

## **MEMRAMCOOK POLICY ON SPORTS FAME RECOGNITION**

**P12-2015**



# 1. Background

With the **Memramcook Policy on Sports Fame Recognition**, the municipality and its citizens hope to recognize the contributions and the achievements of all those who have worked in the field of sport in Memramcook over the years.

With the creation of a *Sports Wall of Fame*, a *Tribute Showcase* and a *Wall of Champions of the Year*, it will be possible to pay tribute to our most illustrious athletes, builders and teams in an enduring way. We believe it is important for a community to recognize the successes and the achievements that have helped shape it.

In addition to being a form of recreation and physical activity, sport also helps to develop new skills, impart knowledge and increase social interactions. Sport is undeniably an important aspect of community life. The individuals and the teams to be honored will be recognized first and foremost for their achievements and their dedication to sport in Memramcook as well as for the source of community pride that they bring.

This policy will also help to clarify the selection process as well as the criteria by which an individual or a team will be recognized.

## 2. Memramcook Sports Fame Recognition Components

Sports fame recognition in Memramcook will include three components:

1. The *Memramcook Sports Wall of Fame* will consist of four panels which will recognize athletes, builders and teams in the following four levels of achievement: international, national, provincial and regional.
2. A *Tribute Showcase* series will recognize Memramcook athletes, builders, teams or sporting events in a more comprehensive manner by exhibiting sport related items, texts and photos.
3. A *Wall of Champions of the Year* will highlight the recent accomplishments of Memramcook athletes, builders and teams through the exhibition of photographs, newspaper clippings and other documents.

## 3. The Sports Wall of Fame

### 1. Eligibility Criteria:

- a) Must demonstrate a certain level of accomplishment and good work ethics, in a sport recognized by the Memramcook Sports Wall of Fame Committee<sup>1</sup>.
- b) Must be a Memramcook native or must have lived in Memramcook during a certain amount of time.

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<sup>1</sup> Regarding the recognition of a sport, the Committee will refer to Sport NB's official list, while reserving the right to induct individuals or teams who have practiced other disciplines or activities.

- c) Must be nominated in one of the following categories: athlete, builder<sup>2</sup> or team.
- d) Must have reached one of the following levels of competition: regional, provincial or international.
- e) Must not have been active in the sport in question for at least two years (except for the “builder” category).

## 2. Candidate Selection:

- a) The Memramcook Sports Wall of Fame Committee will be responsible for selecting wall of fame candidate inductees each year; they will present their recommendations to the Municipal Council for their approval.
- b) The Committee will be made up of 8 individuals, including:
  - six Memramcook sports community representatives;<sup>3</sup>
  - a Municipal Council member (appointed by the mayor);
  - a municipal staff member (ex-officio).
- c) The Committee will meet as needed during the year in order to inform the Municipal Council of their time and location choices for the annual induction ceremony.
- d) Nominations for the Memramcook Sports Wall of Fame will be open to the public. Nominations will be accepted throughout the year by obtaining the consent of the proposed nominee and submitting a completed nomination form to the municipality. When nominating a deceased individual, we recommend obtaining the consent of the nominee’s immediate family.
- e) When a nominee is excluded from the current year’s list of nominees, the individual’s or the team’s name will be automatically added to a list of names that will be considered for the coming years.
- f) A minimum of one woman will be inducted each year, if possible, in order to ensure equal representation between men and women.
- g) A maximum of four nominees (individual or team) will be inducted into the wall of fame each year<sup>4</sup>.

## 3. Induction Protocol:

- a) An induction ceremony will be held annually at the Eugène (Gene) LeBlanc Arena where the Sports Wall of Fame and Tribute Showcases will be constructed.

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<sup>2</sup> A “builder” is defined in this policy as a person who has contributed to the development of a sport for a considerable period of time, as a volunteer, an administrator, a coach, an official, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Among the six community representatives, there will be two terms of three years, two terms of two years and two terms of one year, with terms renewable on December 1 of each year.

<sup>4</sup> An individual inducted as a member of a team may also be inducted as an athlete or as a builder, provided that it is not for the same year of induction. Similarly, an individual can be inducted as a builder and vice versa.

- b) The accomplishments and contributions of the chosen athletes, builders and teams will be highlighted during a ceremony presentation.
- c) For each inductee, the following will be transcribed on the wall: the individual or the team's name, the year of induction, the induction category (athlete, builder or team) and the main sport for which the inductee is being recognized. In the case of a builder, the main sport will not be listed.
- d) For each inductee, a plaque will be given to the selected athlete, builder or team.

## **4. Tribute Showcase**

### **1. Eligibility Criteria:**

- a. Same criteria as for the Sports Wall of Fame, but may also include sports events that took place in Memramcook.

### **2. Candidate Selection:**

- a. The Tribute Showcase Committee will be responsible for choosing the candidates as well as the sport related items and texts for the Tribute Showcase collection. They will present their recommendations to the Municipal Council for approval.
- b. The composition of the Tribute Showcase Committee will be the same as that of the Memramcook Wall of Fame Committee unless otherwise determined by the Municipal Council.
- c. The Committee will meet as needed during the year in order to inform the Municipal Council of their time and location choices for the annual induction ceremony.

## **5. Wall of Champions of the Year**

### **1. Eligibility Criteria:**

- a. Documents, photos, newspaper clippings, etc. submitted to the Wall of Champions of the Year must contain content that refers to an activity that is no more than 12 months old and that includes the participation of at least one person from Memramcook.

### **2. Candidate Selection:**

- a. Documents, photos, newspaper clippings, etc. can be added to the Wall of Champions of the Year at the administration's discretion.

**6. Nomination Form**  
(See attached form)

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Monique Bourque, Municipal Clerk



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**Nomination Form – Memramcook Sports Wall of Fame**

Individual athletes and builders as well as sports teams may be nominated to the Memramcook Sports Wall of Fame as per the criteria outlined in the *Memramcook Policy on Sports Fame Recognition P12-2005*. Deadline for nominations is determined on an annual basis.

We ask that you please fill out the following form to the best of your knowledge. For more information, or to submit a nomination, please contact:

Village de Memramcook  
540 Centrale Street  
Memramcook, NB  
E4K 3S6  
(506) 758-4078  
village@memramcook.com

1. General information on the nominee (or contact person in the case of a team):

Name:

Year of birth:

Location of birth:

Year of death if the individual is deceased:

Location of death if the individual is deceased:

Years living in Memramcook (from which year to which year):

Telephone:

Address:

Information on the family (spouse's name, number of children, etc.):

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2. Information on the individual or the team:

Please check the achievement level for which you are nominating this athlete, builder or team:

Regional    Provincial    National    International

- In the case of an individual athlete or a team:

Main sport:

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Other sport(s):

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Sports career period (from which year to which year):

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Sports career description:

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Description of notable accomplishments, championships or awards:

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- In the case of a builder:

Main project:

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Other project(s):

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Sports career period (from which year to which year):

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Description of the contribution to the community:  
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3. Contact information of the person submitting the nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Individuals submitting nominations are encouraged to include supporting documents, such as newspaper articles, photos, etc.

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information contained herein is true.

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Signature of the individual submitting the nomination