



# 2025

## THE TOM LONGBOAT AWARDS

REGIONAL ATHLETE AWARDS  
FOR INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

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## AWARD OVERVIEW

The Tom Longboat Award were established in 1951 to recognize Indigenous 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 Indigenous 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 Indigenous sport movement in Canada and its tremendous impact on the sport development from community level participation to elite level competition. The Awards include a men's and women's category. For the 2025 program year, all nominations will be collected by the ASC and distributed to their respective provinces and territories for regional selection. From the pool of regional recipients, a National Selection Committee will determine the national recipients for the men's and women's category. The regional and national recipients will be presented their awards at the 2025 National Indigenous Sports Gala on October 25, 2025, in Ottawa, Ontario. *Travel to the Awards Gala will be coordinated by each PTASB. Accommodations will be arranged by the ASC, in collaboration with each PTASB to collect the necessary information.*

## 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 honour the accomplishments of an athlete within a given program year **(May 31, 2024, to May 31, 2025)**.

Nominees must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Nominees must be of Indigenous descent (inclusive of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis)
- Nominees must be active within the nomination period
- Nominees must demonstrate sportsmanship, fair play and ethics in sport
- Nominees must complete a nomination form and submit to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before July 11, 2025.





## NOMINATIONS

The nomination period is **June 2, 2025, to July 11, 2025**. Nomination forms as well as supporting narratives must be submitted before **July 11, 2025**. Each Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body (PTASB) will use this information to select the regional men and women recipients.

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)

Nominations must also include detailed supporting narratives describing how the nominee displays the following qualities:

- Shows a personal commitment to their athletic development
  - Identify general training regimen that nominee has maintained and cite improvements from training
- Demonstrates a positive image as it relates to their role as an Indigenous 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.
- 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.
- Personal achievements
  - List any athletic awards or levels of achievement that the nominee has received (proof of achievements are required).

## AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria for selection will be based on the following:

- The athlete's highest level of competition
- The athlete's ranking/results
- Other accomplishments (MVP, MIP etc.)







- Commitment to athletic development
- Positive role model in sport and community
- Demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship
- Holistic balance (Physical, mental, emotional, cultural, spiritual)

## AWARDS

### REGIONAL RECIPIENTS

From the list of nominees, one (1) man and one (1) woman athlete will be selected for each Province and Territory. These regional recipients will be presented their award at the National Indigenous Sports Gala on October 25, 2025, in Ottawa, Ontario. Travel to the Awards Gala will be coordinated by each PTASB. Accommodations will be arranged by the ASC, in collaboration with each PTASB to collect the necessary information.

The regional recipients will receive the following:

- Travel and accommodation for the award recipient and one guest to attend the Awards Gala,
- A custom-made Tom Longboat Award

### NATIONAL RECIPIENTS

From the pool of regional recipients, one (1) man and one (1) woman athlete will be selected by a National Selection Committee to receive the national award. The two recipients will be presented with their awards at the National Indigenous Sports Gala on October 25, 2025, in Ottawa, Ontario.

The two national recipients will receive the following:

- Travel and accommodation for the award recipient and one guest to attend the Awards Gala
- A custom-made National Tom Longboat Trophy
- A \$1500 bursary to support personal athlete development.

## NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nomination forms must be submitted to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before the nomination deadline of **July 11, 2025**. Nominations will be accepted by email or via the online nomination at [surveymonkey.com/r/V95VK8M](https://surveymonkey.com/r/V95VK8M)





## REGIONAL NOMINATION FORM

### NOMINEE

For the Province/Territory of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) Nominated for \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years involved in sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of achievement in sport \_\_\_\_\_

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

### NOMINATOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send forms and attachments by July 11th, 2025, to

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