

Criteria for Hall of Fame Nomination

Mission

To recognize and acknowledge a person who has contributed to the growth of Queensland Baseball through outstanding and or continued achievements within the sport as a player, administrator, umpire, scorer or who has provided continued support and or outstanding service to their club or state for Baseball Qld.

Defining & Primary Criteria.

Competitors and coaches:

- (a) Individuals must have completed a minimum of (15) years club or (8) years state as competitors (except wherein extenuating circumstances dictating a lesser number of years can be identified).
- (b) "Unique and singular achievements" as the basis for selection should be interpreted as inclusive of any one or more of the following multifaceted criteria:

- Minimum number of "A" Grade games played / coached for their respective club/s:
 - 500 for position players & coaches or 15 years.
 - 200 for pitchers.
- Minimum number of years played for their state or National league team:
 - 8 years as a player and 5 years as a coach.
- Membership on championship teams, club or state
- Membership on Australian team(s) of the past
- Acknowledged superiority of skill respective to physical classification
- Demonstration of Sportsmanship of the highest order
- Establishment of distinctive playing records that have stood the test of time.
- Longevity of participation that earns respect on the basis of the true fulfillment of the purposes of sport.

Non-competitors:

Individuals must have served a minimum of (20) years at club level or (15) at State/National level (except wherein extenuating circumstances dictating a lesser number of years can be identified) in the interest of Qld Baseball in the capacity of any one or more of an administrator, umpire, scorers or supporter of Qld Baseball. In this respect, the individual must have demonstrated a clearly unselfish dedication to the sport that has enhanced its development on a local, sectional or national basis. The contribution(s) made to the sport may be made in any of the realms of officiating, administrating, education and the like.

Regional Members

The HoF committee is concerned Members of Regions outside the metropolitan area are disadvantaged because they would not be sufficiently well known by HoF

members to gain final selection. Regions would be better equipped to determine when such nominations be put forward. HoF members are anxious to correct this anomaly.

Therefore, the regions are asked to provide ample evidence that the nominee meets the criteria and conditions for a person to be included in the HoF. Such nominations will then be considered by the HoF members in the same manner as nominations now being received from other sources.

To be elected - Election status

- A nomination must be received by the HOF committee no later than the advertised closing date.
- The nomination must be received utilizing the official document as required by the HOF committee or in conjunction with this document.
- The nomination must include sufficient and substantiated information to justify the progress the nominee to the voting stage of the selection process.
- A minimum of 75% of "YES" votes must be received by a nominee to be accepted as a member by those current members present at the official Hall of Fame election meeting.

If not elected

- If not selected, nominees will automatically remain on the ballot for three (3) consecutive years.
- In order to improve the nominee's prospects, those responsible for the nomination would be well-advised to provide further evidence of the nominee's merit.
- Those who fail to attain induction after 5 years are automatically dropped from the list. They must wait 2 years before their name can be considered again by the HOF committee members.

To assist with clarification and identification of potential new members to the Hall of Fame the following can be applied to the Defining criteria.

Secondary Guiding principals

To assist in judging if a nominee achieves the minimum criteria, please refer to the following to identifying A truly great player, A truly great coach, A truly great official/umpire, A truly great contributor.

For Competitors, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers & Non competitors:

- **Eminence:** Has the nominee contributed achievements in performance, support or contribution to the longevity and growth of Qld Baseball that distinguish the nominee from his or her contemporaries?
- **Permanence:** Is it probable that the nominee's accomplishments will continue to be valued by Qld Baseball of the future?
- **Influence:** Has the nominee's influence been of major significance to Qld Baseball even though contributions may have been confined largely to a single area of interest.

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- **Contribution:** Has the nominee made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Qld Baseball?

Entities considering nominating a player, coach or umpire to the BQ HOF, should ensure their respective candidate is qualified according to the following criteria:

1. Selection is based primarily upon on-field excellence, as opposed to long and loyal service to the game. For on-field personnel, excellence and impact will be evidenced by regular representation at State and National levels, individual awards, and/or outstanding success and achievement on the international stage or professional baseball.
2. In recognition of the importance of statistics to the history of baseball, statistical evidence of outstanding performance, applicable to playing and coaching records, must be provided as supporting evidence for BQ HOF nomination.
3. In the absence of available statistical evidence, potential inductees should be supported through other verifiable means, such as written testimonials and/or oral histories (documented) from multiple sources.
4. Nominees must have participated in a competition, league or team as a registered player of a BQ Club, State Team or Queensland based ABL team for a minimum period of 3 years (seasons).
5. On-field personnel will only be considered for nomination if they have been retired from their on-field roles for 3 years. On-field personnel are considered “retired” if they have not played at **their** highest level for more than 3 years – eg retired from ABL for 3 years but playing division one, would make a candidate eligible.
6. Inductees must meet acceptable standards of integrity, character and sportsmanship, and must not have brought the sport of baseball into disrepute.
7. The BQ HAP reserves the right to crosscheck information provided in support of nominees at its discretion as part of the validation process.

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