

THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS COACHING AWARDS 2024

National Coaching Awards for Indigenous Excellence in Sport

Presented by the Aboriginal Sport Circle



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Principles

The Aboriginal Sport Circle is committed to supporting sport that fosters the development of the whole individual. The National Indigenous Coaching Awards are an embodiment of this philosophy. In addition to their coaching achievements, recipients of this Award will have demonstrated a personal commitment to the principles of sportsmanship and fair play while acting as positive role models. Recipients also exemplify a commitment to a holistic lifestyle – one which embraces personal physical, mental, cultural and spiritual capacities.

Eligibility

The Awards honour the accomplishments of a coach within a given program year (May 31, 2023, to May 31, 2024). Nominees must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Nominees must be Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis).
- **Nominees must be active within the year of nomination (May 31, 2023- May 31, 2024)**
- Nominees must demonstrate sportsmanship, fair play and ethics in sport.
- Nominees must complete a nomination package and submit to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before August 16, 2024.

Nominations

Nomination information to include the following:

General

- Nominee's name, age, gender, address, telephone number, sport(s) nominated for, and number of years coaching.
- Level of competition(s) achieved as a coach (i.e. community, regional, provincial, national, or international).
- 4-5 high resolution photos of the nominee coaching their athletes as well as 1 headshot.

Nominations can be made by the nominee or by a third-party nominator.

Detailed description

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

- Shows a personal commitment to their coaching development
 - Identify training or professional development that nominee has maintained and cite improvements from this training or professional development.
- Demonstrates a positive image as it relates to their role as an Indigenous coach
 - 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 written testimonials from program leaders, parents, athletes and/or Indigenous community as to the nominee's positive image.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a holistic lifestyle by maintaining a balanced physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual outlook
 - Provide up 2 to testimonials from program leaders, parents, athletes and community.
- Personal achievements
 - List any coach awards or levels of achievement that the nominee has received. Proof of achievements is requested (i.e., highest level of competition coached at top ranking and results, most valuable (MVC) and other accomplishments).

Awards

Two (2) awards will be presented for one (1) man award and one (1) woman. The recipients will be presented with their awards at the 2024 National Indigenous Sport Summit hosted by the Aboriginal Sport Circle on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

The two national award recipients will receive the following:

- Round trip travel and accommodations for you and a guest to attend the awards gala;
- A custom-made National Indigenous Coaching Award; and,
- A \$1500 bursary to support coaching professional development.

2024 National Coaching Award Selection Criteria

The criteria for the selection will be based on:

- The coach's highest level of competition coaching at;
- The coaching ranking/results;
- Other accomplishments (Coach of the Year);
- Commitment to professional development;
- Positive role model in sport and Indigenous community;
- Demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship;
- Holistic balance (physical, mental, emotional, cultural, spiritual)

Deadlines

The awards recognize coaching achievements of a given program year (May 31, 2023, to May 31, 2024). The application deadline is August 16th, 2024.

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83JCZ6D>

The award recipients will be presented with the award at the 2024 National Indigenous Sport Summit Awards Gala on November 23, 2024.

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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 and achievements and testimonials as outlined in the nomination package.

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Please send forms and attachments by August 16th, 2024, to

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