

Grand Island High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Nomination Criteria by Category

The Grand Island High School Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the school's athletic program through excellence, leadership, and dedication. Nominees must meet the criteria outlined below for their respective category.

1. Athlete Category

Eligibility Requirement:

- Must have graduated from Grand Island High School at least **15 years prior** to nomination.

Selection Criteria:

Nominees should demonstrate a high level of achievement and character, including:

- **Athletic Excellence:**
 - Recognition such as All-League, All-Western New York (WNY), All-State, or comparable honors
 - Consistent high-level performance during their high school career
 - Standing in school records; seasonal, career
 - **Team Success:**
 - Significant contributions to successful teams
 - Participation in championship or high-achieving programs
 - **Leadership & Character:**
 - Demonstrated leadership qualities (e.g., team captain, role model)
 - Strong sportsmanship and respect for teammates, opponents, and officials
 - **Post-Secondary Accomplishments**
 - Did the nominee compete at the collegiate level? What level?
 - Personal accomplishments; statistical, records, leadership, academic
 - Team Success
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2. Coach / Administrator Category

Eligibility Requirement:

- Must be **retired for at least 5 years** from their role at Grand Island High School.

Selection Criteria:

Nominees should reflect long-term impact and excellence in leadership, including:

- **Leadership & Program Impact:**
 - Demonstrated excellence in leadership and program development
 - Transformational influence on student-athletes and/or athletic programs
 - **Success & Respect:**
 - Teams consistently performed at a high level
 - Programs were widely respected for competitiveness and integrity
 - League, Sectional Championships
 - **Commitment & Dedication:**
 - Long-standing service to the district
 - Commitment to student-athlete growth, both on and off the field
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3. Honorary Category

Eligibility Consideration:

- Individuals who may not fit traditional athlete or coach categories but have made meaningful contributions to athletics.

Selection Criteria:

Nominees may include individuals who:

- **Behind-the-Scenes Contributions:**
 - Provided exceptional support to the athletic program (e.g., administrators, volunteers, community members)
 - Played a key role in the growth or success of athletics at Grand Island
- **Non-School Sponsored Athletic Excellence:**
 - Achieved high levels of success in sports not offered by the district (e.g., rugby or other non-sponsored sports)
- **Lasting Impact:**
 - Demonstrated a significant and lasting positive influence on Grand Island athletics