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## Canadians Invited to Select the Winner of the Air Canada Athlete of the Year Award 2016

MONTREAL, Nov. 21, 2016 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada is asking Canadians to help select the winner of the Air Canada Athlete of the Year Award 2016. Voters can go to <http://athleteoftheyear.aircanada.com/> and vote for one of three finalists who were chosen for proudly flying the Canadian flag by demonstrating a drive for excellence, leadership and integrity. The voting ends December 2 with the winner to be announced December 8, 2016.

This year's finalists are:

- Andre De Grasse – Athletics
- Derek Drouin – Athletics (High Jump)
- Rosie MacLennan – Gymnastics (Trampoline)

"The Athlete of the Year Award celebrates our Canadian heroes who made their mark on their world competing at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games," said Andrew Shibata, Managing Director, Brand at Air Canada. "We take great pride in flying the flag and delivering Canada's athletes to the Games. We invite the public to vote online for the athlete that best embodies our shared values of leadership, excellence and integrity."

In order to raise the athletes' profiles and engage all Canadians, the winner is chosen by a public vote from the short-list of finalists selected by a committee representing Air Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, athletes, the government, media and also last year's Award winner.

The winner will receive two Business Class tickets to anywhere in the world Air Canada flies, as well as Super Elite™ 100K status in Air Canada's Altitude program for one year. To cast your vote now and be eligible for a chance to win two Economy Class round-trip tickets anywhere Air Canada flies in North America, visit <http://athleteoftheyear.aircanada.com/>.

Air Canada Athlete of the Year Award was presented last year to kayaker Mark de Jonge, in 2014 to freestyle skier Alexandre Bilodeau, 2013 to short track speed skater Charles Hamelin and in 2012 to soccer player Christine Sinclair.

### About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 200 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2014 served more than 38 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 63 airports in Canada, 55 in the United States and 86 in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,321 airports in 193 countries. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax. For more information, please visit: [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com), follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook.

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