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Manitoba Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame Now Accepting Nominations for 2025 Inductees

Winnipeg, Manitoba – The Manitoba Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for the class of 2025, recognizing the outstanding achievements of Indigenous athletes, coaches, and builders. This initiative is a direct response to the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #87, which calls for increased recognition of Indigenous contributions in sport. The Hall of Fame aims to celebrate Indigenous excellence in sport and leadership, spotlighting those who have made lasting impacts in their communities and beyond.

Honouring Excellence in Sport and Community

Indigenous athletes, coaches, and builders have long been leaders in both sports and their communities. By nominating individuals for induction, you help preserve and share their legacies, ensuring they are recognized for their dedication, perseverance, and impact. This recognition aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's efforts to amplify Indigenous voices and stories.

“The Manitoba Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame is committed to honouring the achievements of Indigenous people in sport, in alignment with TRC Call to Action #87,” said Mel Whitesell, Executive Director. “This is an important step in acknowledging the pivotal role Indigenous athletes and leaders have played in shaping our sporting landscape.”

Nomination Categories

1. Athletes: Individuals who have excelled in sports at the local, provincial, national, or international level.
2. Builders: Those who have made significant contributions to Indigenous sports through mentorship, advocacy, or organizing opportunities for future generations.

How to Nominate

To nominate an individual, visit www.masrchof.com/nominations for instructions and to complete the nomination form. The deadline for submissions is January 17, 2025.

About the Manitoba Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame

The Manitoba Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame honours the achievements of Indigenous athletes, coaches, and builders who have made a lasting impact on sport in Manitoba. Founded by the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council Inc. (MASRC), the Hall of Fame seeks to preserve and promote Indigenous contributions to sport as part of the broader journey of reconciliation.

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MANITOBA INDIGENOUS SPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION APPLICATION

PART A: NOMINEE INFORMATION¹

Submission Date: _____

Nominated for participation in following category: Athlete
(PLEASE CHECK ONLY **1** (ONE) CATEGORY) Builder

Name of Nominee: _____ **Email:** _____

Phone Number Contacts:

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Mailing Address:

Is the nominee Indigenous? Please select the most appropriate choice.
(PROOF OF INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION)

First Nations Metis Inuit Other (please specify):

If Nominee is deceased, please complete the following:

Date of Death (if known): _____
(If possible, please include a copy of obituary)

Next of Kin/Contact Name: _____

Phone Number Contacts:

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Mailing:

¹ If nominee is a team/organization/group, please also provide name and address of primary contact.

PART B: NOMINATOR INFORMATION²

Name: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number Contacts:

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Mailing:

² If nominator is a team/organization/group, please also provide name and address of primary contact.

PART C: NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions as they pertain to the nominee. When discussing events, awards, and achievements, please ensure they are listed in chronological order.

Applications can be hand-written or typed and submitted in person or electronically. However, they must be clear and legible or they will be returned to the nominator.

1. Where and when was the nominee born? At what age did they begin their involvement in sport?
2. Name all the leagues and teams the nominee has played/coached/officiated/contributed to. List the accomplishments the nominee received while participating in/on the identified leagues or teams.
3. What about the nominee’s ability makes them an ideal candidate for the Manitoba Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame? Provide stories or examples showcasing their high- performance effort throughout their career (events, competitions, community building).
4. Provide a comprehensive list of the nominee’s achievements. List medals received, medals, records set, championships, milestones, and other pertinent information (i.e. MVP, all-star, provincial, national, international, academic, volunteer awards). Include dates where necessary
5. Showcase the dedication and commitment of the nominee. Did they endure any challenging and trying experiences? If so, how do those experiences make the nominee’s achievements more extraordinary?
6. List all the ways in which the nominee has contributed to the community of sport in the province of Manitoba (specific roles, duties, jobs, responsibilities, clinics hosted, travel, etc.) Provide specific examples and include dates where necessary.
7. Describe the nominee’s character (i.e. leadership, team mentality).
8. Please include any additional information relevant to this application (i.e. notable highlights, experiences, achievements not previously discussed).

Please submit completed applications to Mel.Whitesell@masrc.com before **January 17^h, 2025**. Include all necessary documentation, letters of support, and photographs on or before the deadline. Incomplete applications will be returned to the nominator.