

THE TOM LONGBOAT “NATIONAL AWARDS 2017”

National 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 Aboriginal athletes in the country.

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

For the 2017 program year, all nomination packages will be forwarded directly to the Aboriginal Sport Circle, where a National Selection Committee will determine the national recipients for the male and female category. The two national recipients will be presented with their Awards at the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 9, 2017 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 athletic 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 athletes within a given program year: September 1st to August 31st. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent (inclusive of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis).
- Applicants must be actively involved in their sport within the year of nomination.
- Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship and fair play, as well as being a role model and commitment to a holistic lifestyle.
- Applicants must complete a nomination package and submit it to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before the application deadline of September 15th at 11:59 E.S.T. (Ottawa).

Nominations

Applicants are to complete a Nomination Form and provide supporting narratives. The National Selection Committee will use this information to determine the male and female recipients. The National Selection Committee members are as follows:

Dr Janice Forsyth – The Chair of this Working Group is a scholar in Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation who holds a Ph.D. in Indigenous Sport History. She currently is an Associate Professor at Western University, is a Board of Director member with the Aboriginal Sport Circle and was a 2002 Tom Longboat Award recipient for Ontario

Dr Bruce Kidd - Academic leader and Olympian Bruce Kidd's victories include winning numerous national and international track-and-field medals, enshrining athlete's rights in Canada, and eradicating discrimination in sporting communities around the world. His amateur athletic career took him to the 1962 Commonwealth Games and the 1964 Olympics 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 elite indigenous athletes in Canada have entries and they are easily accessed on Wikipedia.

Nomination information to include the following;

General

- Nominees' name, age, sex, 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 relates specifically to the sport, officials, and/or the opposition.
 - Provide three written testimonials from coaches, parents, and/or community members as to the nominee's positive image. A wide variety of testimornials is always better.

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/or community members. A wide variety of testimonials is always better.

4. **Personal achievements**
 - List any athletic awards or levels of achievement that the nominee has received. Proof of achievements are requested (i.e., athlete's highest level of competition, athlete's ranking and results, MVP, MIP and other accomplishments).

Awards

One (1) male and one (1) female will be selected from the nominees and will be presented with their award at the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 9th, 2017 in Toronto, Ontario.

2017 "National Award" Selection Criteria

The criteria for final 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 athletic 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 athletic achievements of a given program year (September 1st to August 31st). Application details will be circulated to the Provincial and Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies. They are responsible for distributing the information to the communities, other regional Aboriginal organizations, and to mainstream sport partners within their region. The Aboriginal Sport Circle will assist by circulating the information to 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/z1utr bj1jcfju1/>

The application deadline is September 15th at 11:59 E.S.T. (Ottawa).

The national selections will be announced on October 1st, in preparation for the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 9th in Toronto.

Nomination Process: How do you nominate an athlete? Three easy steps:

STEP #1

Complete the Nomination Form (information on the nominee and nominator).

STEP #2

Provide the supporting narratives.

STEP #3

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

National Award Presentations

In order to profile the award both within the Aboriginal community and mainstream Canadian society, the presentation of the national awards will be made at the prestigious Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 9th, 2017 in Toronto, Ontario.

The male and female national recipients will receive the following:

1. All expenses paid round trip to Toronto to accept the national award;
2. A custom-made Tom Longboat Award ring;
3. A \$1500 bursary to support personal athlete development.

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

For the Province/Territory of: _____

Name _____ Sex _____

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: _____

Business / Organization (if applicable): _____

Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: () _____ Email Address _____

Signature of Nominator:

_____ Date _____ 2017

**All forms must be received by 11:59 EST (Ottawa)
on or before September 15, 2017.**

**Please process the online application link at
<https://aboriginalsportcircle.wufoo.eu/forms/z1utrtb1jcfju1/>**

Or

Email hkaulbach@aboriginalsportcircle.ca