

Hall of Fame Induction Criteria

University of Buffalo

Student-athletes five-years removed; Olympians, coaches, administrators eligible immediately.

Southern Illinois University

Former Student-Athletes

- Five years since graduation of his/her class as determined by date of matriculation
- Olympic qualifier
- All-American recognition
- All-Conference selection
- Conference Specialty Award
- NCAA statistical leader
- SIU all-time/career leader in major statistical category
- Other considerations may include athletic accomplishments after leaving the University
- The Athletic Director can also add other athletes deemed worthy of consideration

Coaches and Administrators

- Tenure of at least five years in the athletic department
- Outstanding career as a coach, administrator or professional staff member that has brought exceptional distinction to the department
- No one that is currently employed is eligible to be inducted as a coach or administrator.
- Athletic Director can add other coaches/administrators deemed worthy of consideration

St. Cloud State University

A. Induction of Former Athletes

1. One must have been an athlete at SCSU.
2. A candidate must be a graduate of St. Cloud State University. (May be waived under certain conditions as determined by the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors.
3. There must be a ten (10) year time lapse since the candidate last participated in athletics at St. Cloud State University.
4. While athletic achievement as an undergraduate is of prime importance, outstanding accomplishments after leaving SCSU also will be a factor in making the selections.

5. Alumni athletes, while serving on the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors, may not be considered for induction as an individual.
- B. Induction of Teams
1. A minimum of five (5) years must lapse between the induction of teams.
- C. Induction of Coaches
1. Coaches may not be considered for induction while serving on the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors.
 2. Five years must elapse after active coaching service at St. Cloud State to be eligible.
 3. Considerations for selection are recognition as an authority/leader in the sport area involved, length and quality of the coaching record, program growth and achievement of the individual after leaving active coaching service at SCSU.
- D. Induction of Others
1. Others may be considered for induction to the Hall of Fame who have made exceptional contributions to the St. Cloud State University athletic program through the SCSU Distinguished Service to Athletics Award.
 2. Decreased candidates whether former athletes, coaches or others making exceptional contributions to SCSU athletics, shall be given equal consideration to receive recognition posthumously in the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

University of Washington

- A. An athlete is eligible for nomination five (5) years from the end of the academic year in which he/she completed his/her eligibility.
- B. If an athlete, the person must be a Big "W" letter winner.
- C. A team is eligible for nomination five (5) years from the end of the academic year in which its regular season of competition was completed. (Teams are defined as consisting of student-athletes only).
- D. If the nominee is a coach or athletic administrator (athletic director, associate or assistant athletic director), the person must have either earned a Big "W" letter at the University of Washington or have been on staff at least five (5) years. Coaches will be selected based on their sustained accomplishments.

- E. The records of the person(s) considered should be so outstanding that there should be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction.
- F. Consideration will be given for personal conduct in sports and personal contributions to the ideal of sports.
- G. Criteria and qualifications will be based upon the nominee's participation while attending or serving the University of Washington. However, accomplishments after leaving the University may be an important point of consideration.
- H. Selection will be based primarily upon the nominee's participation while attending or serving the University of Washington but may include accomplishments after leaving the University.
- I. All-American recognition and national championship will be considered. This is not intended to eliminate athletes who do not meet that standard but nonetheless had a truly outstanding athletic career at the UW.
- J. The maximum number of inductees shall be six (6). The selection committee shall review this maximum annually.
- K. The inductee shall attend the induction banquet unless the selection committee has waived their presence and a proxy selected to receive his/her award. An individual chosen by the selection committee shall represent all inductees who are deceased or incapacitated.

Western Michigan

Eligibility:

- A student-athlete becomes eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame ten years after graduation or withdrawal from the University.
- An athlete must have earned at least two letters in one sport, or one letter in each of at least two sports.
- A member of the University staff must have served the University for a minimum of five years.
- An outstanding career as an athlete or staff member must be completed by an exemplary career in the individual's profession or occupation, a record which reflects credit to the person and this University.
- Election to the Hall of Fame is only by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Ball State University

1. An athlete becomes eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame 10 years after graduation or withdrawal from the University.
2. An athlete must have earned at least two letters in one sport or one letter in at least two sports.
3. A member of the University staff must have served the University for a minimum of five years.
4. An outstanding career as an athlete or staff member must be complemented by an exemplary career in the individual's profession or occupation, a record which reflects credit to the person and this university.
5. Election to the Hall of Fame is only by unanimous vote by the Hall of Fame Committee.
6. No more than six inductees, five of whom must be athletes, may be selected in any one year.
7. A team may be considered for induction as one of the five total student-athlete inductees.

NOTE: During the five year period of 1997-2001, at least one female athlete was chosen yearly and the 10 year waiting period was allowed to be waived to insure one female to be elected each year.

Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)

The Selection Committee shall nominate individuals that have brought credit and fame to SWAC member institutions. Institutions that have recently entered and/or re-entered the Conference may only nominate an individual who was a member of the Conference during his/her accomplishments. The Selection Committee shall follow the criteria below for selection nominees.

1. Each committee member may nominate an individual.
2. Nominee must have made significant and/or long-term contribution to college athletics or the society at-large in the area of coaching or administration, or as a game official or contributor.
3. The nominee must have exhausted his/her eligibility at one of the Conference institutions and have earned one or more varsity letters in a sport, or have worked at a current or former SWAC institution or worked for the Conference.
4. Nominees must have established a person reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon his or her university and the Conference.
5. An athlete shall not be eligible for nomination in the SWAC Hall of Fame until eight (8) years have elapsed since the completion of college eligibility.

6. There shall be no more than five (5) members inducted each year in the SWAC Hall of Fame. The selection from the old timers committee will not be counted among the five (5) members.
7. Nominees must have received over 60% of the votes to be inducted. No more than three (3) selections from the old timers committee can be inducted each year.

Brown University

Athletes: An athlete may not be admitted to the Hall of Fame until five years have passed since the athlete's graduation from Brown.

Teams: A team may not be admitted to the Hall of Fame until ten years have passed since the team's accomplishment.

Coaches: A coach may be admitted to the Hall of Fame immediately upon his/her retirement or resignation from Brown.

Corban College

- A. Recognition Categories: Athlete, Team, Coach, and Outstanding Service.
- B. Athlete Nominees: The minimum of five criteria must be met.
 1. Participated at least two years in the sport.
 2. Made significant impact and/or special recognition to the sport.
 3. Seven years must have elapsed from the nominee's final season of participation.
 4. All-Conference selection and/or All-America recognition.
 5. Established a school record or records.
 6. Team Most Valuable Player or similar team award.
 7. Be of strong Christian character.
 8. Outstanding post-collegiate performance in their sport.
- C. Team Nominees: A minimum of three criteria must be met.
 1. Exceptional accomplishment/s at and above the conference level.
 2. Seven years must have elapsed before a team is eligible.
 3. Made significant impact and/or brought special recognition to Warrior Athletics.
 4. Established a school record or records.
- D. Coach Nominees: A minimum of three criteria must be met.
 1. Seven years must have elapsed from the nominee's last season of Warrior coaching.
 2. Made significant impact and/or special recognition to the sport or sports the nominee coached.
 3. Coach of the Year selection.
 4. Established a school record or records.
 5. Be of strong Christian character.

- E. Outstanding Service: A minimum of three criteria must be met.
1. A non-athlete nominee who, in some manner, made significant impact, special recognition, and/or an extraordinary contribution to the success or furthering of Warrior Athletics.
 2. A minimum of seven years of service must have occurred before the nominee is eligible.
 3. Be of strong Christian character.
 4. Demonstrated to the community a heart of service and dedication.

UC Davis Participant

Outstanding achievement in intercollegiate athletics at UC Davis

- Setting school, conference or national records
- Recognition at the school, conference, regional or preferably national levels
- Unusual distinction in one or more intercollegiate sports for at least two seasons of competition
- Unusual distinction is made by comparing the performance of the person under consideration not only with contemporaries but also with other athletes similarly performing during other periods of years. Accomplishment should be achieved in a manner that exemplifies the UC Davis concept of a student-athlete
- Graduation is not a necessary condition
- Meaningful progress toward graduation is necessary, and that the overall conduct as a student is at least equal to that expected of the average student.
- Five-year period must have elapsed from the most recent participation in the intercollegiate athletic program.

Non-Participant

Must have contributed significantly and with equal distinction to intercollegiate athletics.

A nominee who is a UC Davis employee must have a five-year period elapsed since completion of that involvement

which leads to consideration for induction.

A non-UC employee is eligible for immediate consideration

Special Recognition

Must have made significant contributions with unusual distinction to intercollegiate athletics as a volunteer. The individual may be employed by the University; however, their contributions to ICA shall not be of paid status or as part of an employee's University position.

The nominee's contributions should be achieved in the manner that exemplifies, promotes and ensures the integrity and tradition of the UC Davis philosophy of success as a student as well as success in intercollegiate sports. Their contributions of unusual distinction should be made by comparing the contributions of other persons under consideration, their contemporaries, and those who have made similar contributions over the years

Rutgers University

Football Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Criteria for Nomination

- (1) First-, second- or third-team All American (inactive one year)
- (2) NFL All-Pro selection or outstanding professional career (inactive one year)
- (3) An individual, coach or letterwinner who has made a significant impact on the Rutgers football program (limit of 2 inductees per year)
- (4) BIG EAST selection (or equivalent)

Basketball Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Criteria for Nomination

- (1) All-American
- (2) All-Conference (Big East, ECAC, Atlantic 10, All-East, All-New Jersey)
- (3) Eligibility for admission begins five years after completion of Rutgers career
- (4) Eligibility for admission begins one year after completion of professional career
- (5) Impact

Olympic Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Criteria for Nomination

Player Criteria

- Eligibility begins five years after completion of Rutgers career
- A minimum of two varsity letters is required
- Must have earned All-conference, All-Region honors, or All-American (or equiv.) honors
- Must have been recognized in their respective sport
- Demonstrated spirit, sportsmanship and promoted team unity throughout career

Coach Criteria

- Must have been an outstanding coach at Rutgers for five or more years
- Eligibility for admission begins five years after completion of Rutgers career
- Must have been an employee in good standing with the University
- Promoted the well-being of the team and the University and contributed to the positive image of the University

Impact Criteria

- Eligibility begins five years after completion of Rutgers career/service
- Must have been an employee in good standing with the University
- Promoted the well-being of the team and the University and contributed to the positive image of the University
- Must have had national recognition in their sport following their career at Rutgers

University of Florida

The University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame is hereby established to honor the members of past athletic teams who have excelled in intercollegiate athletics at the University, or gained national recognition in athletics following graduation. This Hall of Fame will also give special recognition to non-athletes who have contributed significantly to the development of the University athletic program.

1. The F Club will maintain responsibility for the Athletic Hall of Fame. The F Club Committee will serve as the Hall of Fame Selection committee. A chairman will be appointed each year to coordinate the selection process. Nominations will be submitted to the Selection Committee by October of each year. A 2/3 vote of the committee will be required for selection to the Hall of Fame as a "Gator Great" (category A). A 3/4 vote of the Committee will be required for selection to the Hall of Fame as a "Distinguished Letterwinners" (category B) and as a "Honorary Letterwinners" (category C). Nominees are not eligible until ten (10) years after they last participated in intercollegiate athletics at the university. Members of the F Club Committee are not eligible for consideration. University employees, including UAA and Gator Booster employees, will be eligible for consideration after ten (10) cumulative years of employment with the University. Any employee that falls in the Gator Great category can be considered as long as they meet the Gator Great criteria.
2. Inductees will be voted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in one of the three following categories:
 - A) Gator Great - Letterwinners/Athletes who have brought recognition and prominence to the University and themselves by athletic accomplishments as an undergraduate. (Criteria to be considered: **All-American, All-SEC**, exceptional leadership as witnessed by teammates and/or coaches.)
 - B) Distinguished Letterwinners - Letterwinners/athletes who have made major contributions to the University athletic program through personal time, effort, interest and through **many years of continued service** and/or have distinguished themselves as exceptional in their chosen field or endeavor.
 - C) Honorary Letterwinners - Individuals, coaches, athletic officials, staff members and other University officials who were not letterwinners/athletes at the University of Florida, yet have rendered outstanding service to the intercollegiate athletic program through personal time, effort, interest and through **many years of continued service**. (Emphasis at nomination should be placed on continued service.)
3. Persons who have met the above criteria may be inducted posthumously.
4. Nominations should be kept secret. This should be stated on the application.
5. Presentation of awards to inductees will be in conjunction with the Annual Hall of Fame Weekend. Each inductee will be extended a ring and plaque symbolic of his/her induction into the Hall of Fame, and a photo-plaque honoring each inductee will be permanently displayed in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Western Illinois University

To be considered for selection into the Western Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame, must fall into one of the following areas and qualify as the criteria in that area describes.

1. Athletes, coaches, and administrators
 1. The nominee must qualify under one of the following:
 1. Be a student at Western Illinois University at least two years.
 2. Be a graduate of Western Illinois University.
 3. Be a coach at Western Illinois University.
 4. Be an athletic administrator.
 2. Must have conducted himself/herself in such a way as to reflect honor on the University and to have been found to have those qualities of character and standards of conduct found to be most desirable in one who may be cited as an example for young people.
 3. A person who does not qualify for the WIU Hall of Fame under any criteria named in A is eligible for consideration upon serving as a head coach or administrator after graduation at another institution.
 4. Must have had an outstanding record while performing in athletics.
 5. Upon completion of his/her education at Western Illinois University, the individual must have made a significant contribution to society in his/ her chosen field.
 6. Athletes are eligible for admission to the Hall of Fame 10 years after their athletic eligibility expires or they graduate.
 7. Western Illinois University coaches and administrators are eligible for admission to the Hall of Fame immediately upon their retirement or five years after leaving employment at WIU. (Deceased candidates become eligible immediately.)
2. Criteria for outstanding contributors to the athletic program at WIU
 1. Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the athletic program at Western Illinois University shall be eligible to be elected to the Hall of Fame. These individuals need not be graduates nor do they need to have been athletes at Western Illinois University.
3. To be approved for induction, all candidates must receive 100 percent support from the Final Selection Committee.
4. To be inducted into the Western Illinois University Hall of Fame, inductees must be present for the induction ceremony unless deceased.

Texas A&M

- A. Purpose and Philosophy: The principles of sportsmanship, character, integrity, team play and personal sacrifice experienced in the athletic arenas of schools, colleges and universities are an integral and valuable part of our educational processes. To recognize those whose accomplishments in the field of athletics at Texas A&M University have

brought signal credit to their University, this Texas A&M University Athletic Hall of Fame: is established.

- B. Form of Award: Portraits and illustrations of deeds of the recipients shall be made known and perpetuated in a place designated by the Board of Directors of the Lettermen's Association. Personal awards suitable for display on person or in home or office will be presented to the recipients.
- C. Rules and Criteria for Selection: In making the selection for induction into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall observe the following rules and criteria.
 - 1. Honorees shall be limited to those eligible to be Members of the Lettermen's Association and coaches and other athletic officials of Texas A&M University. Associate Members are not eligible for the award.

To be eligible to receive the award:

- a. The Honoree shall have demonstrated outstanding athletic abilities to the degree that such abilities and accomplishments were recognized by organizations external to the University. This criteria shall be given consideration over all considerations in the selection process.
- b. The Honorees shall have other qualifications exhibited subsequent to completion of athletic eligibility such as leadership, sportsmanship, character and integrity, and be one who has brought great distinction to the University. This criteria shall be given only after the conditions of 9.01, A and 9.01, C 2,a, have been met.
- c. Coaches and other athletic officials shall become eligible five (5) years following completion of service to the Athletic Department of the University.
- d. An athlete can become eligible for the Hall of Fame five (5) years after he finishes his eligibility or five years from his Class Year, whichever is the later of the two.

Saint Leo University

A student-athlete must have graduated a minimum of five years. A coach or administrator must have been in that position eight years. We do induct folks still working here. We have a committee of 10. We have school president, AD, myself, senior women's administrator, director of alumni affairs, a representative of the Prep School, the JC and one each from the 4-year university by decades, 80s, 90s, 00s. Every person must vote for you to be inducted. If the inductee can not attend, we just put them on back burner until they are able to attend. We have a maximum number of five each year. Being a private Catholic university, we also use community involvement, church involvement and their success in their chosen professional (not athletic) field.

North Central College

The following criteria are used to help select athletes for consideration into the North Central College Hall of Fame:

- 5 years out of school
- Olympic competitor
- National Champion
- All American
- All Region or District Selection
- Conference Champion
- 1st Team All Conference
- Demonstrates Leadership, Ethics and Values

While it says 5 years out of school, only one inductee each year is from the 5 year rule. The majority of inductees have been graduated for quite some time and anyone who does make it in on the 5 year mark was an All-American athlete multiple times while they were here.

University of Nevada

Player

1. Becomes eligible 10 years after last competition.
2. Should have earned All-America, All-Region or All-Conference honors or own NCAA, conference or school records.
3. Consideration will be given to individuals who exhibit a high level of professional and personal integrity and contribute to the ideals of their sport or sports.
4. Should have the recommendation of the coach he or she played for at Nevada.
5. Unanimous vote of the Hall of Fame committee (quorum consists of one member less than the total number of committee members).
6. Approved by the senior intercollegiate athletics staff.

Coach

1. Becomes eligible five years after coaching career at Nevada has ended.
2. Should have produced a career record above .500 and/or produced conference championship teams or teams that have advanced to the NCAA playoffs.
3. Should have the recommendation of the athletics director at the time of his or her coaching career.
4. Must have complied with NCAA rules while at Nevada.
5. Unanimous vote of the Hall of Fame Committee (quorum consists of one member less than the total number of committee members).
6. Approved by the senior intercollegiate athletics staff.

Other

Special consideration may be made on a case-by-case basis to honor and enshrine other staff members and supporters of the program who have made significant contributions by supporting, promoting or furthering athletics at the University of Nevada in a non-coaching or non-playing role.

University of Oregon

At Oregon it is a ten year wait and inductees are selected by a committee of approximately 12 people comprised of athletic department, hall of fame, campus and booster club folks.

Lafayette College

General Criteria

The Hall of Fame shall be open to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in one of the following areas:

- A superior competitor
- A teacher-coach with a distinguished record
- A person who has made a long-term, exemplary contribution to Lafayette Athletics

Specific Criteria

- The candidate must be of good character and reputation
- A former student-athlete shall be first eligible for nomination ten full academic years after completing his / her athletic eligibility at the College.
- Nominee must have had significant impact in his / her sport; defined as being National Player of the Year, NCAA Champion – Individual sport, All-American, All-Region, Conference Player of the Year, All-Conference, conference record holder, conference champion, school record holder, national statistical champion, or letter in at least two different varsity sports.
- Community involvement and citizenship
- Individuals must have represented in a positive fashion both as an undergraduate and as an alumnus

- If a teacher-coach or administrator, the candidate must have held that position for at least five academic years
- Coaches and administrators are eligible for admission to the Hall of Fame five years after leaving employment at Lafayette College. (Deceased candidates become eligible immediately.)
- Additional consideration will be given for continued contributions to society through community activities, performance in chosen fields which bring credit and distinction to the College
- Have made an excellent record in some branch or branches of intercollegiate sport while in attendance at, and / or subsequent to, attending Lafayette College
- Nominees from the previous year will be automatically considered by the committee
- Nomination forms will be made available through the Office of Athletic Communications

Coker College

STUDENT-ATHLETE

1. Must be a graduate of Coker College.
2. Must have attended Coker no less than two full years.

3. Must have displayed a level of excellence in athletics at Coker and/or made notable achievements in professional life after graduation from Coker.
4. Eligible for induction eight years after graduation. (Eligibility reduced to five years after graduation during meeting of Jan. 15, 1997.)

COACH/STAFF

1. Any former Coker Athletics/Physical Education staff member who served at Coker a minimum of 10 years is eligible.
2. Must have made significant contribution to the growth of Coker College Athletics.

FRIEND/SUPPORTER OF COKER COLLEGE ATHLETICS

1. Must have made significant contribution to Coker College Athletics.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1. A person who participated in Coker Athletics and made notable achievements after his/her association with Coker College, but does not meet the above criteria.

Canisius College

Graduate of Canisius and completed eligibility 10 years; candidate is then eligible to enter Hall for 10 years as a regular member; after 20 years they are eligible to enter as an old-timer; max of seven inductees per year, however no more than one old-timer and one administrator/contributor per year. Administrators/coaches are not eligible if they are affiliated with athletics.

Allowed teams for the first time this year - no more than one team can go in every two years. We more than doubled our attendance this year by admitting a team.

East Carolina University

Our criteria are similar at East Carolina. It is a 10 year waiting period for student-athletes here.

