

Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame: Nomination Criteria

Nominations

Any individual or association (with the exception of members of the Sports Legacy Committee and the members of the Kelowna Museums Society Board of Directors) may submit a nomination using an official nomination form.

Each nomination **MUST BE** accompanied by all requested documentation as listed on the nomination form.

The Sports Nomination Committee will verify facts provided and conduct further research on all nominees.

Induction Categories

1. Athlete

- a. Must have been a resident of the Central Okanagan region during a period of time in which they developed basic athletic skills which led to their distinction as an athlete, **OR**;
A permanent resident of the Central Okanagan for a period of not less than five (5) years during which time they distinguished themselves as an athlete in their chosen sport, **OR**;
If the Central Okanagan is the athlete's place of birth, consideration may be given to those whose athletic success was achieved elsewhere.
- b. Any athlete who has attained a high level of excellence and brought recognition or honour to Central Okanagan sport on a National or International level.
- c. A Central Okanagan member of a Canadian team may stand for induction as an individual athlete.
- d. An individual is not eligible for nomination until three (3) years following retirement from sport competition, except in the event of death or by winning an Olympic or a World Championship Gold Medal whereby the nomination is eligible for immediate consideration.

- e. An individual retired for a period of three (3) years from sport(s) competition but still competing in Seniors or Masters competition is eligible for consideration.

2. Team

- a. Any team that has attained a high level of excellence and brought recognition or honour to the Central Okanagan at a National or International level. Team members are recognized as part of a team and not as an individual honoured member.
- b. Teams are selected for achievements in one year, not an era.
- c. A team is not eligible for nomination until three (3) years following the year for which a team is nominated except by winning an Olympic or World Championship Gold Medal whereby the nomination is eligible for immediate consideration.
- d. In order to be eligible for induction, a team must have EARNED the right to participate in a particular championship.
- e. In order to be eligible for induction, a team must be composed of the same players at a national/international competition as at the qualifying competitions unless stated otherwise in the sport governing body's regulations.
- f. Definition of a team:
 - i. A group of individuals who compete together as a team to determine the outcome of an event.
 - ii. A group of individuals who have no possibility of winning an individual award within individual performance for a team award. (All-star selections and awards like Most Valuable Player are not eligible.)
- g. Definition of what is **not** a team for this nomination:
 - i. Athletes who compete individually to win a berth on a team.
 - ii. Individual performance points being accumulated to win a Team award.
- h. "Touring" teams are not eligible for induction.

- i. Teams declared national champions by default or win by “walkthroughs” are not eligible for nomination.
- 3. Builder (including referee, coach, and administrator)**
 - a. Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour to Central Okanagan sport through ongoing dedication to the building of athletes, teams, or sport itself.
- 4. Pioneer (individual or team)**
 - a. Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour to Central Okanagan sport during the period 30 years prior to the current year, while exhibiting a “pioneering” quality in athletic accomplishments.
 - b. Exception to the 30-year clause is made in the case of individuals or teams in more recently developed sports that have some that have some “pioneering” quality to their accomplishments.
 - c. Teams in the Pioneer category are selected for their achievement in one year that best represents a team’s accomplishment over a larger era.
- 5. W.A.C/W.R. Bennett Award**
 - a. This special recognition award is presented from time to time to an individual(s) who has (have) made a significant contribution to sport in the Central Okanagan, but who would not otherwise qualify for induction into the Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame.
 - b. This candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication and provide inspiration to present and future generations.
- 6. Pat Kennedy Media Award**
 - a. This special recognition award is presented from time to time to an individual(s) who has (have) made a significant contribution to sport in the Central Okanagan through the media but who would not otherwise qualify for induction into the Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame.
 - b. This candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication and provide inspiration to present and future generations.