



2004
tom
LONGBOAT

awards

Celebrating Aboriginal Excellence in Sport



Honouring the Longboat Legacy

Tom Longboat was one of the most celebrated and accomplished athletes in Canadian history. A member of the Onondaga Nation who resided in Six Nations of the Grand River, Tom Longboat was one of the most gifted long distance runners of his time. In just his third competitive race, he set the world record for the marathon, smashing the previous mark by over five and one-half minutes. In the years prior to the First World War, Tom Longboat won most of the major distance races in North America and Europe, including the Boston Marathon and the Powderhall Marathon in Edinburgh, Scotland. At a time when indoor marathon running attracted sell-out crowds, he was the world's professional champion. At one point or another, he held every Canadian record from one mile to the marathon.

Throughout his life, Tom Longboat spoke proudly of his First Nations heritage and held his head high in times of great adversity. He was the headline attraction wherever he raced, drawing huge crowds and a widespread following. In 1999, Maclean's Magazine voted him the #1 Canadian sports figure of the twentieth century.

Established in 1951, the Tom Longboat Awards serve as a proud national symbol for all Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

(Dr. Bruce Kidd, Olympian and Tom Longboat historian)

Who is Eligible for Nomination?

Nominations are invited from all levels of sport. To be eligible, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- Must be of Aboriginal descent
- Must have amateur status in the sport for which they are nominated
- Must be for athletic achievements within the 2004 calendar year
- Must submit a completed nomination form on or before the deadline of **January 14, 2005**.

The Awards

Do you know an outstanding Aboriginal athlete ?

This is your opportunity to recognize their talent by nominating him/her for the 2004 Tom Longboat Awards - a national awards program that honours Aboriginal excellence in sport.

The Aboriginal Sport Circle, Canada's national voice for Aboriginal sport, annually recognizes the achievements of gifted Aboriginal athletes. Every year, the top male and female Aboriginal athletes from each province/territory are selected for the Tom Longboat Regional Awards. These regional recipients automatically advance as nominees for the prestigious National Award that is presented to the most outstanding male and female Aboriginal Athlete in Canada.

- Each regional winner will receive a Tom Longboat Award Medallion.
- Winners of the National Awards will be presented with a custom made Tom Longboat Award ring and a cash bursary of \$500. Their names will be engraved on the Tom Longboat Trophy which is on display at Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.



2003 National Recipients
Delby Powless (lacrosse)
& Deanna Sullivan (track and field)



Nomination Package

How do I nominate an athlete?
Three Easy Steps...

STEP ONE
DETACH AND COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee

Name _____

Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Home Telephone () _____

Work Telephone () _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Sport nominated for _____

Number of years competing _____

Level of Competition (i.e. community, regional, provincial, etc) _____

Nominator

Name _____

Address _____

Province/Territory _____

Postal Code _____

Home Telephone () _____

Work Telephone () _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Relationship to nominee _____

STEP TWO
COMPLETE ATHLETE PROFILE

ATHLETE PROFILE

Nominations must include a typewritten supporting narrative that outlines the following details:

- 1. Personal commitment to athletic development.**
Outline the athlete's background in sport. Include all past accomplishments.
- 2. Positive role in sports and community.**
Provide examples of how the athlete's conduct reflects the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, as it relates to other athletes, teammates, officials and parents. Include typewritten testimonials from coaches, parents, and/or community members as to the applicant's positive role within the community.
- 3. Concern for holistic development.**
Provide typewritten testimonials from coaches, parents and/or other athletes that demonstrate the ability of the athlete to maintain a balanced physical, mental/emotional, cultural, and spiritual outlook.
- 4. Personal achievements in 2004.**
List all athletic awards or achievements received by the athlete in 2004.

STEP THREE
SEND NOMINATION FORM AND PROFILE TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

ABORIGINAL SPORT CIRCLE
Roundpoint Building
RR 3, Akwesasne Mohawk Territory
Cornwall Island, ON
K6H 5R7

DEADLINE: On or before January 14, 2005.

For more information on The Tom Longboat Awards, contact the Aboriginal Sport Circle at
1-866-938-1176
www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca