



Athletics Hall of Fame

Constitution and Bylaws

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Tahlequah Public Schools

Athletics Hall of Fame

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tahlequah Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame, a program under the jurisdiction of the Athletics Department of the Tahlequah Public Schools.

Purpose

The purpose of the Tahlequah Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame is:

1. To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding student athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and TPS Athletics supporters.
2. To reconnect those individuals and their families with the Tahlequah Public Schools.
3. To enhance the current student-athlete understanding and pride in the history of TPS athletics.

Governance

The Hall of Fame will be governed by a Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee and shall include the Director of Athletics as the committee Chair and four to eight members which shall include a least one person serving as a TPS alumnus, former TPS Head Coach, current Hall of Fame member or members, High School Administrator, Community Representative and a member of the local media. A consensus is needed for all inductee decisions. If consensus cannot be reached, then a vote shall be taken that would require a majority vote for induction.

The Chair shall appoint Committee members every three years. Any member may be re-appointed to not more than two consecutive terms. The terms will be staggered so as to always have experienced committee members serving at any given time.

Criteria for Nomination and Induction

Athlete

1. Eligible 8 years after graduation.
2. Must have lettered in at least one sport twice or two sports at least once during his/her athletic career at a Tahlequah Public Schools Senior High.
3. Exemplified sportsmanship, leadership, citizenship and teamwork as a TPS athlete.
4. Selected as an All-State performer, State Champion, All-American, National Champion or a significant contribution to high school, college or professional athletics competition.

Team

1. Winner of State Championship, Runner-Up State Championship National Championship or significant contribution as a coach at any level of athletics competition.
2. Eligible 5 years after championship season.
3. Accomplishments that raised the bar or set a standard for teams to follow.
4. Left his or her legacy on TPS Athletics.

Coach, Staff, or Supporter

1. Eligible 5 years of service to TPS athletics.
2. Made a significant contribution to TPS athletics through their leadership, inspiration, and support.
3. Accomplishments raised or set a standard for future coaches, teams, administrators, and supporters of TPS athletics.

Requirements and Procedures for Nomination

Requirements for Nomination

To maintain the integrity of the Hall of Fame, the following criteria are established for nominations:

1. Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character.
2. All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long term contributions to athletic endeavors.
3. Acknowledged leadership in his/her chosen field or community, state, and national presence will be considered.

Nominations Procedures

The following procedures shall be utilized for nominations to the Hall of Fame.

1. Inductees may be nominated either:
 - a. by the selection committee
 - b. by faculty, administration, and staff
 - c. by current members of the community
 - d. by an alumnus of TPS

Nomination Form

All entries must be submitted on the official TPS Athletics Hall of Fame nomination form.

- a. The nomination form shall be available through the Director's office, district website or any Hall of Fame committee member.
- b. The nomination form shall be completed and submitted to and received by the Chair or any Hall of Fame committee member along with appropriate support materials by December 1st of each year for a candidate to be considered for induction in the school year.
- c. All nominations received for consideration must contain active and current address and contact information for the nominee (or family if deceased). Failure to supply support material will result in invalidating the application, consequently the nomination will not be considered.
- d. In addition to the official nomination form, the following materials should be submitted for an individual's consideration:

A letter of recommendation from the person making the nomination, who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the high school career of the nominee. A limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks, and statistics may be included to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee.
A suitable photograph for reproduction should be submitted.

5. Term of Nomination

Following initial nomination, a candidate shall remain eligible for induction.

Procedures for Selecting Induction Class

Section 1. The Selection Committee

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will meet annually to select candidates based on the criteria presented in this document. The Chair shall appoint the committee and will replace any vacancy that may occur prior to the conclusion of a term.

Section 2. The duties and responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. Attend the regular scheduled selection meetings.
2. Annually evaluate the nomination of individuals submitted which fulfill the requirements for consideration.
3. Approve only those individuals who had significant and or long term contributions or athletic accomplishments at the TPS, state or national sports scene.
4. Evaluate and update the policies and operational procedures of the Tahlequah Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame. This will be done on an annual basis.
5. Validate and approve all worthy candidates for induction into the TPS Athletics Hall of Fame. This is to be performed under the parameters as set forth in this document.
6. Keep all action of the Selection Committee confidential.

Section 3. The voting procedures of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. The Selection Committee shall review candidates based on information available at the time of the meeting.
2. At the discretion of the chair, the Hall of Fame Selection Committee may meet as a group or may choose to do its balloting by proxy ranking.
3. After open discussion about candidates, a vote will be conducted for the purposes of choosing inductees.

4. Voting will be conducted according to a point system if needed.

First Choice = 10 Points
Second Choice = 7 Points
Third Choice = 4 Points
Fourth Choice = 2 Points
Fifth Choice = 1 Point

5. The induction class may be determined by totaling the number of votes for each candidate. The individual or individuals with the highest vote total shall be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
6. The annual voting of the Selection Committee will be confidential.
7. Inductees will be announced at a press conference at a pre-determined time following the final selection process and after the individuals have been contacted and indicated that they will be present or represented at the induction ceremony.
8. Prior publicity concerning nominees will not be appropriate.

Induction Ceremony

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony shall be held each year at an annual banquet hosted by the Tahlequah Public Schools Department of Interscholastic Athletics.

Hall of Fame Committee Members

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