

# Whitfield School Athletic Hall of Fame

## Mission Statement

The Whitfield Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) exists to recognize and honor Whitfield alumni athletes and coaches for their achievements and/or contributions to the Whitfield School Athletic Program.

## Hall of Fame Committee

Athletic Hall of Fame classes will be formally inducted every five years, specifically in those years ending in 0 and 5. The AHOF Committee will be selected two years prior to the upcoming induction ceremony, will be active for those two years in addition to six months after the ceremony, and then will be dormant until five total years have passed. Then, a new AHOF Committee will be selected. Committee members may reapply to be on the new committee. The committee will be composed of the following members according to the below process.

- The Whitfield School Athletic Director will serve as Chair.
- The Head of School, Assistant Head of School, and Director of Alumni Relations will serve on the committee.
- Up to seven alumni to allow for broad representation and diverse membership will serve on the nomination committee. Each alumna/us will serve for a three-year term (two years preceding the induction year and one afterward).
- Prospective Hall of Fame committee members will submit an application to the Athletic Director two years prior to the next AHOF induction year (submission years end in 3s and 8s). The exception will be in 2024 when applications are submitted for the 2025 AHOF.

## Nomination Criteria

- **Athletes:** An athlete may be eligible for nomination into Whitfield's AHOF after five years following graduation from Whitfield. The nominee must have had athletic success at the high school varsity level in one or more sports. Personal integrity, sportsmanship, and honorable character are also factors considered.
- **Coaches:** A coach may be eligible for nomination into Whitfield's AHOF after having had coaching success at the high school varsity level. Coaches become eligible one year after leaving Whitfield, through either retirement or a professional move. Personal integrity, sportsmanship, and honorable character are also factors considered.

### **Special Nomination Criteria**

- Under unique circumstances, the AHOF Committee has the ability to waive the year and/or graduation requirements with  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the committee. Special criteria might include the following:
  - Selected into any national hall of fame
  - Achieved a world record
  - Has participated in the Olympics and/or World Games representing the United States
  - Played and won an amateur national championship or professional championship on a team or as an individual
- The committee has the right to waive criteria and expand the number of inductees in a given year with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote.

### **Nomination Process**

- Induction years will be those ending in 0s and 5s.
- Nominations will begin 1.5 years before the induction year.
- Nominations for consideration into the Whitfield Athletic Hall of Fame may be by committee members or by alumni and other adult (non-student) community members. Applications for nominations will be available online through the athletic website.
- There will be up to 6 inductees every 5 years.
- Once nominated, nominees will be active for eight years and thus up for review in the following nomination cycle.
- A quorum must be present to vote.
- In the voting process, there will be two votes taken. In the initial vote, each member will vote for 133% of the maximum number of inductees of the given year (i.e. inducting 6, vote for 8). The candidates with the most votes (i.e. top 8) will then be voted upon a second time. Each committee member will then vote for up to the maximum amount of inductees for the given year (i.e. 6). The maximum number of inductees with the most votes will then receive the Whitfield Athletic Hall of Fame award. However, in order to receive this award, each candidate must appear on a minimum of 50% of the voting committee's ballots.
- Notification and Induction:

- Once approved, the selected inductees are notified of their induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame by the Director of Athletics.
  - Event and attendee details will be organized by the Director of Alumni Relations and the Director of Athletics.
  - An induction ceremony is organized to honor the inductees, celebrate their achievements, and formally induct them into the Hall of Fame.
  - The ceremony may include speeches, presentations, and recognition of their contributions.
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- Hall of Fame members can be removed from the Whitfield Athletic Hall of Fame for conduct unbecoming of a Whitfield School community member, as determined by the Head of School.
  - The committee will review the nomination process post-AHOF Induction Ceremony. Any revisions to the by-laws shall be proposed within 6 months of the ceremony and must be passed with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the committee.