

# St. Joseph's Catholic School Athletic Hall of Fame By-Laws

## I. Purpose

In order to preserve our athletic history, the St. Joseph's Catholic School Athletic Hall of Fame was originally founded in 2015 and reorganized in 2021. The Athletic Hall of Fame exists for the purpose of recognizing the rich tradition of athletic success at St. Joseph's Catholic School. It serves as a means of honoring and recognizing the athletes, coaches, and supporters who made significant contributions to the Knights' tradition of excellence. The Athletic Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The St. Joseph's Catholic School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee adopts the following bylaws for the Selection Committee:

## II. Selection Committee

- The Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall include the following members and shall consist of no more than 7 members.

### Standing members:

- Athletic Director will be the Committee Chairperson
- One member of the Knights Athletic Booster Club

### At-large members:

- 5 At-Large members, representing a cross-section of years.
- The terms of at-large members shall be staggered so that a minimum of 2 new members will rotate on each voting year as terms expire. The initial Committee shall have 2-3 members who shall have one voting year term, the other 2 members shall have 2-3 voting year terms. Members elected by the standing membership to replace outgoing members of the initial at-large committee shall

serve two voting years. At-large committee members may serve up to two consecutive terms before rotating off for at least a year.

- While there are no explicit qualifications for at-large committee members, care shall be exercised to select members who have knowledge of the athletic history of SJCS and are representative of the various periods of that history. Members of the committee must abstain from voting if a member of his/her immediate family or relative is proposed.
- The standing members shall elect a Secretary. The Secretary will maintain minutes from selection meetings and may be a non-voting member.
- The Committee will be responsible for the selection of Hall of Fame inductees.
- The Committee shall vote on the nominees it determines suitable for consideration. A minimum positive vote of 70% of members present is required for induction.

### **III. Nominations**

- Nominations may be made by anyone, however self-nominations or unsigned/anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
- The Selection Committee has developed a form upon which nominations can be made. The form must be completed and the qualifications of the proposed inductee must be clearly set forth in the form.
- Nominations for consideration may be made by the Selection Committee or by public nominations. Applications for nominations are available on the SJCS website for a publicized period of time every year.
- Nominations must be received by a specified deadline to be considered for the current induction class.
- The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to narrow the field of nominees.
- Nomination forms will be kept and reviewed annually if a candidate is not inducted for the current class.

### **IV. Eligibility/Criteria**

- Athletes, coaches, administrators or supporters, living or deceased, shall be eligible for induction subject to the criteria below. All nominees must represent the St. Joseph's Catholic School tradition of excellence and the values and teachings of the Catholic faith.

### Athletes:

- Eligible 10 years after graduation from SJCS (i.e.; 2011 grad for 2021 induction)
- Must be an SJCS graduate - selection committee will have discretion in unique, special circumstances (i.e.; death, accident).
  - Must have lettered in one or more Varsity sports. Special consideration will be given to those that excelled in multiple sports.
- Athletic ability, sportsmanship, character, leadership, contribution to the team and the games he/she participated in. A similar standard of ethics shall have characterized the years following their time at St. Joseph's Catholic School, to the best of the committee's knowledge.
- Awarded All-Region, All-State, All-Star game participation, any individual or team championship, any record or winning streak, career leader in recognized statistical category, college scholarship, etc. Achievements should be on record and verified by copies of news clippings, yearbooks, certificates of awards, etc. Some All-Star teams, tournaments, and awards were less common in earlier eras and documentation of achievements might not exist, especially for older nominees. This should be taken into consideration.
  - Committee may also consider post-graduate activities including college and professional experience.

### Coaches:

- Any coach with 7+ years coaching experience at SJCS is eligible (the Committee may make exceptions as to years experience in unique, special circumstances).
- The nominee must be inactive.
- Accomplishments (individual or teams) must have merited league and/or statewide recognition, as well as made significant contributions to the athletic programs at SJCS.
- Coaching ability, loyalty to SJCS, leadership, character, athletic expertise, significant contribution to their teams and to the sports they coached must have been demonstrated.
- The same ethical and life standards expected of his/her athletes shall also characterize the life of the coach.

### Administrators/Staff/Volunteers/Supporters

- Exceptional leadership, character, loyalty to SJCS and the passion for, and support of, the success of St. Joseph's athletics is paramount.

*St. Joseph's Catholic School Administration with the Board of Trustees approval reserves the right to remove any individual from the Hall of Fame for conduct, which reflects discredit upon the school.*

## V. Voting Procedures

- The Selection Committee shall review all candidates based on information available at the time of the meeting.
- The Selection Committee shall admit up to 3 Athletes, up to 1 Coach and up to 1 Administrator/Staff/Volunteer/Supporter each year.
- After open discussion about candidates, the Committee shall call for a vote for the purpose of selecting inductees. The nominee must receive a 70% approval rating from all voting members.
- Every effort should be made to induct *deserving* candidates who are more senior in age before more recent graduates, while attempting to represent a good cross-section of graduation year/age, sport, male/female in a given induction class. The nominees will be presented to the Headmaster by the Selection Committee for his/her approval. The Headmaster may veto any candidate presented by the Committee for induction if in his/her judgment, the candidate does not exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, character and leadership as described in Section IV.
- The voting procedure and details must be kept confidential.
- Hall of Fame selections will be announced after the individuals have been notified and their acceptance of the induction and participation in the ceremony are verified.

## VII. Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

- An Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will occur every year.
- The Athletic Department and Athletic Booster Club will oversee the planning of the ceremony.

- Each inductee must make every attempt to attend the Hall of Fame ceremony. If the inductee is deceased, a representative must make every attempt to attend the ceremony.
- On the evening of the induction, new members and up to four family members will be guests of honor at the induction dinner and will be admitted free of charge.
- New members are presented with a Hall of Fame memento and their name will be listed in the St. Joseph's Hall of Fame.

## **VIII. Bylaws**

- The Committee reserves the right to amend the Bylaws, if needed.