



The Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame

Nomination and Selection

Policies and Procedures

Purposes:

- To honor the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals whose significant accomplishments and effect upon the sport in Indiana merit the highest recognition and to honor those who contributed to the growth of soccer in Indiana.
- To provide future generations with exemplary role models and foster public attention to the sport of soccer.

Eligibility

A) General:

Factors of citizenship, national origin, race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation creed and physical condition will not be considered in the nomination or selection process.

Nomination, selection and award may be made posthumously.

B) Outstanding Achievement:

1. Nominee must have been a member of an entity whose institutional aims and program base is, or was, in the State of Indiana.
2. A relevancy between the achievement being recognized and participation in an Indiana-based soccer program must be demonstrated in the nomination submission.

3. Players are eligible for nomination no earlier than five years from the date(s) that the achievement nomination is based. This requirement excludes posthumous nominations.

C) Lifetime Achievement:

1. Nominee must have been a member for not less than **fifteen (15)** years of an organized soccer program, or programs, whose institutional and program base is, or was in the State of Indiana.
2. A posthumous nomination need not meet the above requirements.

D) Waiver of Eligibility Requirement(s):

A waiver of any eligibility requirement(s) specified in this section of the policies and procedures must be submitted in writing at the time of nomination for consideration by the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Nomination and Selection Committees. A waiver may only be granted by consent of the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

Recognition and Merit

A) Outstanding Achievement:

The recognition must be for significant personal achievement in, or contribution to, soccer in Indiana, and may also include accomplishments or service in other states and countries. In addition, the demonstrated, positive effect of such achievement or contribution must have set a clear and recognized example for the soccer community to emulate and regard as a model to be followed for personal achievement.

- Players, Coaches and Referees nominated should have distinguished themselves with an outstanding standard of play and/or performance.
- Administrators, Supporters and Volunteers should have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and/or leadership and should have made significant contributions to the improvement of the sport and its participants.

B) Lifetime Achievement

The recognition must be for accomplishments in or service to soccer over an extended period of not less than **fifteen (15)** years. The contributions must demonstrate a positive effect or influence upon the growth, development, promotion and advancement of the sport of soccer in Indiana, or on those engaged in it. The accomplishments in or service to soccer may also include those in other states or countries.

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- Players, Coaches and Referees nominated should have distinguished themselves with a consistent, high standard of play and/or performance.
- Administrators, Supporters and Volunteers should have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and/or leadership, and should have made significant contributions to the improvement of the sport and its participants.

Nominating Procedure:

1. Nominations must be made in writing to the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Nominations Committee and should address all of the pertinent achievements on which the nomination is based.
2. Nominations should be sent to Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Nominations Committee, 19000 Grand Park Boulevard, Suite J, Westfield, Indiana 46074
3. Nominations should be received no later than November 15 of the year in which it is to be considered.
4. All supporting documentation (for example, letters or statements of recommendations) should accompany the written nomination.
5. Anyone, except immediate family members of the nominee, may send in a nomination.
6. Any Indiana based soccer organization may submit a nomination on behalf of one of its members.

Nominations Committee:

Members:

The Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Nominations Committee is made up of up to seven (7) current members of the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame whose responsibility is to choose the finalist candidates for induction. One member will act as the Chairman of the Committee.

Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive years.

The Nominations Process:

- The Nominations Process is communicated to the Soccer Community through as many means as possible throughout the year.
- Nominations are forwarded to the Nominations Committee by December 15th each year.

- All nominations received each year are reviewed by the Nominations Committee and recommendations forwarded to the Selection Committee.

Selection Procedure:

The Hall of Fame Board of Directors will form a five (5) person Selection Committee. Committee members will meet in person, by conference call, or by email to review the nominations and recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The selections will be made no later than January 15th of each year or as determined by the Board of Directors. In general, up to three inductees may be chosen each year. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the number of inductees if circumstances warrant.

Informing the Inductees:

The Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame will notify those who have been selected for induction into the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame.

Honoring the Inductees:

Inductees will be notified of the date, time and place of an awards ceremony. If deceased, the nearest family member will be contacted to inform them of the posthumous induction and the need for family presence at the induction ceremony. Each inductee will receive a plaque recognizing their achievements and contributions. Inductees will be recognized at the awards ceremony by someone capable of highlighting the achievements of each inductee. The inductee's picture and biographical information will be displayed on the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame web site and in the Indiana Soccer state office. The names and accomplishments of each inductee may be forwarded to the National Soccer Hall of Fame as well as several state and national publications.

Nominees not selected:

A notification letter will be sent (by the Hall of Fame Board of Directors) to the person who nominated any individual not selected for induction. A nomination will be considered for up to three years. A new nomination must be resubmitted for any nominee not selected after three years.

Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Merit Award:

This award may be presented, from time to time, by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and as selected by the members of the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

This Award recognizes a person who does not necessarily reside within the State of Indiana, but has shown exceptional dedication to the sport or to the advancement of the participants in the sport in the state of Indiana.