

Article I: Purpose/Belief Statements

We Believe:

1. Participation in athletics helps prepare students for future success
2. Involvement in athletics cultivates pride in school and community
3. Involvement in athletics nurtures respect for others and promotes cooperation, teamwork, and work ethic
4. Achievement in academics and activities influences excellence in life endeavors
5. The history and tradition at South St Paul High School has established a strong and stable foundation for activities and programs

Therefore;

Participants who have attained excellence by virtue of their involvement in athletics are deserving of recognition.

Article II: Membership

Candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame must satisfy the qualifications in one of the following categories:

A. Athletic Achievement: A former South St. Paul student who performed with excellence in a high school level sport. Must be out of school for at least ten (10) years. Nominees may be living or deceased.

B. Coaches/Directors/Advisors: A former or present mentor who has distinguished him or herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character and achievement during his or her tenure at South St. Paul. Nominees may be living or deceased.

C. Packer Backer: A person who has been a loyal supporter of South St. Paul Athletics.

D. Teams: Teams that are distinguished through outstanding achievement or significant accomplishment may also be considered.

Article III: Committee

A. Membership

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of at least 10 At-Large committee members with the SSP Activities Director and the SSP Open President as non-voting member liaisons.

B. Terms of Service

Each of the At Large committee members shall serve a three-year staggered term with a maximum of four terms served. New committee members must be approved by a majority of current committee members.

C. Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson shall be selected by the committee at the beginning of each year. Those eligible may self-nominate to serve as chair or by another committee member and must be approved by 2/3 of the committee members. The chairperson's term is three years; and may serve in that position a maximum of three terms or nine years.

D. Duties

The primary duty of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall be the annual selection of individuals to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Additional responsibilities may be assigned and sub-committees may be created as needed. Committee members are expected to attend committee meetings and Athletic Hall of Fame induction events.

E. Meetings

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will meet at least three times per year with additional work carried out via postal/electronic mail:

January: Discuss new committee members to be added for the next meeting, review bylaws, assess previous induction events and make recommendations for change

April/May: Introduce nominations, discuss any historical research on those not nominated

May/June: Discussion of nominees, final selection of inductees

*Additional meetings as needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Committee

Article IV: Nominations/Eligibility

A. Nomination Form: The committee may solicit nominations from members of the greater South St Paul community and the nomination form will be found on the South St Paul Schools website and also on the SSP Open website. Nominations should be on the appropriate form and should be supported by accurate and specific information, including justification for induction.

B. Deadline for Nominations: Nominations should be submitted by April 1st for consideration for that year's class of inductees. Qualified nominees not selected for induction may remain on the master nomination list.

C. Public Announcement: Hall of Fame classes will be announced at the SSP Open Dinner with the official induction ceremony to be held on the Friday of Homecoming at the Secondary Building.

Article V: Selection of Inductees

A. A quorum (one more than half of the committee members) must be present for Athletic Hall of Fame business to be conducted.

B. To earn selection into the Athletic Hall of Fame, a nominee must receive a vote from two-thirds of the selection committee.

C. No more than five individuals and one team may be selected each year for induction.

Significant effort will be made for at least one athlete or coach to be 50 years removed from SSP High School.

D. Induction Criteria For Athletes: The Selection Committee will use the following as guidelines:

1. Number of years as an All-Conference selection
2. Number of years as an All-State selection(s), or other performance based recognition (All Metro for example)
3. State place winner, top 6 medalist, number of times, number of sports, top 6 state place winner
4. Statistical leader or record holder at SSP High School, Conference, Region, or State
5. Earned an MVP award or elected a Captain or Co-Captain in a selected sport with consideration of how successful the team(s) were
6. Earned Honor Athlete at SSP or the Athena Award
7. Post High school accomplishments – collegiate, professional, international recognition (Olympian for example), and any extraordinary circumstances will be considered
8. The committee reserves the right to consider whether he/she contributed to society in a positive or negative way and also acknowledges that no single guideline item makes a nominee's induction automatic. Rather, selection is up to the discretion of the committee

Article VI: Induction Ceremony

A. A perpetual display containing the names of all members of the Athletic Hall of Fame will be maintained by the SSP Activities Department somewhere in the secondary building.

B. An Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonial keepsake will be given to each inductee at the induction ceremony.

C. The induction ceremony will take place on the Friday of Homecoming week at the South St Paul Secondary building.

Article VII: Changes

Changes to these guidelines must be proposed by members of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. Proposed changes shall become effective upon the agreement of a simple majority of the committee.