



Deer Park High School Hall of Fame Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Section 1 | NAME

The name of the organization is the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame.

Section 2 | PURPOSE

The Deer Park High School Hall of Fame was established to honor those who have dignified Deer Park with their own excellence and their contributions to their community, as well as celebrate those whose roots are in Deer Park.

Our Hall of Fame is unique in that it not only features prominent alumni of Deer Park, but also includes worthy members of the staff and administration that have contributed to Deer Park Schools over the course of its history. There is a great variety of accomplishments that have promoted people into the Hall of Fame. While this is not specifically an Athletic Hall of Fame, we do have athletes here. We also have members who have had wonderful careers in many fields, as well as members whose student achievements were exemplary. We have teachers, principals, coaches, superintendents, athletic directors...dancers, athletes, scholars, musicians, actors...volunteers, leaders, philanthropists. The only true requirement is that you honor Deer Park by serving our community, our nation, and our world.

ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY, MANAGEMENT, AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 | AUTHORITY

The Committee of the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame shall have such authority as granted by a representative of the Deer Park Board of Education. The Board of Education member shall be a member of the Committee. The managing of operations and financing of all activities shall be conducted by the Committee.

Section 2 | MANAGEMENT

The Committee shall determine policy and procedures, and elect members to the Hall of Fame.

Section 3 | MEMBERSHIP

The committee shall consist of a Board of Education Member, the High School Principal, the President of the Deer Park Wildcat Boosters, at least four hall of fame members representing a cross-section of decades, and other members as selected by the Committee. The Committee shall have no more than twelve members in addition to the Board of Education Member, the High School Principal, and the President of the Deer Park Wildcat Boosters.

Section 4 | COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by nomination by current Committee members subject to the confirmation of a majority of the Committee members.

Section 5 | QUORUM

At all meetings of the Committee, the presence of more than 50% of the Committee members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 6 | AGENDA

It shall be the duty of the Chairperson of the Committee to prepare the agenda and determine the procedures for all meetings of the Committee.

Section 7 | PROXY VOTING

Committee members shall not be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 8 | OFFICERS

The officers shall be Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary, all of whom shall be elected by the Committee. No person shall hold more than one office at a time. The Secretary will maintain minutes from selection meetings (as well as general Hall of Fame meetings) and shall be responsible for, in collaboration with other committee members, verifying information submitted with nominations and with preserving the Deer Park nomination records.

The terms of officers shall be two years from January 1 to December 31. The officers shall hold office until their respective successors are chosen. Any officer elected by the Committee may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Committee members.

If any office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chairperson shall appoint one of the remaining Committee members to fill the vacant position. Each officer shall have all the general powers and duties usually vested in that office.

ARTICLE III: CRITERIA FOR NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 | NOMINEES

Nominees must be former students or staff (teacher/administrator/coach) who have graduated from and/or served at Deer Park High School. Members of the committee will have discretion in unique and/or special circumstances when a student did not graduate from Deer Park High School (i.e. death, accident). Special teams may also be nominated for selection into the Deer Park Hall of Fame. The committee may also consider post-graduate activities including college and professional experience. All nominees must represent the Deer Park Schools tradition of excellence and values.

Former students and teams will be eligible for nomination either 10 years from graduation or 10 years from the team's accomplishment(s) that would warrant nomination into the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame.

Former staff (teacher/administrator/coach) will be eligible for nomination into the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame 5 years from the time their employment with Deer Park Schools ended.

Should members and/or relatives of members of the committee be nominated, that committee member will be excused from the discussion session and voting on such a candidate.

The Deer Park Hall of Fame Committee reserves the right to remove any individual from the Hall of Fame for personal conduct, which reflects discredit upon the school.

ARTICLE IV: NOMINATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION

Section 1 | NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee shall review all candidates based on information available at the time of the meeting.

Section 2 | NOMINATION PROCESS

Annually, beginning in December, the Committee shall publicize the nomination process. Nomination forms will be made available on-line at <https://www.deerparkcityschools.org/athletics/hall-of-fame>. A completed nomination form must be submitted to the Deer Park Board of Education Office at 8688 Donna Ln., Cincinnati, OH. 45236. Nominations will be accepted at the Board of Education Office from January 1st through March 31st of each year.

Nominations may be made by anyone, however, self-nominations or unsigned/anonymous nominations will not be accepted.

Section 3 | SELECTION OF HONOREES

The Committee will convene in April to review all nominees and to then select the nominees for induction into the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame.

After open discussion about candidates, the committee shall call for a vote for the purpose of selecting inductees. To be accepted into the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame, the nominee must receive a 75% approval rating from all voting members.

Absent committee members will forfeit their right to vote, however, all attempts will be made to schedule a meeting day and time that is conducive to all committee members.

An attempt will be made to have a representation of both men and women in the final selection, candidates representing various decades, and candidates representing the three nominating categories.

- a. Student
- b. Staff Member (Teacher, Administrator, Coach)
- c. Distinguished Alumnus

The committee shall induct no more than 5 nominees per year (can be waived by two-thirds vote of the selection committee).

Nominations for people not selected to the Hall of Fame will be retained for consideration for two additional years.

Section 4 | CONFIDENTIALITY

All deliberations of the Committee during the selection process shall be bound to strict confidentiality.

Section 5 | HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT

Hall of Fame selections will be announced in June after the individual(s) have been notified and their acceptance of the induction and participation in the ceremony are verified.

ARTICLE V: HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Section 1 | HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

A Deer Park High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony may occur every year between September 1st and October 31st.

The Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee will oversee the planning of the ceremony. All committee members are welcome to serve on the planning team.

On the evening of induction, new members are guests of honor at the induction ceremony. The inductee will be officially introduced into the Deer Park Hall of Fame at the induction ceremony.

New members are presented with a Hall of Fame memento and their name will be listed on a Hall of Fame plaque, which will be permanently displayed at Deer Park High School.

Section 2 | ATTENDANCE

Each inductee must attend the Hall of Fame ceremony. If the inductee is deceased, a representative must attend the ceremony. In the case of an emergency or other hardship, which precludes the inductee or representative from attendance, the Hall of Fame Committee will make the appropriate decision regarding induction.

ARTICLE VI: BYLAWS**Section 1 | AMENDMENT**

The Committee shall have the authority to amend these by-laws by majority vote. No amendment shall be adopted that will affect the process for the current year. Any adopted amendments will take effect prior to the call for nominations in the subsequent year.