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Hall of Fame: Guidelines & Procedures

Guidelines for nomination selection into the Hall of Fame for South Haven High School

Hall of Fame – Purpose, Guidelines & Procedures

I. Purpose

To recognize former south haven students, athletes, coaches, teachers and contributors to South Haven High School who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the above roles, either by virtue of their performance scholastically and/or athletically representing South Haven, college, or professional organizations, or by meritorious efforts on behalf of South Haven students

II. Criteria For Selection

A student becomes eligible for nomination and selection into the South Haven Hall of Fame ten years after graduation from the South Haven High School. Teachers and coaches become eligible after resignation or retirement from their position if they have taught or coaches for a minimum if three (3) years in South Haven Public Schools.

Nominees become eligible for selection into the Hall of Fame by reason of outstanding achievement and or contribution to academics and/or athletics. This would include such things as:

- Student nominees must have evidence of contributing to the improvement of society in their current community to be eligible for selection into the Hall of Fame.
 - Special state-wide or national recognition as a scholar and/or athlete.
 - Providing academic, student government and/or athletic leadership while in high school.
 - Having been an outstanding athlete and/or scholar on a high school team.

- Having been an outstanding athlete and/or scholar at the collegiate level.
- Having been or currently an outstanding athlete and/or leader in professions organization.
- Outstanding coaching or teaching contributions to students at South Haven High School.
- A community person that has contributed to South Haven High School academically, athletically, or by service over the course of years who may not qualify by the above standards.

III. Selection Committee

A selection committee will meet at least annually to consider nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame. The committee should consist of individuals from the SHHS community with knowledge of, and interest in, interscholastic athletics.

The selection committee will consist of a minimum of five (5) individuals and a maximum of eleven (11) individuals. The committee is to include:

- One member of the Rams Athletics Boosters
- One member of the Board of Education
- The Athletic Director of South Haven High School, or designee, who shall act as chairperson
- Representative members selected at large by the Athletic Director, in consultation with other members. The selection committee shall reflect the basic nature and cultural makeup of the community. Representative members will serve on a year-to-years basis.

IV. Selection Process

Nominations

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the South Haven community to the Athletic Director of South Haven High School, or at any Ram's Booster meeting. Nominations can be made posthumously. All nominations must be submitted on a Nomination for Hall of Fame Form, available from the athletic office or other locations as advertised. Nominations may be submitted at any time, but those submitted less than 30 days prior to the Hall of Fame Induction shall not be considered until the following year.

Selections

Between April 1st and September 10th of each calendar year, the nominees will be screened by the selection committee and a final selection vote shall take place. The initial Hall of Fame shall not include more than 10 selections. Thereafter, a maximum of five shall be selected each year.

Special importance shall be given to different areas of South Haven history, i.e.: pre-1900, 1900-1925, 1926, 1939, 1940-1949, 1950-1959, 1960-1969, 1970-1979, 1980-1989, 1990, 2000 to present.

Inductees into the Hall of Fame will be asked to provide a photograph of their choice and recent biography to the athletic department.

V. Publicity

Every effort should be made by the school and the boosters to make the community aware of the Hall of Fame and the nomination and selection criteria.

VI. Formal Induction

Date of Induction

The date of each year's formal induction shall be set by the selection committee and the Ram's Boosters. It is suggested that the induction occur during the football season when possible. The game will be publicized as "Hall of Fame Night."

Awards

Each inductee shall receive a plaque stating the contributions that person had made to South Haven High School. Also, a permanent plaque will be placed in the "Hall of Fame" at South Haven High School. Each inductee will also receive a lifetime spots pass for two.

The cost of the awards will be assumed by the Ram's Boosters. This would include:

- Plaques
- Refreshments and/or Dinner for inductee and guest
- Flowers
- Admission for guests to game, if appropriate.
 - Any additional cost items should be approved by the Ram's Boosters as needed.

The School Board will be asked to provide appropriate trophy cases, banners, and other displays to provide a home for the Hall of Fame. It is anticipated that the initial home of the Hall of Fame will be the northwest entrance hallway of the high school gym.

The Master of Ceremonies shall be selected by the Hall of Fame committee.

There may be an informal reception on induction night, or a dinner previous to the induction night. This event will be open to public.

The decision to have a dinner induction ceremony with presentation at the next athletic event or to have a reception the evening of the induction will be made by the Ram's Boosters and the selection committee. Once a decision is reached, the practice should be continued for as long as practical.

VII. Removal from Hall of Fame

The selection committee reserves the right to remove inductees from the Hall of Fame for extreme cases of behavior not appropriate as a role model for students of our community. Examples of such behavior include, but are not limited to conviction of a felony or loss in civil court cases involving felony level crimes, or racial, sexual or religious discrimination.