

Criteria for Hall of Fame Nomination

Mission

To recognise 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:

1. Individuals must have completed a minimum of 8 years a competitor (except wherein extenuating circumstances dictating a fewer number of years can be identified).
2. "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 years played/coached for their state or National league team:
 - 8 years as a player and 10 years as a coach.
 - Membership on championship state teams
 - Membership on Australian team(s) of the past
 - Professional career (eg: MLB, NPB, KBO, CPBL)
 - 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 15 years at State/National level (except wherein extenuating circumstances dictating a fewer number of years can be identified) in the interest of Qld Baseball in the capacity of any one or more of the following: administrator, umpire, scorer 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 state 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.

Elite Scorer: 15 years of service at National, International or professional junior or adult championship events/competitions (male or female adult or National Youth Championship, ABL and/or Claxton Shield)

Umpire: 15 years at Claxton Shield, ABL, International or professional level (USA, Japan or Korea).

Administrator/Service Provider: 15 years in a voluntary executive position (e.g. Executive Officer, athletic trainer etc) with a Queensland, National or professional junior or adult team participating in a national championship or league.

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

- Nominations must be submitted to the CEO in writing, on the Official HOF Nomination Template which is available on the BQ website.
- Nominations must be submitted in accordance with required timelines and deadlines established by the BQ HAP and published annually on the BQ website.
- For each on-field category (player, coach or umpire) there is title-specific and separate Official BQ HOF Nomination Template, each of which is posted on the BQ website.
- For nominations to be considered, the President/Chairperson of the eligible, nominating entity must be the signatory on the Official BQ HOF Nomination Template in order to authorise the respective nomination.
- Nominations will be called from nominating entities each year at a time determined by the BQ HAP and broadcast by the CEO. At this same time, entities will be advised how many nominations they are permitted to submit.
- A Candidate who is either nominated for the Hall of Fame or is on the Hall of Fame ballot, will not be considered for the Distinguished service award until the outcome of their HoF Nomination has concluded. After the HoF nomination ends, the HAP may contact the nominator of the said nominee to re-submit the nomination.
- There may be a maximum of five HoF Inductees, provided they reach the required voting outcome per year – the HAP may at its discretion recommend to the Board that further successful candidates be inducted in special circumstances.
- 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 a single nominee fails to achieve the required 75% of yes votes in the first ballot, the top five vote getters will proceed to a second-round ballot – if any nominee then receives the required 75%, they will be elected to the Hall of Fame.
- **Nominations for careers prior to 1970:**
Nominations for careers prior to 1970 will be voted on by the Heritage Panel Committee only.

If a nominee receives not more than one vote against their nomination, then that nominee will be recommended to the Board for induction.

There will be no more than one nominee per year inducted by this method.

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.
- Nominees who fail to reach a 25% Yes vote will be dropped from the ballot.
- Those who fail to attain induction after 3 years are automatically dropped from the list. Any nominees dropped from the ballot must wait 2 years before they can be renominated.

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

The following entities are eligible to nominate candidates:

- a. The current Queensland clubs can nominate up to 4 candidates.
- b. The Umpires Association can nominate up to 2 candidates.
- c. Queensland Baseball Scorers can nominate up to 2 candidates.
- d. The Brisbane Bandits can nominate up to 3 candidates.
- e. The BQ HAP can nominate up to 10 candidates.

Each entity should carefully consider the criteria for nomination prior to preparing and making a submission.

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 still be 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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