

## Most Influential Women List 2016

“This year’s **Most Influential Women List** once again shines a spotlight on the incredible leadership that women bring to sport and physical activity in Canada,” commented Allison Sandmeyer-Graves, CAAWS CEO.

### **KATARINA ROXON**

Kippens-Stephenville, NL  
Paralympian, Swimmer



Katarina Roxon won the gold medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games in the 100m breaststroke with an impressive finish, following her dominant performance at the 2015 Para Pan Am Games, where she won 6 medals (1 of which was gold). She captured bronze at the 2015 IPC World Swimming Championships and was golden at the 2014 Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships. Roxon has also been the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and has been on the Provincial Council for the Minister of Persons with Disabilities for the past 3 years. She serves as an ambassador for Para swimming and for Para sport as a whole by representing the Canadian Paralympic Committee, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and The War Amps of Canada at various speaking engagements across the country. Roxon uses this platform to address both youth and adults on the importance of sport for healthy living and dreaming big. Demonstrating her commitment to her community, Roxon continues to train in her hometown in rural Newfoundland and also acts as the assistant coach of the local Aqua Aces Swim Club to inspire a new generation of swimmers. Through public engagement, she continues to advocate and raise awareness for the opportunities available to those living with disability.

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