

## **Proposed Criteria for Modern Retirement of Tennessee Basketball Numbers**

Tennessee's basketball tradition has been built from great team performances, outstanding individual effort, inspired coaching and leadership, and tremendous fan support. Tennessee teams have 8 SEC championships, 4 SEC Tournament championships, and 25 postseason appearances. Individually, 24 players have earned First Team All America honors and 7 have been named SEC player of the year.

With close examination of the history and accomplishment of the men who have worn the Orange, the following criteria have been established to allow for the fitting recognition of a few UT men, whose legendary standing in the history of the game of basketball has placed them among the best to ever play at the University of Tennessee.

Be it then, that only by unanimous recommendation of the Committee identified below, and coupled with demonstrated achievements as listed, and finally ratified by a unanimous vote of the Athletics Board of the University of Tennessee, shall basketball jersey numbers worn by qualifying Volunteer players be permanently retired and displayed with the honor befitting their representation of the accomplishments of all who have come before and since.

1. The Committee shall consist of the Director of Men's Athletics, the President of The University of Tennessee, the Chairman of the Athletics Committee of the Board of Trustees, and the President of the UT Letterman's Association (T-Club).
2. Candidates may be nominated and brought before the Committee. The Committee shall meet to determine qualifications of candidates and determine whether or not to formally recommend the candidate for approval by the Athletics Board. Such recommendation may only be by unanimous Committee vote.
3. A minimum of five years must pass between the conclusion of a candidate's UT basketball career and consideration for this honor.
4. Candidates must not have achieved greater fame or identity from another institution or University.
5. The highest honor is to have a number or jersey retired. For this to happen, the standards should be very high. The recommendation is that a player must achieve two of the following awards:
  - First team All America as recognized in the University of Tennessee basketball media guide.
  - SEC player of the Year as recognized in the University of Tennessee basketball media guide
  - Member of an Olympic basketball team
  - NBA or ABA All Star team.
6. Candidates must meet or exceed these defined criteria to be considered for recommendation and approval for number retirement.

7. For modification of these criteria for number retirement, the suggested modification must be unanimously approved by the Committee and forwarded to the Athletics Board at its Fall meeting. Unanimous vote of the Athletics Board members must ratify said modification.
8. The Department of Athletics shall conduct the number retirement ceremony with all due pomp and circumstance, preferably in conjunction with a home basketball game at Thompson Boling Arena.
9. Retired numbers could be reactivated with the permission of the athlete or his surviving family member's approval.

These criteria and regulations pertaining to the retirement of basketball numbers for The University of Tennessee Volunteers have been approved by the Athletics Board and the President and Chancellor of the University this first day of February, 2007.

---

President, The University of Tennessee

---

Chancellor, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

---

Chairperson, UTK Athletics Board

---

Chairman, Athletics Committee of the Board of Trustees

---

Director of Men's Athletics

---

President, Lettermen's Club