



Snohomish County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Policy

Mission Statement

The Snohomish County Sports Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor athletes, coaches, teams and/or a sports contributor(s), who have distinguished themselves in their sport or vocation on the state, national and/or international stage.

Article 1 Committee Membership

The membership of the Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee shall **not** exceed forty (40) members; including but not limited to board members and paid staff of the Snohomish County Sports Commission.

- A. The committee shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings a year, additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the HOF chairperson. The chairperson or his/her designee will preside over all meetings of the committee.
- B. In appointing new members, the committee will identify and nominate prospective nominees that represent the diversity of Snohomish County.
- C. Preference in selecting new committee members shall be given as follows:
 - 1. Former player(s) and/or coach(s) with high school or higher level of playing or coaching experience in Snohomish County.
 - 2. Member of the media that emphasized sports or sports related reporting in Snohomish County.
 - 3. Athletic administrator(s) in a secondary public or private school or college and/or university.
 - 4. Community member[s] who played on a high school or higher level team and/or coached a team(s) at the youth level or higher in Snohomish County.
 - 5. Past or present member[s] of the Snohomish County Officials Association.
 - 6. A sports enthusiast/contributor.

Article II Nomination Criteria

- A. The candidate must have been a resident of Snohomish County prior to or during the time s/he gained recognition. It is not necessary that the nominee be born in Snohomish County but s/he must have lived in the County for a minimum of five (5) years. Voting shall be based on state, national and/or international acclaim brought to Snohomish County.
- B. Athletes and teams are eligible for consideration five (5) years after their last competition. Coaches are eligible after three (3) years of the last coaching date or retirement. Sports contributors will be eligible based on their service to the community and need not be retired.

These retirement eligibility requirements were adopted by the Sports Hall of Fame Committee to provide an established framework to ensure that nominees are, as best possible, being considered under similar/comparative circumstances.

- C. Under unique circumstances, the hall of fame committee has the ability to waive the eligibility requirements with a 2/3 majority vote of the committee present and voting.
- D. If nominated, the following athletes, coaches, teams and sports contributor candidates shall be added to the semi-final list of nominees:
- Selection into any national hall of fame (athletic or media)
 - Achievement of a world record
 - Participation in an international sporting event (i.e. Olympics, World Games, Pan-American Games) representing the United State or their country of origin
 - Played for or won an amateur national championship or professional championship on a team or as an individual

Article III Nomination Process

- A. Snohomish County Hall of Fame Committee, in considering qualified nominees shall limit annual selection to no more than eight (8) candidates; four (4) athletes, two (2) coaches, one(1) team; one (1) sports contributors. To qualify more than eight (8) a 2/3-majority vote of the members present is required.
- B. The Hall of Fame committee as a whole will determine the natural break in vote total to determine the number of nominees that will go forward to the finalist list for induction consideration rather than predetermining a fixed number of nominees that will be considered finalists.
- C. Nominees are defined as anyone who has met the criteria established in Article II and whose application has been received by the Hall of Fame committee by the established deadline for consideration. Finalists are those nominees who have been selected from the list of nominees by the Hall of Fame committee as a whole. The Hall of Fame committee as a whole will determine the number of nominees that will advance to the finalist list based on the natural break of votes received from the committee as a whole as noted in Article III, Section B.
- D. Nominations should be submitted to: sports@snohomish.org or mailed to the Snohomish County Sports Commission.
- E. Nominations of more than one person should be submitted on separate sheets, typewritten (word document) or separate Internet entries, with detailed information regarding the nominee's full name, present address, and outline of achievements in the classification for which s/he is being nominated. A screening committee consisting of a minimum of three (3) members of the Hall of Fame committee shall compile a list of eligible nominees for the committee to review and vote upon. The screening committee shall be selected in January each year.
- F. Consideration should be given equally across ALL sports and gender.
- G. Any member of the committee under consideration for induction shall excuse himself or herself from the discussion and voting of that candidacy.

Article IV Selection Process

- A. Following the procedure as outlined in Article III, Section B and C, the list of finalists will be discussed, deliberated and each Hall of Fame committee member will vote for the determined number of inductee openings as per Article III, Section A.

- B. The inductees will be selected by a vote of the entire Hall of Fame Committee during a regularly scheduled meeting. Absentee ballots will be available upon request. The individuals and teams that receive the highest votes will be inducted into the Snohomish County Sports Hall of Fame.
- C. Finalists not selected will automatically remain on the preliminary nominee ballot for consideration for the next induction year. Nominators will be contacted by a screening committee member to augment the nomination forms and documents for consideration the following year. If not selected the second year of consideration, the previous year finalists will be removed from future consideration unless re-nominated by committee member or public.

Article V
Amendment of Induction Policy

- A. Any amendment or proposed change to the policy must be made in written form or document.
- B. The policy can be amended or suspended only by a majority vote of the committee at a regularly scheduled meeting where 2/3 of committee present and voting.

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