

THE OWEN SOUND SPORTS HALL OF FAME

CONSTITUTION

PURPOSE:

To honor and perpetuate the names and deeds of those whose athletic prowess brought fame to their community and to themselves; of those who's interest in and work for sport resulted in a climate which benefited athletes and athletics.

The Owen Sound Sports Hall Of Fame is a non-profit organization with the above purposes; working toward that aim shall be carried on without purpose of gain by the committee members and any profits or other accretion to the organization shall be used in promoting its objects.

INDUCTION CRITERIA

1. Restricted to Owen Sound Athletics and Builder's of Sports (see definition of Owen Sound Athlete and Builder).
2. See Automatic Selection.
3. **Athletes** to be considered for admission to the Hall of Fame must have been (or be) outstanding in their field of endeavors or to have achieved better than average proficiency in a number of sports even if not reaching the absolute top level in any one. The label "outstanding" must be applicable over an extended period of time in competition against peer athletes. This involves those competing on a strictly local level and those going on to district, provincial and national events as well as those who enter professional sports. However, distinction should be made in the nomination papers as to the reason for the nomination. An athlete who is prominent locally over a period of time should not be downgraded for this if he or she achieves top proficiency in a wider area – whether this is amateur or professional.
4. The criteria must necessarily be broad, however, documentary evidence should be available, plus views of his or her contemporaries, if possible.
5. **Builders** – including officials; (referees, umpires, etc.) sponsors; executives; trainers; coaches; etc. whose work for sport over an extended period of time has been outstanding whether it be in organization of leagues and facilities; achieving a high degree of success in coaching teams and/or individuals, keeping a league or team active; providing services of a consistency high level over an extended period of time etc. However, just because someone has worked many years for sport as a builder, it does not necessarily mean inclusion into the Hall of Fame. His or her work over that period of time, or over most of it, must have been of a consistently high level with regard to services provided or results achieved.

6. Any athlete nominated to the Owen Sound Sport Hall of Fame must have been retired from active, or field participation in the sport(s) for which he or she has been nominated, for a period of not less than five years (dating from end of the season of a the sport(s) for which he or she has been nominated). An athlete may be nominated even though he or she has not reached the age of sixty years. The above restrictions, of course, do not apply in the case of any automatic nominees as determined by the Constitution.
7. Any person nominated in the builder category (Executive, Coach, Official, etc.) shall be eligible at any time. There shall be no waiting period in this category and, indeed, the person may still be active in the role(s) for which he or she is being nominated.
8. Automatic Selection
 - a) Any Owen Sound athlete who has won an Olympic medal.
 - b) Any Owen Sound athlete who finished first, second or third in any International Championship considered authentic by the Executive Committee.
 - c) Any Owen Sound athlete who has won a Canadian Championship in a non-team discipline (as considered authentic by the Executive Committee).
9. Deceased Nominations – each case to be decided, on the merits of the person involved by the Executive Committee, as to whether the five year delay regulation shall be invoked.
10. Team Nominations – nominations to be taken as for individuals, determining the merits of each team as a whole.

DEFINITION: OWEN SOUND ATHLETE

For purposes of the Owen Sound Hall of Fame, an Owen Sound athlete shall be:

- a) Anyone born in the City of Owen Sound who spends his or her formative years here and continues to reside in the City of Owen Sound.
- b) Anyone who is not born here but who has been in the City of Owen Sound a minimum of five (5) years and proves his or her worth in an athletic sense. Said athlete may be considered if he or she eventually moves away from this City.
- c) Anyone in (a) or (b) who, after a local amateur career, moves into professional sports elsewhere and who is deemed worthy of inclusion.
- d) Anyone in (a) or (b) who after a local amateur career moves into University sports elsewhere and who is deemed worthy of inclusion.

- e) Anyone in (a) or (b) who, after a local amateur career, moves into amateur sports elsewhere and who is deemed worthy of inclusion.

DEFINITION: ELIGIBILITY OF A BUILDER

→ As above selections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e).

CATEGORIES (as related to above definitions)

- I. AUTOMATIC – as outlined elsewhere
- II. AMATURE - Sections (a), (b), (d), (e), in definition.
- III. PROFESSIONAL – Sections (a), (b), (c) in definition.
- IV. BUILDER – as above, all sections – involving coaching, officiating, sponsoring, training, etc. – even if not involved in an active, on the field role.
- V. TEAMS – as outlined elsewhere.

OFFICIAL CREST

The Owen Sound Sports Hall of Fame official crest shall be used on letterheads, scrolls, and any mementoes presented to nominees to the Hall.

AWARDS

Each living Inductee to the Owen Sound Sports Hall of Fame, and the family of each deceased Inductee to the Hall, shall receive a certificate with the Inductee's name inscribed thereon.

Commemoration in the Hall of Fame shall be in the form of a picture, plaque or honor roll.

Each team named to the Owen Sound Sports Hall of Fame shall be recognized in an appropriate manner (e.g. Framed and inscribed team photograph).