

SOUTHWEST HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

Player Category

1. The candidate must have lived in the territories of USTA Southwest for no less than ten (10) years and be clearly recognized as having been a USTA Southwest player during the major portion of her/his playing career.
2. The active playing career of the player must have extended over a minimum span of ten (10) years. During that period of time, evidence of exemplary performance must be available.
3. At least ten (10) years must have passed since the candidate's first distinction involving tennis, with priority consideration given to those who date back the farthest.
4. Only players who have also "given back" to the game in the USTA Southwest in a major and meaningful way shall be considered. Priority consideration will be given to those who have contributed the most to the section wide tennis programs of the Southwest Section.
5. Players will be chosen on their records and length of competitive achievement, sectionally and/or nationally, with strong consideration given to sportsmanship and character.
6. The record of achievement on the court must be balanced by a reputation that can be admired and respected.
7. Priority for consideration shall go to the oldest candidate when other credentials are equal.
8. Any exceptions to the above criteria proposed by a member of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee must be approved unanimously by the Selection Committee along with the approval of the USTA Southwest President. *Exceptions should rarely, if ever, be made.*

Non-Player Category

1. The candidate must have lived in the territories of the USTA Southwest for no less than ten (10) years.
2. The candidate must have been in a tennis-related activity for over a period of ten (10) years.
3. At least ten (10) years must have passed since the candidate's first distinction involving tennis, with priority for consideration going to those who date back the farthest.
4. This category honors individuals (e.g. volunteers, writers, umpires, coaches and others) who have made outstanding contributions to the USTA Southwest Section.
5. The candidate's contribution to the sport of tennis must have been or be sufficiently outstanding as to be widely recognized.
 - a. A tennis sports writer whose depth or understanding of the game, writing ability, and extended coverage has established her/him as a person of outstanding ability, and who through her/his career has made valuable contributions to tennis.
 - b. A volunteer whose contributions have made a significant impact on other USTA Southwest members and individuals over a period of time, and who has made the extraordinary effort to make the game of tennis better for all participants.
6. The record of achievement must be balanced by a reputation that can be admired and respected.
7. Priority for consideration shall go to the candidate who has contributed significantly to the section-wide tennis programs of USTA Southwest.
8. Priority for consideration shall go to the oldest candidate, when other credentials are equal.
9. Any exceptions to the above criteria proposed by a member of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee must be approved unanimously by the Selection Committee along with the approval of the USTA Southwest President. *Exceptions should rarely, if ever, be made.*