

THE TOM LONGBOAT “NATIONAL AWARDS 2018”

*National Athlete Awards for
Aboriginal Excellence in Sport
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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 2018 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 at the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on October 18, 2018 in Toronto, Ontario.

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 (September 1st to August 31st). 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 year of nomination.
- Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship, fair play and ethics in sport.
- **Applicants must complete a nomination package and submit it to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before the application deadline of September 7th at 11:59 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 PTASB nomination rankings will be considered prior to final selection. The National Selection Committee members are as follows:

Mel Whitesell – Mel is the Executive Director of the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council (MASRC). She has been a leader and supporter of the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) for many years and is a member of the Manitoba Metis Nation.

Dr. Bruce Kidd - Academic leader and Olympian Bruce Kidd's victories include writing numerous national and international track-and-field medals, enshrining athlete's rights in Canada, and eradicating discrimination in sport communities around the world. His amateur athletic career took him to the 1962 Commonwealth Games and the 1964 Olympic Games. He is a longtime member of the Canadian Olympic Association, and he is the only person to be twice inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Vicky Paraschak – At the University of Windsor graduate level she teaches Social Issues in Sport Management. Her research focuses on Aboriginal peoples and sport, and she has facilitated several workshops using a strengths perspective to help improve conditions for Aboriginal sport in Canada. She is currently addressing Truth and Reconciliation call to action #87, by ensuring indigenous athlete in Canada have entries and they are easily accessed on Wikipedia.

Nomination Information to include the following;

General

- 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 narrative 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 are 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 October 18th in Toronto, Ontario.

2018 “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 1st to August 31st). Application details will be circulated by July 4th. 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

<https://aboriginalsportcircle.wufoo.eu/forms/koimexi1ljnf77/>

The application deadline is September 7th at 11:59 E.S.T. (Ottawa).

The national selection will be announced by September 24th, in preparation for Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on October 18th in Toronto, Ontario.

NOMINATION

How do you nominate an athlete...Three easy steps

STEP #1

Complete a Nomination Form

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

STEP #2

Complete a supporting narrative

(see brochure 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 on October 18th, 2018 in Toronto, Ontario.

The two national recipients will receive the following: (1) All expenses paid round trip to Toronto with a family member to accept the national award (2) A custom-made Tom Longboat Award and (3) 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 also 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

Completed forms must be received by September 7, 2018 or sooner to:

online application link located at:
<https://aboriginalsportcircle.wufoo.eu/forms/koimexi1ljnf77/>

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