

PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME BERKS COUNTY CHAPTER

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Berks County Chapter, a non profit organization.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to induct and recognize individuals and teams who have brought pride and distinction to Berks County as an athlete, coach, administrator or contributor to the success of a Berks County Athletic program. Additionally, we also honor graduating Berks County student-athletes through scholarships and contribute to worthy athletic causes.

Article III: Induction

Section 1

The Induction process is: nominees (including teams and special honorees) are received by the Board of Directors for consideration by September 1st. Nominations may be submitted by any member of the organization or the general public through any Board member. Nominations must include a biographical background and picture of the individual with emphasis on their achievements in Berks County sports.

Section 2

To be considered for the annual ballot, potential nominees must be at least 45 years of age, and have brought lasting fame and recognition to Berks County and its people through outstanding achievements and accomplishments in sports endeavors. The Board of Directors has the right to nominate and/or induct persons annually, regardless of age if they have brought special distinction to the County (i.e.: Olympians, National champions, state champions, members of national Sports Halls of Fame and record holders at national and state levels). The Board of Directors also reserves the right to honor others for special endeavors, teams of distinction, teams and individuals of yesteryear, courageous athletes, etc.. They shall be known as "Honorees" or by another appropriate title as designated by the Board of Directors. Teams of Distinction should meet the following criteria to be considered for recognition:

Amateur	Win a state, national or international championship
High School	Win a state championship or be a finalist
College	Win NCAA championship or be a finalist
Professional	Win a league championship

Section 3

Inductees will be selected annually by a vote of the voting members of the organization. The number of candidates to be placed on the yearly ballot shall not exceed 25 nominees and the number of inductees to be accepted will not exceed 7, and they will be determined by the Board of Directors at the appropriate time. If the number of deceased nominees is 2 or more, they shall be placed in a separate category with the deceased

nominee receiving the most votes being inducted posthumously. If there is a deceased category, a total of 8 inductees, 7 living and 1 deceased will be inducted.

Section 4

Voting: a list of nominees along with a biographical record of their accomplishments will be mailed to all voting members and they will be asked to vote for the number to be selected that year. Ballots will be distributed to all voting members. Ballots will be returned to a designated member of the selection committee by a predetermined date and the nominees with the highest number of votes will be our inductees that year. i.e. if 7 is the number to be elected that year, the 7 persons with the highest votes, including ties for 7th place will be the inductees. Inductees must be present at the awards ceremony in order to be inducted and if they are unable to attend, the Board of Directors has the option to postpone their induction to a future year.

Section 5

Voting members are all who have paid lifetime dues and are members in good standing of the PSHOFBCC. New inductees have one and one-half years after induction date to join the organization (pay dues)....otherwise they do not receive mailings or have voting rights.

Section 6

Our organization will encourage new inductees to not only become lifetime members but to also contribute financially and take an active role in the Berks Chapter Hall of Fame.

Section 7

Unsuccessful persons on the ballot shall have their names automatically placed in nomination the following year. If unsuccessful for the second time, they must remain off the ballot for two years before regaining eligibility. **Exception: 2023 non-successful nominees will be allowed to remain on ballot for one extra year.**

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of 25 members. To be nominated to the Board of Directors, a person must be an inducted member into the PSHOFBCC or a person who possesses a strong athletic background and is dedicated to the principles of our organization. All members of the Board of Directors must be voting members of the organization.

Section 2

The officers must be current members of the Board of Directors of the PSHOFBCC and shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. Each office shall be held for a three (3) year term and elections shall take place at the April meeting of the Board of Directors every third year beginning with 2017.

Section 3

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will consist of the current officers and committee chairpersons and others as appointed by the Board of Directors and/or the President.

Section 4

The President shall select committee chairpersons. Standing committees shall be:

- a.* Selection Committee
- b.* Finance Committee
- c.* By-Laws Committee
- d.* Membership Committee
- e.* Golf Tournament Committee
- f.* Scholarship Committee
- g.* Induction Ceremony Committee
- h.* Induction Ceremony Program Committee
- i.* Newsletter and Publicity Committee
- j.* State Relations Committee
- k.* Technology Committee
- l.* Fundraising
- m.* Awards
- n.* Any other committee deemed necessary by the Board of Directors

Committees and their chairpersons shall be appointed annually at the April meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5

The Board of Directors will meet quarterly. Special meetings of the Board or the membership may be called by the President in consultation with the executive committee. The day-to-day operations of the organization will be conducted by the officers and the executive committee. Committees may be called as needed by their chairperson.

Section 6

If a member of the Board of Directors resigns or can no longer serve due to illness or death, the Executive Committee may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The Board of Directors may also designate a board member as “emeritus” based on health or availability reasons. “Emeritus” positions will not have active voting privileges on the board, nor count towards the 25 board member limit. The Executive Director of the BCIAA, or his/her designee, will become an active board member of the Berks County HOF committee.

ARTICLE V

RECOGNITION OF INDUCTEES

Section 1

An induction ceremony will be held annually in April for the purpose of honoring new inductees and bringing together former honorees and inductees into the PSHOFBCC.

Section 2

An appropriate plaque shall be presented to each new honoree at the induction ceremony. Yearly plaques will be permanently displayed at the HALL OF FAME ROOM at the Reading Santander Arena.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCES

Section 1

A checking and/or savings account shall be established by the Treasurer at a local bank.. Two of the officers shall co-sign checks. Investments must be approved by the Board of Directors. A financial statement shall be given at all general meetings and as called for by the president. The treasurer shall be bonded.

Section 2

Funds are raised primarily through our annual golf tournament and our induction ceremony program. Proceeds are to be used primarily for our student scholarship fund, to pay for the inductee's recognition and the induction ceremony. Major expenses (over \$2,000.00) must be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section 1

Membership is open to all persons, 18 years of age and older.

Section 2

Lifetime dues shall be established at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 3

Annually the Treasurer shall pay the State organization our share of their designated dues based on our membership number.

ARTICLE VIII

BY-LAWS

Section 1

New by-laws and amendments to the existing by-laws may be approved only by the majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at that meeting provided there is a quorum.

Approved 1/17/23

