



USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame Guidelines

COMMITTEE

- The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of up to eight (8) members, in good standing with USA Softball of Massachusetts whose appointment is to be confirmed by the USA Softball Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years, in addition to the Local Association USA Softball Commissioner.
- The Committee, after reviewing the nominations, shall meet prior to March 1st of each year, to begin the selection process for the year's inductees.
- Candidates not selected may be resubmitted at a later date with additional information included.

PROCEDURES

- Nominations will close on and must be received by March 1, annually.
- The following items are to be submitted with all nominations:
 - Completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form
 - Letters of Reference
 - Comprehensive Softball Resume
 - Scrapbooks, News Articles, Testimonials and other related materials
- The allocated number of inductees shall be a maximum of five (5) each year.
- Any individual elected to the USA Softball National Softball Hall of Fame who meets USA Softball of Massachusetts requirements, may be elected to the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame.
- Approval of acceptance into the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame requires a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame committee.
- The names of candidates proposed for selection to the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame shall remain confidential and released only to the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame Selection Committee prior to public announcement.
- The USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame committee may, with just cause, recommend removal of an individual elected to the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame.



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NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF PLAYERS

- To be selected as a player for the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame, a person must have been an active player in USA Softball of Massachusetts.
- The length of playing career is to be considered as a factor in the evaluation of candidates. There is no minimum playing time required but it is recommended that candidates have participated in at least five (5) USA Softball of Massachusetts State Tournaments. Accomplishments at local or state level shall be used as a measure for candidacy. Factual and detailed data must be presented to the Hall of Fame Committee as part of the selection process and before a candidate may be accepted. Scrapbooks and newspaper articles are acceptable, also letters from competent references, and a reproducible photo shall be submitted.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENT OF NON-PLAYERS

- Non-player candidates may still be active participants. It is recommended that, to be selected for the USA Softball of Massachusetts Hall of Fame as a non-player, a person shall meet the minimum requirements in one of five categories:
 - Umpire: fifteen years and distinguished themselves in their field.
 - Manager: fifteen years.
 - Sponsor: ten years.
 - Commissioner: fifteen years and in addition, to qualify for this award, the nominee shall have served in some of the following areas: as a vice president; chairman or vice-chairman of a state committee; host of state tournaments; special recognitions received, and or other services to humanity.
 - Meritorious Service: this category could include individuals or organizations which offer any combination of the above categories. Also, an organizer-builder, years of service, financial contributor, etc.