

Pass It On

Definition

hand over/pass the baton

to give responsibility for something important to another person

Usage notes: If someone running in a race passes the baton, they give a stick to the next person to run.

Olympics: Passing the Torch

Just after the five Olympic rings, comes the torch as the most widely recognized symbol of the Olympic Games. For each Olympics, the flame is ignited in Greece a few months before the opening ceremonies. Then, an international relay carries it to the host city.

When a leg of the relay ends, the torchbearer holds his or her torch up to the next person's torch to light it. Then that person carries it to the next person and so on. The Olympic Flame never stops burning until the games are over!

But you don't need a fire to pass the torch. The president of an organization passes the torch on to the next president. A beauty queen passes the torch to the next winner of the pageant. If you pass the torch, it means you transfer something important or meaningful to someone else.

When we nominate someone, we “[Pass It On](#)”