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of Michigan

HALL OF FAME CHANGES



Good day everyone! We hope this finds you healthy and happy. This year has been different from previous years. With Covid-19 being front and center in the news since March, life as we know it has changed. USA Softball of Michigan has been working hard behind the scenes as we, slowly, get back to the ball park. Our commissioners, state umpire staff, and the state office continue to

monitor and review all options to keep those involved with the USA brand of softball as safe as possible while also being able to enjoy this great game. It has been difficult but our USA Softball of Michigan family continues to amaze and inspire us as we meet this challenge head-on! Still, some major changes have taken place regarding a very significant change to our Hall of Fame banquet.

The Hall of Fame banquet is our way to honor those that have given so much to USA Softball of Michigan. After reviewing data from the CDC, WHO, and state/county authorities...a decision has been made by the Executive Committee, based on staff recommendations. We feel it is in the best interest to change the dates of the 2021 and 2022 Hall of Fame banquets. With the fear of a surge of COVID-19 again in the fall and winter, we are concerned about hosting this event in January. Our fear is that there may be a possibility of exposing so many that may be at high risk to this virus, again. Our concern was not only our attendees, but the staff at The H Hotel, as well. Change can be scary, but it can also be exciting. Our new dates for the Hall of Fame banquet are **October 2, 2021** and **October 1, 2022**. We are excited about this change and hope that you will be as well. Though we are still working on certain specific details, we can tell you that the banquet, itself, will not change all that much. When we have more specific details we will be sure to share them with you ASAP. For now, here is what we can tell you...

- Our partnership with The H Hotel is one reason why this event is such a big success and we plan to stay there. The H Hotel and staff are second to none. We will continue to offer the cash bar reception, dinner, and the ceremony to follow
- Due to rising costs, there will be an increase in the cost of tickets. The inductee will still receive two complimentary tickets and a complimentary room for the night. **Hall of Fame member costs and individual attendee ticket costs will be announced at a later date**
- We are also working on additional sponsorship opportunities for this event to help enhance what is already an amazing event. We are grateful to the many people and businesses who have helped us in the past through sponsorship. We hope to make it even more special with additional sponsorship options for the future. Details coming!
- **With these date changes, we are moving the deadline for nominations for the 2021 Hall of Fame to December 1, 2020, and the deadline for the 2022 Hall of Fame to December 1, 2021.** This will allow extra time for nominations to be submitted. The Hall of Fame Committee will meet in late winter/early spring and announcements will go out shortly thereafter

Please mark your calendars now for the 2021 and 2022 dates and deadlines listed above. Again, change can be scary, but it can also be exciting, and 2020 has sure demonstrated this for us. We look forward to seeing you October 2, 2021, and again October 1, 2022, at The H Hotel in Midland.



Hall of Fame Web Page

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