

# ATHLETES' HALL OF FAME

## PREAMBLE

WHEREAS many Montana student-athletes have made, and continue to make, outstanding contributions to the high schools of Montana through their extraordinary efforts in interscholastic athletics; and

WHEREAS their efforts, dedication and desire have enabled them to excel in achievement or performance; and

WHEREAS student excellence should be recognized:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Montana High School Association shall set forth rules to organize and govern an Athletes' Hall of Fame.

## Section (1) **NAME**

This feature of the Montana High School Association shall be titled the Montana High School Association Athletes' Hall of Fame.

## Section (2) **GOVERNANCE**

The governance of the Montana High School Athletes' Hall of Fame shall be embodied in the Montana High School Association Executive Board.

## Section (3) **SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

A. The Athletes' Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall have twenty-five (25) **anonymous** members as follows:

1. One (1) member from the Montana High School Association Executive Staff.
2. Six (6) members from the Montana Coaches Association selected from a list of members submitted by the Montana Coaches Association.
3. Three (3) members from the Montana Athletic Directors Association selected from a list of members submitted by the Montana Athletic Directors Association.
4. Four (4) members of the Montana print media selected from the names of active or retired sports writers for Montana newspapers.
5. Six (6) "old timers" selected from a list of people who would be familiar with athletes or athletic feats of those to be considered for recognition in the "old timers" category.
6. Five (5) contest officials selected from a list of candidates submitted by the Montana Officials Association as well as from others who have officiated Montana High School Association contests.

B. Names of the Selection Committee individuals will be anonymous to the public.

C. Members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Montana High School Association Executive Board President.

D. Vacancies on the Selection Committee shall be filled by the Montana High School Association Executive Board President.

E. All appointed members shall serve a **four (4)** year term.

F. Committee membership shall begin July 1st.

## Section (4) **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The duties and responsibilities of the Montana High School Association office staff

shall be:

- A. To receive nominations of persons who shall be considered for election to the Athletes' Hall of Fame.
- B. To keep a current, accurate and complete accounting of the candidates for the Athletes' Hall of Fame.
- C. Prepare and send out all correspondence as required.
- D. Tally committee ballots.
- E. Prepare press releases of inductees.
- F. Validate candidate information upon request for the selection committee.

Section (5) **NOMINATIONS**

- A. Nominations for the Athletes' Hall of Fame may be made by:
  - 1. Representatives of Montana High School Association member schools.
  - 2. Members of the Athletes' Hall of Fame Committee.
  - 3. The general public.
- B. *Nomination for the Athletes' Hall of Fame requirements and limitations:***
  - 1. ***Cover Letter***
  - 2. ***MHSA Athletes' Hall of Fame Nomination form***
  - 3. ***Photocopies (8 ½" x 11") of not more than six (6) of the following: newspaper clippings, magazine articles, event programs, or other such materials that detail information about the nominee's accomplishments (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS). Please do not use notebooks with plastic sheet protectors or highlighters to point out specific facts; either underline or draw arrows to mark copy.***
  - 4. ***Letters - a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) letters of recommendation explaining why you think this individual is worthy of this honor. Please limit each letter to ONE typewritten page. Letters of recommendation for other awards or honors should not be used as a substitute for this requirement.***
  - 5. ***A current portrait-type photograph of the nominee. Please include names on all photos. NOTE: All information submitted shall be retained by the MHSA and all actions necessary to the selection process shall remain confidential.***
- C. *The selection of candidates will occur every other year, which will occur in each odd numbered year.*** Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Montana High School Association. Any nomination received after the candidates' materials have been sent to the Selection Committee will be held until the next **election**. The time line is as follows:
  - June 1st: Nomination forms are sent to schools and others as requested.
  - August 31st: Nominations are due at the MHSA office.
  - September 15th: Nominations are forwarded to the Selection Committee.
  - October 15th: Selection Committee ballots are due to the MHSA office.
  - November 1-15th: Inductees are notified.
  - December 5th: Winners are announced to the media.

- D. The two categories of the MHSА Athletes' Hall of Fame are:
1. Modern era - a person who has experienced outstanding achievement as a competitor in interscholastic athletics as sanctioned by the MHSА while enrolled in a Montana high school. A modern competitor is eligible for nomination a minimum of seven years after graduation.
  2. Old timer - a person who has experienced outstanding achievement as a competitor in interscholastic athletics as sanctioned by the MHSА while enrolled in a Montana high school. An old timer has graduated fifty years before the induction date for that year's Athletes' Hall of Fame (i.e. to qualify for the 1996 Athletes' Hall of Fame the old timer must have graduated in 1946 or earlier.) At least one old timer will be inducted annually.
- E. The number of candidates to be elected **every two years** shall be:
1. The number of inductees shall be a maximum of eight (8) per ceremony.
- F. The Selection Committee shall consider all candidates sent to the individual committee members. Each committee member shall vote for **a maximum of twelve (12) candidates** each year. At least one inductee must be from the "old timer" category.
- G. The Selection Committee will **receive an updated packet of information for each candidate for each election**. Files of inducted candidates can be discarded. Files of unsuccessful candidates will be retained by the **MHSА office** to which new files will be added **and distributed for each election**. A candidate who has not been elected within five (5) ballots will be dropped from the list of eligible candidates and shall not have his/her name reconsidered again unless renominated.

Section (6) **RESEARCH**

Should any Selection Committee person desire clarification or validation of information contained on a nomination or résumé he/she should contact the MHSА. If the information requested would be beneficial to the rest of the committee, it will be forwarded to them.

**1993 INAUGURAL INDUCTEES**

Gene Lee Davis	Michael James Lewis
Wayne Vernon Estes	Jeanne Marie McNulty
Bob Hawke	Lawrence Edward Pretty Weasel
Vicki Heebner	Roy Robinson
Ed Kalafat	Craig Allen Stiles
Ray Eugene Kuka	

**1994 INDUCTEES**

George "Doug" Brown	Pat Donovan
Julie Brown	Joseph "Greg" Rice

**1995 INDUCTEES**

Peter Lazetich	Larry Questad
Mary Osborne	Pamela Spencer
Earle Parsons	Duane Walker

**1996 INDUCTEES**

Paula Good	Robin Selvig
Marti Kinzler Vining	Bill Sprinkle
Milt Popovich	Scott Steckel

**1997 INDUCTEES**

Mike Guon	Loren Perry
Danny Hanley	Denise Pidcock
Bob O'Malley	

**1998 INDUCTEES**

Kelly Pilcher Beattie	Allan Nielsen
Katheryn Jarvis Coggon	Todd Riech
William Crtalic	

**1999 INDUCTEES**

Branch Brady	Glenn Havskjold
Robert "Lefty" Byrne	Shannon Cate Schweyen
Shane Collins	

**2000 (No Inductions)**

**2001 INDUCTEES**

Dave Dickinson	Gordon Rutenbur
Dick Gregory	Skyla Sisco
Skip Grodahl	Karen Deden-Westwater

**2002 (No Inductions)**

**2003 INDUCTEES**

Cass Bauer-Bilodeau	Bob Graves
Carla Beattie-Cunneen	Mike Welton
Shannon Butler	Don Wetzel
Julie Calahan-Bauer	Bill Zadick

**2004 (No Inductions)**

**2005 INDUCTEES**

Daren Engellant	Les Leininger
Mark Gilman	James Soft
Bill Halverson	Dean Studer

**2006 (No Inductions)**

**2007 INDUCTEES**

Rick Goodman	Terry Schlabs
Mark Kato	Kristin Schmitt-Salonen
Sam McDonald Jr.	Willie Weeks