

USWRA Hall of Fame Selection Process & Nomination Criteria:

Mail Nomination form to Halloffame@uswra.org

The Mission of the USWRA Hall of Fame (HOF): To celebrate and honor the undeniable spirit and presence of the pioneers, developers, athletes, coaches, referees and classifiers of wheelchair rugby. This will provide a context and foundation for the level of performance and sportsmanship of the rugby community to aspire to, now and in the future.

History: The USWRA Hall of Fame was established in 1998. It was created to enshrine, in the form of a permanent record, the names of those individuals who have exerted a distinctive, positive influence of unique dimension on the sport of wheelchair rugby.

Hall of Fame Nomination and Selection Procedures

- Any past or current USWRA member may nominate a worthy candidate for consideration into the HOF. **All candidates must have a nomination form submitted to the HOF Chair by October 31st.** All bios submitted about the nominee must be detailed so that any HOF members who are not familiar with this person will clearly understand their achievements and contributions to the sport. Only athletes who have retired from competitive play will be considered.
- All members of the USWRA Hall of Fame can vote for the candidate(s) they deem worthy of election into the HOF
- The HOF Chairperson will compile all submitted nominations and bios into a single document; all nominations will be listed alphabetically on a ballot form. The chairperson will redistribute this to the HOF members on or before November 15th.
- Each HOF member will then review the candidates and **submit their vote(s) to the chairperson ONLY**, on or before December 1st. Once all votes are tabulated and the inductee has been selected, the chairperson will notify the HOF members and the candidates to be inducted.
- Any candidate receiving 75 percent of the ballots cast shall be elected to membership into the USWRA Hall of Fame.
- Any candidate receiving votes of 50%, but less than the needed 75% shall be automatically placed on the list for the next year.
- Each member may vote for up to three nominees.

The criteria for selecting individuals to the Hall of Fame in each class are as follows:

1. **Competitors and Coaches:**
 - a. Individuals must have completed a minimum of five years as competitors (except wherein extenuating circumstances dictating a lesser number of years is identified).

- b. "Unique and Singular Achievements" as the basis for selection should be interpreted as inclusive of any one or more of the following multifaceted criteria:
- i. Acknowledged superiority of skill respective to physical classification
 - ii. Demonstration of Integrity and Sportsmanship of the highest order
 - iii. Establishment of distinctive playing records that have stood the test of time
 - iv. Longevity of participation that earns respect on the basis of the true fulfillment of the purposes of sport.
 - v. Membership on USA team(s) of the past
 - vi. Membership on championship teams

2. **Non-Competitors:**

- a. Individuals must have served a minimum of five years (except wherein extenuating circumstances dictating a lesser number of years can be identified) in the interest of wheelchair rugby.
- b. Individuals must have served in the capacity as an administrator, referee, classifier, or supporter of wheelchair rugby.
- c. In this respect, the individual must have demonstrated a clearly unselfish dedication to the sport that has enhanced its development on a local, sectional or national basis.
- d. The contribution(s) made to the sport may be made in any of the realms of officiating, administrating, education and the like.

Hall of Fame Nomination/Induction Timeline:

- **September 1st- October 31:** Nomination forms will be accepted
- **November 15th:** Committee members will receive nomination forms, vote and return their ballots
- **December 1st:** Votes will be tabulated and the results sent back to committee for approval
- **December 15th:** Inductees will be notified
- **USWRA National Championships:** Inductees will be presented