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Ross Powless inducted into Canada's Sport Hall of Fame

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Canada's Sport Hall of Fame announced the Class of 2020/21 inductees on May 27, 2020. Inductees will receive the Order of Sport award, Canada's highest sporting honour.

Six athletes and five builders were selected this year to signify and celebrate Canada Sport Hall of Fame's 65th anniversary year. The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) was incredibly proud to see the late Ross Powless inducted in the builder category for the sport of lacrosse.

Belonging to the Turtle clan, Mohawk Nation of the Haudenosaunee, Ross Powless was born in Ohsweken, Ontario, on the Six Nations of the Grand River in 1926. He is considered one of the fathers of modern lacrosse in Canada. In 1951 and 1952, he received the Ontario Regional Tom Longboat Award as the most outstanding First Nations athlete. Ross joins his son, Gaylord Powless, who was inducted in the Hall of Fame in 2017.

Award winners were selected from over 260 public nominations and by a committee comprised of sports broadcasters, writers, academics and athletes. Inductees are recognized for their ability to lead and inspire on and off the field and for their contributions to their communities.

"The induction of Ross Powless into the Canadian Sport Hall of Fame is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the outstanding accomplishments of Indigenous athletes to sport in Canada," commented ASC CEO, Carey Calder. "His contribution to Indigenous sport and the game of lacrosse as an accomplished athlete, coach and ambassador is remarkable. We extend congratulations to the family of Ross Powless on his induction into Canada's Sport Hall of Fame."

Ross Powless joins a prestigious group of sport athletes and builders in the 2020/21 class who have and continue to shape sports, communities and Canada.

For more information on the class of 2020/21 inductees, visit: www.sportshall.ca

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About the ASC:

The ASC is Canada's national voice for Aboriginal sport, physical activity and recreation bringing together the interests of First Nations, Inuit & Métis peoples. The ASC is a collective of 13-member PTASBs throughout Canada. As a member-based organization, each regional association carries the mandate to represent the grassroots interests of the Aboriginal peoples in their jurisdiction. It is their collective regional voice that guides the direction of the ASC and establishes its national priorities.

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