

**3rd Wood Buffalo Multi Sport Awards Banquet
October 4, 2025 at Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre**



Wood Buffalo Sport Connection (WBSC), in collaboration with the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (WBSHF), is proud to host the 3rd Wood Buffalo Multi Sport Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre.

The evening will celebrate the region's rich sporting culture, honouring athletes, coaches, volunteers, and community champions who have made a lasting impact on sport in Wood Buffalo. The event will also feature a keynote address by Olympic gold medalist and clean sport advocate Beckie Scott



First of Four 2025 Inductees Announced
Suzette Gillingham (Athlete)
Trailblazer in Alberta Women's Hockey



The Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to announce Suzette Gillingham as the first inductee in the Class of 2025.

Raised in Fort McMurray, Gillingham was a pioneer in Alberta women's hockey. With no girls' leagues available when she began playing at age 10, she joined the boys' minor hockey system—an early display of her grit, determination, and talent.

In 1991, she made history as a key forward on Team Alberta's gold medal-winning team at the Canada Winter Games in Charlottetown, PEI. She later captained Alberta to a silver medal at the 1994 Arctic Winter Games, where she was also honoured as a torchbearer for the Opening Ceremonies.

Her talent and passion for the game continued with the Edmonton Chimos, one of the top women's hockey programs in the country. She helped lead the team to gold in 1992 and silver in 1993 at the National Women's Hockey Championships. Gillingham's dedication saw her regularly travel from Fort McMurray to Edmonton to compete at the highest levels.

In 1997, she was invited to an Olympic evaluation camp, where she recorded four points in a game against Team Japan. That same year, she scored 66 points in 40 games with the Liam Generals in the Fort McMurray Gentlemen's League.

She ranks 7th all-time in goals for the Edmonton Chimos and has been inducted twice into the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame—with Team Alberta (1991) in 2018 and with the Edmonton Chimos (1983–1993) in 2023.

A true role model, trailblazer, and champion, Suzette Gillingham has helped pave the way for future generations of female hockey players in Alberta and across Canada.

Tickets and full event details are available via the link in the comments.

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