

Heritage High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Guidelines for Nomination and Election

Purpose:

The purpose of the Heritage High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those Heritage High School athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters who excelled in their respective sports or coaching/support roles and who helped to bring honor, recognition, distinction and excellence to Heritage High School by their conduct both on and off the field, or court, of competition. This recognition will help maintain the spirit, pride and sense of community as well as serving as a historical account of the great athletic traditions of Heritage High School.

Details:

A hall of fame wall will be constructed in the gym lobby. All athletes selected to receive this honor will have an award placed on the wall with their name, graduation date and sports they participated in throughout their high school career.

Eligibility for Nomination:

Athletes are eligible for nomination 5 years after their class's graduation. They must be in good standing or in special circumstances as determined by the Board Members. Such athletes must have competed in a NCHSAA-sanctioned varsity sport and must have excelled in such sport. Among the accomplishments taken into account will be individual (all-District, all-Region, all-State) and team accomplishments, individual school or team records held, and impact on teams and the overall athletic program at Heritage High School during their era and accomplishments thereafter.

Nomination is also open to coaches or administrators, who must have participated with distinction and/or made significant

contributions to athletics at Heritage High School, as evidenced, for example, by the success of their teams and the acknowledgment of their former student-athletes. Such coaches or administrators shall be eligible for nomination beginning five years after they have left Heritage High School for any reason, or in special circumstances as determined by the Board Members.

As determined by the Board Members, Contributors will also be considered for nomination based upon their service and dedication to the athletic programs at Heritage High School.

Nomination Process:

A candidate may be nominated for Hall of Fame membership by any member of the community. Formal nomination shall be made using the nomination form prescribed for such purpose and made available to the public. The nomination form must be received by the athletic department by March 1st. Application packets will be sent to the nominee by the athletic department. All applications are to remain confidential, to be shared among the members of the Board only. Information relating to a nominee's career statistics, records, achievements, etc. must be supported by accompanying documentation or sources cited so that the information may be verified independently. All application packets from the nominee must be received by the athletic department by April 1st of the nominating year, in order to be considered for induction into the Fall class. Both the nomination form and the application packet will be available through the athletic department or on the web site.

Once presented as an eligible nominee, a candidate who is not elected shall automatically be reconsidered annually until he/she has been considered for five years. Thereafter, re-nomination may occur at any time. The Chairman will notify any nominator and their nominee in writing if not selected.

Board Members:

The Board Members shall be comprised of people from the following list:

- The HHS Athletic Director
- HHS Administrator
- Appointed HHS athletic coaches
- Retired or former HHS athletic coach
- Current HHS faculty member
- Retired or former HHS faculty member
- Local business owner/community leader

All Board Members shall be appointed by the HHS Athletic Director and or Principal, and shall serve for a two year term initially. At any time there shall be no fewer than 5 members and no more than 12 members.

All members may be re-appointed for 2 year terms by the Athletic Director and or Principal at the conclusion of their initial term; However, the HHS Athletic Director and or Principal may appoint new members at his/her discretion.

Election Process:

The Board Members shall meet at a time determined by the Athletic Director in order to nominate, review, and elect candidates. The quorum for any meeting at which election of candidates shall take place shall be a majority of members. Background information on each nominee should be distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting and members should familiarize themselves with the nominees prior to voting. Each Board Member shall have one vote and all votes shall carry equal weight. In order to gain election, a candidate is required to receive a "YES" number of votes equal to 75% of those board

members. Candidates shall be discussed in alphabetical or chronological order as designated by the Athletic Director.

The outcome of the verbal vote will be shared with the Board Members only. If, in the opinion of the Board Members (as evidenced by failure to obtain the 75% threshold described above), no candidate nominated in a particular year is worthy of election to the Hall, so be it; it is not necessary to induct new members each year. At the same time, there shall be no limit on the number of members who may gain admission in a given year.

Induction Ceremony:

The induction ceremony shall be at a time and a place designated by the Board. However, it is hoped that such induction ceremony will consist of a banquet or dinner for the inductees and their families and which shall be open to the public. A small fee may be associated with attending this banquet for the public, based on the financial status each year.