

Wallkill Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame Handbook



Athletic Department

Committee Members

Facilitator:

Noah Hershfield

Coaches:

Jennifer Gravelle

Julie Michella

Sean Murphy

Brian Vegliando

Community Members:

Cindy Detz

William Hecht

Cindy Wohlgemuth

At-Large:

Todd Andrews

Eric McLaud

Vacated Committee Member: If a position is vacated, the committee will make a recommendation to the facilitator for a member/members they feel possess the background and appropriate qualifications to act as a committee member. If no recommendation is made, the facilitator can make a recommendation to the committee to be voted upon. If in the event the committee is comprised of an even number of members, the facilitator will be authorized to cast a vote in the process.

Vision and Purpose

The Wallkill Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame's vision is to enhance our community's strong history of connectedness through the lens of athletics. Our purpose is to celebrate the success of noteworthy athletes, coaches, teams, and other community members for their accomplishments and contributions to the Wallkill Central School District's Athletic Programs.

Organization/Wallkill Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

The Wallkill Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall be made up of:

- The Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, who will serve as a facilitator to the committee and will not vote on nominees unless there is a tie*
- Four (4) active coaches (at least one male and one female)*
- Three (3) community members (one must be a member of Wallkill's BOE)*
- Two (2) At-large members (former coach, Hall of Fame Member, Previous District Administrator, etc.)*

Eligibility and Criteria for Inaugural Year (2026-2027 School Year)

- Any individual athlete who is nominated for consideration must be ten (10) years removed from Wallkill Senior High School (ex: Student A who graduated in 2015 would not be eligible until 2025)*
- Any team who is nominated for consideration must have completed their season ten (10) scholastic years removed from said season*
- Any Administrator/Coach/Community Member/Staff Member who is nominated for consideration will have had a significant impact on the Wallkill Senior High School Athletic Program*
- Up to eight (8) individuals and one (1) team per year*

Eligibility and Criteria Beginning in 2027-2028 School Year and Beyond

- Any individual athlete who is nominated for consideration must be five (5) years removed from Wallkill Senior High School (ex: Student A who graduated in 2015 would not be eligible until 2020)*
- Any team who is nominated for consideration must have completed their season five (5) scholastic years removed from said season*
- Any Administrator/Coach/Community Member/Staff Member who is nominated for consideration will have had a significant impact on the Wallkill Senior High School Athletic Program*
- Up to five (5) individuals or teams per year*

Nomination and Presentation of Candidates

- *The nomination form for the Wallkill Central School District Hall of Fame can be found on the Wallkill Athletics Webpage*
- *All nomination forms and supporting materials (ex: newspaper clippings, statistics, letters of recommendation, etc.) will be submitted to the Athletic Office for review no later than April 1st each spring. Induction will occur in the Fall of the following school year*
- *The Wallkill Central School District Hall of Fame committee will review all nomination forms each spring*
 - *The facilitator will screen all nominations prior to calling the committee together for a vote*
 - *Five (5) members of the committee must be present for a vote to take place*
 - *In the event of a tie, the facilitator will cast a vote*
 - *A nominee is eligible for induction five (5) years from the time the nomination form is submitted*
- *The Athletic Department will honor the inductees with a buffet-style dinner on the Thursday evening before the Homecoming game*
 - *The Athletic Office may opt to hold the ceremony in the gymnasium, cafeteria, or at a local restaurant*
 - *A program will be created by the Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, that includes a Keynote speaker (Coach, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, Teammate, etc.)*
- *The successful candidates will be introduced to the community each year at the school's annual Homecoming Football Game in the Fall as part of a halftime ceremony*

Character Clause: *In addition to athletic achievement, nominees must represent the values of respect, responsibility, and positive citizenship in which Wallkill embodies.*

Nomination Form

Wallkill Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame

Date: _____

All nomination forms must be accompanied by:

1. *Current resume (include Wallkill Senior High School and post-secondary achievements including local, state or national recognition and honors).*
2. *Supporting materials (newspaper articles, letters of recommendation from former coaches and/or players).*
3. *Other relevant materials and information.*

Nominee can be an individual athlete, team, coach, administrator, staff member, or community member that made a significant contribution to Wallkill Athletics.

Nominee's/Team Name: _____

Graduating Class (If applicable): _____ or Years Active (If applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Nominating Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Role of person making the nomination: (Check One)

Staff _____ **Coach** _____ **Alumnus** _____ **Community Member** _____ **Other**

Please elaborate below why you feel this nominee should be inducted. Be sure to include accomplishments, contributions, or any other facet of their athletic career at Wallkill. Should you need more space, feel free to continue on the back, or provide an attachment.

Varsity Teams Played / Coached by Nominee: _____

Awards Earned by Nominee: _____

Please submit via mail or email to Nhershfield@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us or mail directly to:

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