

THE TOM LONGBOAT NATIONAL AWARDS 2023

*National Athlete Awards for
Aboriginal Excellence in Sport
To be presented at the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony in October 2023*

Presented in partnership by:

The Aboriginal Sport Circle



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Program Overview

The Tom Longboat Awards were established in 1951 to recognize Aboriginal athletes for their outstanding contributions to sport in Canada. With a few exceptions, the Awards have been given out every year since its inauguration. It remains the longest standing and one of the most prestigious awards for the Aboriginal athletes in the country.

As a program of the Aboriginal Sport Circle, the Tom Longboat Awards provide a forum for the acknowledging the growth and strength of the Aboriginal sport movement in Canada and its tremendous impact on the sport development from community level participation to elite level competition. The Awards include a male and female category.

For the 2023 program year, all nomination packages will be forwarded directly to the Aboriginal Sport Circle, where a National Selection Working Group will determine the national recipients for the male and female category. The two national recipients will be presented their Awards through a virtual awards ceremony hosted by the Canadian Sport Hall of Fame.

Principles

The Aboriginal Sport Circle is committed to developing sport that fosters the development of the whole individual. In addition to their athlete achievements, recipients will have demonstrated a personal commitment to the principles of sportsmanship and fair play, as well as to being a positive role model. They will also have demonstrated a commitment towards living a balanced lifestyle – one that develops their physical, mental, cultural and spiritual capacities.

Eligibility

The Awards typically honour the accomplishments of an athlete within a given program year (September 1st 2022 to August 31, 2023).

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible as nominees:

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent (inclusive of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis).
- Applicants must be active within the nomination period.
- Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship, fair play and ethics in sport
- Applicants must be 15 years old or older

Application Deadline

The nomination period is April 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Applicants must complete a nomination package and submit it to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before the application deadline of June 30, 2023 at 11:59 pm E.S.T. (Ottawa).

Nominations

Applicants are to complete a Nomination Form and provide a supporting narrative. The National Selection Working Group will use this information to determine the male and female recipients. In addition to Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body (PTASB) nomination rankings will be considered prior to final selection.

Nomination Information to include the following;

- Nominees name, age, gender (male/female), address, telephone number, sport(s) nominated for, and number of years competing.
- Level of competition(s) achieved as an athlete (i.e. community, regional, provincial, national, or international).

Detailed description

Nominations must include supporting narratives documenting how the nominee displays the following qualities:

- 1. Shows a personal commitment to his/her athletic development**
 - Identify general training regiment that nominee has maintained and cite improvements from training.
- 2. Demonstrates a positive image as it relates to his/her role as an Aboriginal athlete**
 - Provide examples or testimonials of how the nominee's conduct reflects the principles of fair play and sportsmanship as it specifically relates to the sport, officials, and the opposition.
 - Provide three written testimonials from coaches, parents, and community as to the nominee's positive image within the community.
- 3. Demonstrates a commitment to a holistic lifestyle by maintaining a balanced physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual outlook**
 - Provide up to three testimonials from coaches, parents, and community.
- 4. Personal achievements**
 - List any athletic awards or levels of achievement that the nominee has received (proof of achievements is requested).

Awards

One (1) male and one (1) female athlete will be selected from the nominees and will be presented with their award at the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Toronto, Ontario.

2023 National Award Selection Criteria

The criteria for the selection will be based on:

- The athlete's highest level of competition = maximum 30 pts;
- The athlete's ranking/results = maximum 20 pts;
- Other accomplishments (MVP, MIP etc.) = maximum 10 pts;
- Commitment to professional development = maximum 10 pts;
- Positive role model in sport and community = maximum 10 pts;
- Demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship = maximum 10 pts;
- Holistic balance (Physical, mental, emotional, cultural, spiritual) = maximum 10 pts
- Final score out of 100.

Deadlines

The awards recognize athlete achievements of a given program year (September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023). The PTASBs will be asked to assist in distributing the information to the local communities, other regional Aboriginal organizations, and mainstream sport partners within their region. The Aboriginal Sport Circle will assist by circulating the information to the sport partners at the national level.

Applications will be accepted by email or via the online application link located at:

English: <https://aboriginalsportcircle.wufoo.com/forms/zv303nf0sitswy/>

French: <https://aboriginalsportcircle.wufoo.com/forms/z5itd7u1t6cyw0/>

The application deadline is June 30, 2023 at 11:59 pm E.S.T. (Ottawa).

The national selection will be announced by September 24th, in preparation for Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony that will be hosted virtually.

NOMINATION

How do you nominate an athlete.... Three steps to follow:

STEP #1

Complete a Nomination Form. This can be completed by filling out the nomination form below, or by completing the nomination form online at the link below:

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(provide detailed information on the nominee and nominator, if applicable)

STEP #2

Complete a supporting narrative
(see detailed description on page 3 for details)

STEP #3

Email or process the online application that includes the Nomination Form and the narratives to the Aboriginal Sport Circle.

National Recipients:

In order to profile the award both within the Aboriginal community and mainstream Canadian society, the presentation of the national award will be made at the prestigious Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held in October 2023.

The two national recipients will receive the following:

- (1) A custom-made Tom Longboat Award medallion, and**
- (2) A \$1500 bursary to support personal athlete development.**

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

For the Province/Territory of: _____

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Home Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Home Telephone #: () _____ Email Address _____

Sport(s) Nominated for: _____

Number of years involved in sports: _____

Highest Level of achievement in sport: _____

*****Please provide additional documentation of a detailed description of the nominee's qualifications and achievements and testimonials. *****

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: () _____ Email Address _____

Signature of Nominator:

_____ Date _____ 2018

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