

Guidelines for Sidney Public Schools Athletic "HALL OF FAME"

ARTICLE I: NAME

The Name of this organization shall be the Sidney Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame (hereafter "Hall of Fame"), a program under the auspices, guidance, and jurisdiction of the Sidney Public School Board and Administration.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Hall of Fame is organized to recognize and memorialize the rich heritage and tradition of the successful athletic programs of Sidney High School. It will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving, and honoring the athletes, coaches, and individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic programs of Sidney High School. Many teams and individuals have been influential in the Sidney Eagle tradition of excellence, and the establishment of this Hall of Fame will honor their efforts, and provide outstanding examples of success for others to emulate.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNANCE

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will consist of 9 members. The members will consist of the following:

1. Current Principal of Sidney High School or their appointed representative.
2. Current Athletic Director of Sidney High School
3. Current Sidney Public Schools School Board member.
4. Two current Varsity Head Coaches in the school district.
5. Four at-large community members appointed by members of the set committee.

Founding members will be appointed by the consent of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Education. Future members will be appointed by the Hall of Fame Committee.

All committee members will have full voting privileges concerning committee action.

The committee will be chaired by the Principal, or upon designation, the Athletic Director. A secretary will be appointed by majority consent of those involved. A majority vote of those attending will be required in this process, or any other action the committee undertakes in the satisfaction of its mission.

At-large membership will constitute a three-year term of service. The Hall of Fame Committee will select candidates to fill vacancies or unexpired terms of service.

Five members are necessary for a quorum to conduct business.

ARTICLE IV: CRITERIA FOR SELECTING NOMINEES

Individuals/teams can be nominated representing five categories. The categories include:

1. **ATHLETE**: Any person who distinguished themselves in the field of athletics while attending Sidney High School. Criteria consideration should include All-State and All-American recognition, setting of State records, individual State championships, selections to All-State teams, et al. Nominees must have been graduated for a minimum of ten years to be eligible for inclusion.
2. **ALUMNUS/ALUMNA**: Any person who distinguishes themselves in the field of athletics after graduation from Sidney High School. These criteria might include college or professional participation and/or accomplishments in any athletic related field of endeavor in their post-high school years.
3. **COACH**: Any Sidney Public Schools coach who worked for a minimum of five years and made significant contributions to the athletic programs of Sidney High School. The nominee must be inactive to be eligible for consideration.
4. **TEAM**: Nominees must have been State champions and a minimum of ten years has elapsed since the last date of play for the nominated season(s).
5. **CONTRIBUTOR**: An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic programs offered by the Sidney Public School District other than as a player or coach. Candidate did NOT have to be a Sidney High School alumnus/alumnae.

ARTICLE V: SIZE OF INDUCTION CLASSES

In a comprehensive effort to include the large volume of potential nominees from the storied history of Sidney High School, the number of inductees for the first three years can number up to ten per year. After the third year, the number will be reduced to a maximum of five per year.

ARTICLE VI: PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION

The following procedures shall be utilized for nominations to the Hall of Fame:

1. Candidates may be nominated by...
 - a. The Hall of Fame selection committee
 - b. By former or current faculty, administration, and/or staff
 - c. By former or current members of the Sidney Booster Club(s)
 - d. By Sidney High School alumni

2. Nomination form

- a. All nominations must be submitted on an official Sidney Public Schools nomination form.**
- b. The nomination form shall be available through the Sidney High School office, the Central School Administration office, from the SPS website, or from any member of the Hall of Fame committee.**
- c. The nomination form must be completed/submitted/received by the Hall of Fame committee by June 1st of each year for a candidate to be considered for induction. Induction ceremonies will take place at a home football game in September of the year the candidate is inducted. All nominations received for consideration must contain active and current address and phone number of nominee, and current contact information of family, if the nominee is deceased. Any nomination without supporting material will not be considered. In a team nomination, the year, coach information, and roster of the players will be necessary.**
- d. In addition to the official nomination form, the following materials should be submitted for a candidate's consideration:**
 - 1. A letter of recommendation from the person making the nomination, and any other letters of support from appropriate individuals who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the candidates high school career.**
 - 2. A limited number of Press articles (12 maximum), copies of scorebooks, or statistics may be included to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee.**
 - 3. A suitable photograph, preferably black and white will be needed if the nominee is selected to the Hall of Fame.**

NOTE: Following the initial nomination, a non-selected candidate will remain eligible for consideration for the following five years. After the expiration of this time period, the candidate can only be nominated for consideration by completing the entire process again.

ARTICLE VII: PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING INDUCTEES

Section 1: The Selection Committee

The Hall of Fame selection committee will meet within 30 days following the June 1st nomination date to select candidates based on the criteria presented in this document.

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. Attend regular scheduled meetings (2-4 per year).**

2. **Annually evaluate the nominations of individuals submitted which fulfill the requirements for consideration.**
3. **Approve only those individuals and teams who had significant and/or long term contributions or athletic accomplishments at Sidney High School.**
4. **Annually evaluate and update policies and operational procedures of the Sidney High School Hall of Fame.**
5. **Keep all action(s) of the selection committee confidential.**

Section 3: Voting Procedure

1. **The selection committee shall review candidates based on the information available at the time of the selection meeting.**
2. **The Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall meet as a group to consider and select each year's inductees.**
3. **After open discussion on each candidate's respective merits, the Committee shall vote on the candidates on an individual basis.**
4. **Each committee member shall vote on the candidates in order of preference (1= highest, 2 next highest, etc.).**
5. **The candidates with the LOWEST point totals shall be chosen for induction.**
6. **The annual meeting of the selection committee will be confidential in structure and operation.**
7. **After selection, each honored individual, or surviving family members will be contacted and notified of their selection. Inductees will be feted and recognized on a home football weekend in September of their selection year. Details of the induction ceremony will be left to the good discretion of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.**
8. **Each year's selected honorees will be announced at a summer community activity, chosen by the members of the selection committee.**

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM (Due June 1)
SIDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Nominee: _____ Nominator: _____

Class Year _____

Current Address:

Current Address:

Phone #:

Phone #:

E-mail:

E-mail:

In addition to the information above, the following materials should be submitted for an individual or team to be considered:

_____ A letter of recommendation from the person making the nomination, and any other letters of support from appropriate individuals who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the nominee.

_____ Media articles (up to 12), copies of scorebooks, statistics, etc that also can help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee.

_____ A photo, preferably black and white, suitable for reproduction if the candidate is selected.

****Failure to supply support material will invalidate the nomination.****

ANY CANDIDATE NOMINATED SHALL REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION FOR FIVE YEARS.