

2008 STAC Official Award:

This award is presented to the person who has provided outstanding leadership and skill in the area of triathlon officiating in our province. As we all know, this can be a very demanding job where one receives little in the way of compliments or expressions of gratitude. When faced with criticism officials are still required to demonstrate a fair and balanced disposition.

The recipient of this year's award is someone who every competitor, volunteer and perhaps parent will know. **LORI EBBESEN.**

Lori has volunteered with the Saskatchewan Triathlon Association (STAC) Board since 1999.

In 2004 she became the Director of Officials and Sanctioning. In 2007, Lori served as the Lead Planner for the Triathlon Canada Meeting and AGM hosted by STAC in Saskatoon. She served as regional director for Manitoba and Saskatchewan on the Triathlon Canada Board of Directors 2006-2008 and has been elected to a second 2 year term in November 2008.

Lori's greatest volunteer effort in 2008, however, was serving as the technical delegate for the inaugural Saskatchewan Summer Games in August in Lloydminster. This was a monumental task and required extensive time, energy and perseverance in order to make it successful. This was the first time that Triathlon was in the games, and there were no templates to follow to organize the event. Lori served as the coordinator in athlete selection, coaches, manager and provided technical guidance at all levels of this event.

In addition to this monumental task, Lori served in an officiating capacity in virtually every race in our province in 2008. Lori has been assigned roles as a technical delegate or head referee at national and international triathlon events during the past several years.

Congratulations, Lori this is an award that is long overdue.