

## Madison Southern Hall of Fame Guidelines

### **Committee Members:**

The Athletic Director shall serve as the Hall of Fame Committee Chair and will nominate individuals to serve on the committee. Once nominated to the committee there is no term limit. There is no set number of members, but if a member does resign then a replacement will be sought. For future committees, the athletic director should make every effort to have representatives from various decades and represent a variety of different groups. To have an official induction you must have at least 5 members serving on the committee.

The initial committee formed during the 2023-24 school year will consist of the following:

James Simmons —Current Athletic Director

Robert Montgomery—Assistant Athletic Director or Teacher

David Gilliam—Superintendent, Former Principal, athletic director, and lifetime Madison County Resident

Jeremy Phillips— Current Principal or Asst. Principal

Abby Darst—SBD Current Member

Ethan Lake—Community Member MSHS Graduate

Brain Bertrand-- Longest Tenured Male Coach

Katy Cress--Longest Tenured Female Coach

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Madison Southern High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to commemorate those athletes, teams, coaches, and honorary members who have attained excellence above and beyond that of their contemporaries and those individuals who have and/ or continue to make a lasting impact on athletics at Madison Southern High School.

### **Guiding Principles for Committee Members:**

This Hall of Fame represents those who have contributed and excelled at the high school level at Madison Southern. However, it is prudent to consider the accomplishments of those who have gone on to represent Madison Southern well at the collegiate and professional level.

The committee shall make every effort to ensure gender equity in total Hall of Fame inductions of athletes, teams, and coaches.

The committee shall make efforts to have various sports represented for the sports that have been played for multiple decades at the time of voting.

The committee reserves the right to waive the period of years and age limitations for an individual to be considered if an individual under consideration has extreme circumstances.

### **Nomination Process:**

Anyone may nominate a team or individual for consideration by the Hall of Fame committee. There shall be a Hall of Fame nomination form made available to the public by the Athletic Director.

Nominations may be accepted year-round. However, only those nominations received by March 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year shall be considered for the vote that spring for the class to be inducted the following school year. Teams or individuals nominated will need to be renominated each year for consideration.

Anyone nominating a team or individual will be encouraged to provide documentation - such as newspaper articles, stat sheets, etc. to turn in along with the nomination form. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to gather and copy these materials to distribute to committee members well ahead of the voting date.

### **NUMBER OF INDUCTEES**

- The initial class of 2024 shall include up to **10 inductees**, which includes up to coaches, team, and contributors
  
- Classes beginning in 2024 and thereafter shall be comprised of not more than **6 inductees**, which will include a maximum of one coach or contributor.

### **NOMINATION OF INDUCTEES**

Individuals may be nominated in THREE categories:

1. **ATHLETE** – A former high school athlete whose achievements as a high school athlete were extraordinary. To be eligible an athlete must be out of high school at least 5 years.
2. **COACH** – A former coach whose accomplishments as a high school coach merit recognition and who has been inactive as a coach for a minimum of 5 years.

Coaches would be considered on the merits of their high school coaching achievements and contributions to Madison Southern.

3. **CONTRIBUTOR** – An individual who has made outstanding contributions to athletics in some capacity other than athlete or coach. Such as areas including but not limited to athletic administrators, sports medicine, sports media, or financial support.
  - All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long-term contributions to Madison Southern High School

#### **Team Nominations:**

1. All teams/coaches that have won a state title as sanctioned by the KHSAA that were open to all classes will automatically be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
2. All individuals who have won a state title as sanctioned by the KHSAA will automatically be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
3. Any individual finishing as state runner-up in an event sanctioned by the KHSAA and open to all classes will automatically be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
4. Highly successful teams will be eligible for nomination. A minimum of 5 years after the completion of that school year.

#### **Ceremony/Awards for the Hall of Fame:**

There will be a Hall of Fame Ceremony each school year at either a home football or basketball game depending on the makeup of the given class for that year. All inductees and their families will get free admission into the game. It will be the responsibility of the athletic director to communicate with those individuals being inducted and the media as to the specifics of the ceremony and all inductee information.

For teams being inducted it will be the responsibility of the nominator to communicate with all team members concerning ceremony attendance.

All those inducted as individuals will receive a certificate to commemorate their induction at the ceremony.

All team members of teams being inducted will receive a certificate to commemorate their induction during the ceremony. Only those coaches, team doctors, players, and managers will receive recognition.

The Athletic Director shall have a space at Madison Southern devoted to Hall of Fame inductees.