

THE TOM LONGBOAT AWARDS 2024

*Regional Athlete Awards for
Indigenous Excellence in
Sport*

**Presented by
The Aboriginal Sport Circle**



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 2024 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 men's and women's category. The two national recipients will be presented their Awards through an awards ceremony at the 2024 National Indigenous Sport Summit in November 2024.

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 typically honour the accomplishments of an athlete within a given program year (May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024). Each Province and Territory can name one man and one woman recipient of the Regional Tom Longboat Award.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible as nominees:

- Applicants must be of Indigenous descent (inclusive of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis)
- Applicants must be active within the nomination period
- Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship, fair play and ethics in sport

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The nomination period is July 15, 2024 to August 23, 2024.

Applicants must complete a nomination package and submit it to the Aboriginal Sport Circle on or before the **application deadline of August 23, 2024**.

NOMINATIONS

Applicants are to complete a Nomination Form and provide a supporting narrative. Each Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body (PTASB) will use this information to determine the man and woman recipients.

Nomination Information to include the following;

- Nominees name, age, gender, 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:

- 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).

AWARDS

Regional Recipients

One (1) man and one (1) woman athlete will be selected from the nominees and will be presented with their award at the **National Indigenous Sport Summit on November 23, 2024 in Ottawa, Ontario.**

The two 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 medallion

National Recipients

One (1) man and one (1) woman athlete will be selected by a National Selection Committee from the pool of regional recipients and will be presented with their award at the **National Indigenous Sport Summit on November 23, 2024, 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.

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

- 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)

DEADLINES

The awards recognize athlete achievements of a given program year (**May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024**). 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://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCXMT9R>

The application deadline is **August 23, 2024**.

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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REGIONAL NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

For the Province/Territory of: _____

Name _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Sport(s) Nominated for _____

Number of years involved in sports _____

Highest Level of achievement in sport _____

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

NOMINATOR:

Name _____

Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Completed applications must be received by August 23, 2024

Paper applications and supporting documents can be submitted to khodder@aboriginalsportcircle.ca

Online applications can be completed by following the link below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCXMT9R>