



Labrador Winter Games Torch Relay Selection Criteria

The Labrador Winter Games Torch Relay is a celebration of community, culture, and sport across Labrador. Torchbearers will be selected through a fair and transparent process, ensuring broad representation of the people, communities, and values of Labrador.

The following selection criteria will be applied by the Torch Relay Selection Committee:

1. Eligibility & Representation

- Must be a resident of Labrador for at least Six (6) months or be originally from Labrador.
- Representation from a wide range of communities across Labrador.
- Ensure diversity of participants (age, gender, cultural background, Indigenous representation, etc.).
- Open to both athletes and non-athletes, highlighting community members of all walks of life.

2. Community Involvement & Contribution

- Active involvement in community service, volunteerism, or cultural activities.
- Positive role models who embody the spirit of the Labrador Winter Games.
- Recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to sport, culture, or community well-being.

3. Personal Story & Inspiration

- Individuals with an inspiring personal journey or achievement (e.g., overcoming adversity, promoting wellness, supporting youth).
- Past involvement in the Labrador Winter Games (as athlete, volunteer, organizer, or supporter).
- Storytelling potential — torchbearers who represent the values of perseverance, unity, and pride in Labrador.

4. Youth & Elders Balance

- Inclusion of youth torchbearers (to represent the future).
- Inclusion of Elders (to honour wisdom, tradition, and history).
- Encouragement of intergenerational participation (e.g., family pairings).

5. Logistical Considerations

- Physical ability to safely carry the torch over the designated distance.
- Willingness to participate in media/promotional activities.
- Availability on the relay dates and commitment to training/orientation sessions.

6. Symbolic & Cultural Representation

- Inclusion of Indigenous torchbearers to honour Labrador's rich cultural heritage.
- Consideration of individuals representing traditional practices, language, and land connection.
- Representation from athletes in traditional Labrador Winter Games events.

7. Fairness & Accessibility

- Transparent and inclusive selection process (e.g., nomination + selection panel).
- Opportunity for both public nominations and organizational/committee nominations.
- Balance between high-profile community leaders and everyday Labradorians.