

CENTRAL OKANAGAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

INDUCTION INFORMATION

A. THE SELECTION PROCESS:

- Nominations for the calendar year will be accepted until March 31st.
- Any individual or association may submit a nomination with the following exceptions:
 - A current member of the Museums Board Committee, the Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee and Sports Legacy Committee may not submit a nomination.
 - All nominations will have a nominator. Members of the Nominations Committee will not put their names on a nomination. The members of the Nominations Committee will follow up with the nominator, and do further research as deemed required to ensure the accuracy of the nomination received.
- All nominations will be considered by the Nominations Committee by early April. The final nomination list will be forwarded to the Selection Committee by early May. The final selection process will be approved by the Sports Legacy Committee. The names of those being inducted will be released to the media in June.

B. THE CATEGORIES: Athlete, Team, Coach/Builder, and Pioneer

C. SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. ATHLETE:

- Must have been a resident of the Central Okanagan region during period of time in which they developed basic athletic skills which led to their distinction as an athlete, or permanent resident of Central Okanagan for a period of not less than five (5) years during which time they distinguished themselves as an athlete.
- If Central Okanagan is place of birth, consideration may be given to those whose athletic success was achieved elsewhere.
- Any athlete (able bodied or an athlete with a disability) who has attained a high level of excellence and brought recognition or honour to Central Okanagan sport on a national or international level.
- A Central Okanagan member of a Canadian Team may stand for induction as an individual athlete.
- 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.

- 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:

- Any team (consisting of able bodied or athletes with disabilities) 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.
- Teams are selected for achievements in one year, not an era.
- 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 a World championship gold medal whereby the nomination is eligible for immediate consideration.
- In order to be eligible for induction, a team must have EARNED the right to participate in a particular championship.
- 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.
- Definition of a team:
 - (a) A group of individuals who compete together as a team to determine the outcome of an event.
 - (b) 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.)
- Definition of what is not a team for this nomination:
 - (a) Athletes who compete individually to win a berth on a team.
 - (b) Individual performance points being accumulated to win a team award.
- "Touring" teams are not eligible for induction.
- Teams declared national champions by default or win by "walkthroughs" are not eligible for nomination.

3. BUILDER: (Including Referee, Coach, and Administrator)

- 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)

- Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour to Central Okanagan sport during the period 50 years prior to the current year, while exhibiting a "pioneering" quality in athletic accomplishments.
- Exception to the 50 year clause is made in the case of individuals or teams in more recently developed sports that have some "pioneering" quality to their accomplishments.
- Teams in the Pioneer category are selected for their achievement in one year that best represents a team's accomplishments over a larger era.

D. W.A.C./W.R. BENNETT AWARD:

- 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 and Museum.
- This candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication, and provide inspiration to present and future generations.