

Hall of Fame Committee

- A. Purpose
 - 1. This committee shall be dedicated to those bowlers whose efforts have contributed to the growth of the sport of bowling by their superior performance or meritorious service in Pennsylvania.
- B. Committee Membership
 - 1. The membership of this committee shall be comprised of 5 individuals, 3 Board Members and 2 Hall of Fame Members.
 - 2. The Chair must be a Board Member
 - 3. No Nominee or Nominator may be a member of the Committee.
- C. Procedure
 - 1. Shall recommend to the Board any changes in the eligibility requirements, categories, and procedures for the Hall of Fame for Board approval.
 - a) HOF Members may make recommendations for changes in this procedure in writing to the HOF Committee Chair for consideration by the HOF Committee.
 - b) HOF Members to notify HOF Chair of interest in serving on Hall of Fame Committee by July 31.
 - 2. Hall of Fame application forms shall be created by the committee, one for Superior Performance Categories and one for Meritorious Service.
 - 3. Applications of candidates who have not been identified for induction will be retained by the Hall of Fame Chair for future consideration.
 - 4. If, after five (5) years, the candidate has not been selected, the Hall of Fame Chair will notify the nominator(s), to resubmit the nomination. Failure to resubmit will result in the candidate being removed from consideration and not included on the ballot until a new nomination is received.
- D. Hall of Fame Eligibility
 - 1. To be eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame a candidate must have:
 - a) Attained the age of forty-five years by the application deadline, unless deceased.
 - b) For the Veterans Category, obtained the age of 65 by the application deadline.
 - c) Participated in PAUSBC tournaments for a minimum of ten years or been a member of a PA State USBC local association for a minimum of ten years.
 - d) For Superior Performance must have a reputation as a bowler through bowling achievement and promoting good sportsmanship throughout the game.
 - e) For Meritorious Service must have exhibited distinguished service in the promotion of the sport of bowling at the local, state or National level.
 - f) Anyone currently under suspension by the United States Bowling Congress shall not be considered.
- E. Hall of Fame Categories
 - 1. Women's Superior Performance (Maximum of two elected per year)
 - a) A person who has demonstrated personal achievement on the lanes through tournaments, leagues, and individual scores.
 - 2. Men's Superior Performance (Maximum of two elected per year)
 - a) A person who has demonstrated personal achievement on the lanes through tournaments, leagues, and individual scores.
 - 3. Meritorious Service (Maximum of two elected per year)
 - a) A person who has demonstrated personal commitment to the sport through serving on local, state, or national boards or other organizations that has promoted and provided value to the sport of bowling.
 - 4. Veterans (male and/or female, must be age 65 or older to be considered) (Maximum of one elected per year)

- a) A person who has demonstrated achievement on the lanes whose records may not compete with the younger bowlers but were certainly something in their era.
- F. Hall of Fame Election Procedure
 - 1. All HOF members are eligible to take part in the voting process for all nominees.
 - 2. Voting Process
 - a) The HOF Committee Chair shall create a ballot sheet which lists in alphabetical order all nominees by category and beside each name the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. An electronic ballot form shall be created with the assistance of the IT committee that resembles the paper ballot.
 - b) By January 31, HOF Chair shall distribute with assistance from the Association Manager all HOF Nomination forms to the voting committee by either mail or email.
 - 1) Email HOF members, a username, password, and link to the electronic ballot voting form with instructions.
 - 2) Those without email shall receive a paper ballot with instructions.
 - c) The HOF Member will study all candidates' applications and grade each from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest, and 5 being the highest either using the electronic ballot form or returning their signed ballot to the HOF Chair postmarked by March 15. If this date falls on a weekend, ballots will be accepted postmarked by the following Monday. All of those not postmarked by the closing date but received will be retained but not counted.
 - d) After all ballots are received and after the deadline for voting:
 - 1) HOF Chair shall tally the scores for all nominees and sort them from high to low score by category.
 - 2) HOF Chair shall then divide the total score of each nominee by the number of ballots received.
 - 3) An average score of 3.5 or above is required to be elected.
 - 4) The number to be elected is determined in the Hall of Fame Category definitions.
 - e) The names and information of those elected are then forwarded to the President to make formal notification as per the President's responsibility. The Association Manager is also notified.
 - G. President's Responsibility
 - 1. After being notified of the newly elected inductees, shall notify those duly elected by phone call of their election into the Hall of Fame. Shall also call the inductee's nominator after contacting the inductee. Once all have been notified, inform HOF Chair and Association Manager that all notifications have been completed.
 - H. Association Manager's Responsibility
 - 1. Applications for candidates Hall of Fame membership will be distributed annually, by November 1, to the Board and local associations for nomination submissions to the Hall of Fame Chair, those bowlers who are deemed qualified to be members of the Hall of Fame by December 31. A separate application must be submitted for each candidate that wishes to be nominated for both categories.
 - 2. Shall send congratulatory letters to those being inducted and include details about the Hall of Fame/Scholarship Awards Dinner and awards information.
 - 3. Shall notify the officers of the inductee's local association on their election to the Hall of Fame
 - I. Awards
 - 1. Suitable and proper awards shall be presented to the newly elected Hall of Fame members at a ceremony at the annual HOF/Scholarship dinner. A posthumous award shall be presented to the nearest relative of the deceased.
 - 2. The awards will be a picture plaque with write-up and a Keepsake Hall of Fame Ring. The plaque shall include the date of induction.

3. A permanent honor roll shall be created on which the names of those elected to the Hall of Fame shall be inscribed along with the year of their election. This honor roll shall be portable so that it may be displayed at the annual meeting and other Association functions.
- J. Chronology and Events
1. Approximate dates and necessary steps to discharge the responsibility of the Hall of Fame of the Association are:
 - a) NOVEMBER
 - 1) Association Manager to distribute applications by November 1.
 - b) DECEMBER
 - 1) The deadline for receiving nominations is December 31. Prior to this date, the HOF Chair will receive nominations (resumes), reviewing them, and contacting nominator(s) if verification of facts or additional details is needed before submitting to the Voting Committee.
 - c) JANUARY
 - 1) Distribute ballot instructions to the voting committee members.
 - d) MARCH
 - 1) Voting by the voting committee ends on March 15.
 - e) APRIL
 - 1) The HOF Chair returns to sponsor(s) those applications that require updating.
 - f) MAY
 - 1) Prepare and disseminate publicity concerning those to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Write-up for Program Book to be completed by the HOF Chair.
 - 2) HOF Chair with PA State USBC Manager support obtains awards for new members.
 - g) JULY
 - 1) Induction of new members at annual meeting dinner by the HOF Committee Chair.
 - 2) July 31 – Deadline to submit interest by HOF members to serve on HOF Committee.