Mountain Games, Vail, CO

Best Professional Sports Event Series or Circuit: 2013 Emirates Airline U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Series, Various; 2013 MLB World Series, Boston, MA/St. Louis, MO; 2013 USA Pro Challenge, Colorado; 2014 AMA Monster Energy Supercross Series, Various; 2014 FIFA World Cup, Brazil

Best New Sports Event: 2013 Mesquite NV ParaLong Drive, Mesquite, NV; 2013 USA Curling Arena National Championships, Fort Wayne, IN; 2014 Mudderella Series, Various; 2014 NHL Coors Light Stadium Series, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles; 2014 Rock 'n' Roll Raleigh Marathon and Half Marathon, Raleigh, NC

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