



The Voice for Aboriginal Sport in the Yukon

Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle Awards Criteria and Process **DEADLINE: January 27th, 2025**

Nomination Process:

1. Nomination Period:

- Nominations close on January Jan 27, 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

2. How to Nominate:

- Complete the nomination form provided by the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle (YASC) with any supporting documentation.
- Submit the form via email to heidi@yasc.ca or deliver it in person to the YASC office at 202D Strickland, 2nd Floor.

3. Required Documentation:

- A completed nomination form.
- Supporting documents (e.g., certificates, news articles, letters of support).
- Photos or videos showcasing achievements to be used for slideshow.

4. Acknowledgment:

- Once a nomination is submitted, the nominator will receive a confirmation email or phone call within five business days.

Selection Process:

1. Award Committee Composition:

- The selection committee will consist of five members from the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle Award Committee. Committee members will include representatives from diverse Indigenous backgrounds and areas of expertise in sports.

2. Evaluation Criteria:

- Each nomination will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined for the specific award category.



- Factors such as athletic performance, leadership, community involvement, and cultural promotion will be weighted equally to ensure a holistic evaluation.

3. **Scoring Process:**

- Committee members will score each nominee individually using a standardized system.
- Scores will be averaged, and the top nominee in each category will be selected.

4. **Conflict of Interest:**

- Any committee member with a conflict of interest must disclose it and abstain from voting in the affected category.

5. **Announcement of Winners:**

- Winners will be announced at the Government of Yukon sport awards in Whitehorse, Yukon. All nominees and nominators will be notified in advance.

6. **Recognition:**

- Award recipients will receive an award, along with public recognition via YASC's website and social media platforms. Their achievements will also be highlighted in local media.

Award Categories and Criteria

1. Indigenous Male Athlete of the Year (Any Sport)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Self-identifies as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis).
- Participated in organized sport(s) between January 1 and December 31, 2024.
- Demonstrated exceptional athletic performance at regional, national, or international competitions.
- Shown commitment to sportsmanship, fair play, and team spirit.
- Actively contributes to their community or serves as a role model.

2. Indigenous Female Athlete of the Year (Any Sport)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Self-identifies as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis).
- Participated in organized sport(s) between January 1 and December 31, 2024.
- Demonstrated outstanding achievements in their respective sport(s).
- Exemplifies leadership, perseverance, and dedication to their sport.
- Makes a positive impact on their team and community.



3. Indigenous Coach of the Year (Any Sport)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Self-identifies as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis).
- Coached one or more teams or athletes between January 1 and December 31, 2024.
- Displayed exceptional coaching ability, leadership, and innovation.
- Contributed significantly to the development of athletes and the sport within their community.
- Promoted values such as inclusivity, respect, and cultural pride.

4. Indigenous Sport & Recreation Community Steward of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis).
- Demonstrates exceptional commitment to promoting Indigenous sport and recreation in their community.
- Organizes, supports, or leads initiatives that enhance participation in sport and recreation.
- Inspires others through volunteerism, mentorship, or leadership.

5. Archery Coach, Volunteer, or Athlete of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to all individuals (Indigenous and non-Indigenous).
- Achievements or contributions to Archery during the 2024 calendar year.
- Demonstrates leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication to the sport.
- Positive influence on peers and/or athletes.

6. Arctic Sports Coach, Volunteer, or Athlete of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to all individuals (Indigenous and non-Indigenous).
- Achievements or contributions to Arctic Sports during the 2024 calendar year.
- Promotes and preserves the cultural significance of Arctic Sports.
- Demonstrates leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication to the sport.

7. Dene Games Coach, Volunteer, or Athlete of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to all individuals (Indigenous and non-Indigenous).
- Achievements or contributions to Dene Games during the 2024 calendar year.
- Promotes and preserves the cultural significance of Dene Games.
- Demonstrates leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication to the sport.

