

Community Mercer County Schools Athletic Hall of Fame - By-Laws

Mission Statement

The Mercer County Schools Athletic Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor Mercer County Schools Student-Athletes, Coaches, and Team Sports Contributors for their achievements and/or contributions to Mercer County Athletic programs.

* It is recognized that Mercer County Schools encompasses Cornishville, Harrodsburg, McAfee, Mercer County, Rose Hill, Salvisa, Shakertown, and Westside.

Hall of Fame Committee

- The Mercer County High School Athletic Director will serve as the Chairman or the Committee Designee.
- Prospective Hall of Fame Committee members must submit an application to the athletic director. The committee will select up to nine (9) members, including Board Members, Superintendents, Administration, Community Members, Coaches, etc.
- The secretary is to be appointed by the Athletic Director and is a non-voting member. The secretary will be responsible for keeping historical files on all nominees.
- Committee members who are nominated for the Hall of Fame will not be involved in the nomination process or discussion and shall be excused from the voting process.
- This committee will be responsible for choosing from those individuals and teams recommended through the application process. They will use the criteria set forth by the committee to make the determination.

Nomination Criteria

ATHLETE: A former high school athlete from any Mercer County school whose high school achievements were extraordinary. Athletes must have graduated ten (10) years before nomination. Those schools include Cornishville, Harrodsburg, McAfee, Mercer, Rose Hill, Salvisa, Shakertown, and Westside.

COACH: A former coach from any Mercer County school whose accomplishments in coaching merit recognition. Coaches must have been inactive for at least three (3) years or reached the age of 65.

CONTRIBUTOR: An individual who has made outstanding contributions to athletics outside of being an athlete or coach. This includes roles in athletic administration, sports medicine, sports media, and other significant contributions.

ALUMNUS / ALUMNA: Any person who distinguished himself/herself in the field of athletics after graduation.

TEAM: A team that has achieved special recognition for capturing championships and/or for historical significance. Teams can be nominated after 5 years following their season. Examples of team nominations are historical significance (first team, etc.), State or Regional Championships, or set school, state, or national records.

Special Nominees

- Under unique circumstances, the Hall of Fame committee can waive the number of years requirement and/or graduation requirements with a 2/3 majority vote of the committee.

Nomination Process

- Nominations for consideration into the Mercer County Athletic Hall of Fame may be by committee members or by public nominations. Applications for nominations will be available at the Mercer County School Board of Education office, the Mercer County Senior High School, and online through the Mercer County Schools website, Mercer.kyschools.us, listed under "Hall of Fame".
- The number of inductees for each category per year are as follows:(*)

Athletes- up to 5	Coaches - up to 2
Teams - up to 2	Contributor - up to 2

(*) With the exception of the 2025 Establishment Year, inductees will be as follows:

- 10 individuals will be inducted for the first 5 years, (2025 - 2029).
- These 50 inductees will make up the First Class, (Hall of Fame Class of 2025).
- Then up to 5 individuals and 2 teams will be inducted each year after following the initial 50.

Basic Timeline

- October - Ceremony
- November - Evaluate ceremony and process. Review by-laws
- January 1 - Will begin accepting nominations through April 1st.
- April - Nominations go to the committee.
- May - Committee votes
- June - Announcement of new members (Awards ordered)
- Once nominated, nominees will be active for 5 years. After 5 years, those not selected will be placed on an inactive list and be eligible for re-nomination.
- A quorum must be present to vote.
- All voting will be done by a majority vote. (50% + 1)
- Revisions to the by-laws shall be presented at the November meeting. Revisions shall be passed with a 2/3 vote of the entire committee.