

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BY-LAWS

Purpose and Aim

The Dakota State University Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1995 to recognize alumni and Dakota State coaches who have distinguished themselves through their participation in Dakota State athletic programs.

A. Eligibility

1. An athlete or coach becomes eligible for consideration 10 years after his or her last year of competition for Dakota State.
2. The exception of the 10-year rule is as follows: If in the judgment of the selection committee, an athlete or coach has distinguished himself or herself in an extraordinary manner, or if because of extenuating circumstances the committee feels it imperative to induct the athlete or coach, then the 10-year rule may be waived.
3. Athletic excellence is the number one criterion by which an athlete is judged. They must have distinguished themselves by: having attained conference, district, or national honors; established worthy records performed notably in more than one sport; or, displayed exceptional ability establishing themselves as a definite asset to Dakota State's athletic program. Dakota State graduates who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in their coaching career would also be eligible.
4. An athlete or coach should be assessed primarily for their contributions to Dakota State athletics during their careers at the University. The selection committee must reserve the right to disqualify a candidate whose actions or activities shed a negative light on the University.

B. Categories

1. There will be four inductees each year. Of the four (4), one category will be held for a team induction, leaving three (3) remaining individual (coach, athlete, or contributor) inductions. If there is not a team nomination in any given year, all four (4) inductions will be available to individual inductions.
2. There are four categories available for inductees: Athletes, Teams, Coaches, and Contributor.
3. In most cases, only DSU athletes, coaches, and alumni who have established themselves in the coaching profession are eligible for consideration and induction into the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame.
4. An individual may be inducted as a contributor, if he or she has made a significant, positive impact on Dakota State Athletics. That could include – donation, time, sport.

C. Procedures of Induction

1. The number of inductees will be decided each year by the committee.
2. The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will have a list of candidates along with a resume on each, provided at the selection meeting.
3. Selection and induction will be as follows:

- a. Candidates will be elected on a plurality of votes by the committee.
- b. The Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee will then send a letter to all new inductees with pertinent information of induction ceremonies. This should take place at least four months prior to the induction ceremonies.
- c. The inductees will be asked to attend a banquet, in their honor, to be held on an evening during the University's Golf Classic in June.
- d. The inductees must be present at the award banquet to be eligible for the award. If an inductee will not be present, the Hall of Fame Committee shall hold the power to name another nominated coach as an alternate inductee.
- e. Each inductee will be presented a plaque of recognition at the banquet.

D. Showcase for the Hall of Fame Members

All members of Dakota State Athletic Hall of Fame will have a nameplate with the appropriate inscription placed on the Hall of Fame board located in the DSU Field House.

E. Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will include current and past coaching staff, the Sports Information Director(s), the Faculty Athletic Representative, the Ex-Officio, the Alumni Director, a Senior Secretary, and at least two alums. Consideration should be given to include one male and one female for each decade of athletes represented.
2. Replacement of committee members will be decided by a majority vote of the Hall of Fame Committee.
3. The selection committee should be comprised of persons with a sincere commitment to Dakota State and the University's ideals. Decisions that affect the credibility and image of the Hall of Fame must ultimately be made by members of this committee. Their understanding of Dakota State's mission and their unbiased evaluation of candidates must form the foundations of the selection process.
4. If any established member of the Hall of Fame feels they are not available to make the full commitment of service to the Hall of Fame Committee, the member will be asked to inform the Ex-Officio of their departure, thus allowing the committee to appoint a new member.
5. The committee shall meet in November/December of each year to review nominations and determine candidates. A deadline of March 1 the following year shall be set to expedite notification to inductees and allow time for the award preparations.
6. An initial ballot will be distributed to all Hall of Fame inductees to allow input to the selection committee.
7. Final ballots will be sent to each committee member to cast three (3) votes for inductees as well as one alternate, should an inductee be unavailable for the award banquet. These ballots shall be returned to the Hall of Fame Ex-Officio by January 31.

F. Nominations

1. Nominees shall provide a completed nominee form accompanied by a professional resume and/or biography of their nominee.
2. Nominations may be made by members of the faculty, administration, or individual alumni through the Director of Athletics' Office.

http://www.departments.dsu.edu/athletics/awards_honors/hall_of_fame/hall_of_fame_nomination.htm

