

Ballarat Sports Museum & Hall of Fame

Ballarat Sports Hall of Fame (“The Hall of Fame”)

The Hall of Fame aims to recognise and honour those persons who have excelled in their chosen field(s) of sport, whether they be competitors, administrators, coaches, umpires, sports media, sports medicine and others who have made (or continue to make) significant contributions to Australian sport at all levels and have done so as a member of the Ballarat sporting community as identified in the criteria established for recognition.

Induction into The Hall of Fame recognises candidates on the basis of their record of achievement; their ability; integrity; sportsmanship and character.

An individuals record of participation in whatever way is an important but not the only consideration in determining eligibility.

The Hall of Fame committee when considering nominees must have regard to established criteria and are able to admit members in one of the categories of eligibility. In exercising their decision to admit a member they can, at their discretion, choose to admit a member where a person has, in their opinion, deserved recognition albeit where the established criteria might not be entirely established.

The expectation in recognising persons is that the bar for admission is high, recognising “elite” achievement often at National and International level for those sports that participate at the level whilst, in appropriate circumstances, recognition for sports that don't compete Nationally or Internationally.

Categories of membership

Persons may be inducted in The Hall of Fame in one (or both) categories.

- **“Member”** eligible as competitors (retired or still participating);
- **“Associate”** persons deserving recognition, other than competitors, and including administrators, coaches, sports media, sports medicine and others.

Criteria

- The primary criteria is as mentioned above and recognition is granted on the basis of an individuals record of achievement, their ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character.

- A candidate must however establish a significant connection with Ballarat. A eligible candidate will have been:
 - o Been born in Ballarat; or
 - o Has been nurtured in Ballarat for at least five years as a child, young adult, or adult (for example as a student and whose eligibility may have been established whilst residing in and/or competing in Ballarat and beyond;) or
 - o If not born in Ballarat, or nurtured in Ballarat, and has resided outside of Ballarat but has competed or been involved in sport in Ballarat for a period of at least five years.
 - o A significant criteria for recognition is achievement at “elite” level in the sport(s) in which they have competed or served.
 - o Significant long-term service, whilst a relevant factor, does not of itself necessarily satisfy eligibility.

Nomination

- The Committee may, of their own volition, nominate an eligible person for recognition.
- Any person, sporting body or other organisation may nominate a person it considers worthy and eligible for recognition.
- The Committee may publicise The Hall of Fame, the criteria for eligibility and thus encourage interested persons or organisations to consider nomination of an individual.
- The Committee may issue guidelines for the nomination for eligible persons. The nomination shall be in writing; contain a relevant biography; the category in which nomination is made; the candidates history to establish the connection to Ballarat; their record of achievement at Olympic and Commonwealth Games (where applicable); their record of competition or service to their chosen sport(s); their honours and awards held; their records of achievement in terms of games played or coached; their Australian and Victorian records (where applicable), and honours granted in their chosen sport locally, state or national.
- The person or organisation in making the nomination shall, as far as it is able, ensure that the candidate nominated has not, to their knowledge, engaged in conduct or activity that might be prejudicial to The Hall of Fame.

Induction

- On receipt of nominations the committee shall appoint a sub-committee to review and consider the nominations and make recommendations to the committee for decision.

- The sub-committee so appointed shall have discretion to seek further information from a nominee or a person or organisation making the nomination.
- In considering recognition the sub-committee (and ultimately the committee itself) shall have regard to their own considerations but also shall give consideration to and take advice from others in the community who have knowledge of the individual nominated, or of the sport in which the nominee participates, in order to better equip themselves with the information required to properly consider an application.
- A decision of the committee as to recognition (or to decline recognition) shall be final.
- Whilst a candidate may be considered eligible, having satisfied the committee of the relevant criteria, a candidate might otherwise not be eligible for induction if evidence indicates that they have engaged in conduct prejudicial to The Hall of Fame; have demonstrated a lack of integrity; or have a history considered sufficiently serious to warrant them being considered ineligible.

Removal from Hall of Fame

- Having regard to the overriding aims of The Hall of Fame and the matters set out in the consideration of nominees, a person already admitted to The Hall of Fame who, in the opinion of the committee, has shown a lack of integrity and conduct prejudicial to The Hall of Fame or a history considered sufficiently serious are liable to have their name removed from the membership of Hall of Fame.
- A decision of the committee as to removal shall be final.

Induction ceremony and recognition

- The Hall of Fame lists the persons already admitted to The Hall of Fame and may, in other ways, recognise their membership.
- A nominee grants to the committee their approval to publicly list them; their achievements and record, and their image in whatever way the committee deems fit.
- An induction ceremony will be conducted at which time the intended inductee will be in attendance will be formally inducted, and due recognition in the media will be given.