

CONSTITUTION FOR THE MINNEOTA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

ARTICLE 1: PREAMBLE

The Minneota High School Athletic Hall of Fame is a memorial to the outstanding athletes who, through their citizenship and athletic achievements, have brought honor to themselves, their school, and community. The Hall of Fame also recognizes coaches and community members who have given of themselves for the betterment of athletics at Minneota High School.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

Minneota has a long and rich tradition of athletic competition and accomplishments. It is only fitting that the school and the community remember, recognize, and honor the outstanding achievements and contributions of the past.

ARTICLE 3: CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Candidates for membership in the Minneota High School Athletic Hall of Fame shall be former Minneota High School students and coaches or other individuals who have met the requirements set forth in this constitution. Candidates must receive a **75%** majority vote from the selection committee in order to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Candidates are eligible through three categories:

ATHLETE: A former Minneota athlete who performed with excellence and lettered in a varsity sport. Nominees must be, or have been, a credit to the high school and community. Inductees may be either living or deceased. Candidates must be a Minneota High School graduate and out of school for at least **10** years.

COACH: A nominee must be a former coach who has distinguished himself/herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character, and athletic achievement during his/her tenure at Minneota High School.

CONTRIBUTOR: A person who has been a loyal and devoted supporter of Minneota High School athletics or who has distinguished himself/herself in athletics and brought state or national recognition to Minneota, Minnesota.

ARTICLE 4 AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

This constitution may be amended by a **75%** majority vote of the selection committee.

BYLAWS OF THE MINNEOTA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

ARTICLE 1: SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The selection committee shall consist of the high school activities director, one (1) female coach, one (1) male coach, one (1) school board member, and eight (8) other individuals who are either residents of the Minneota High School District, alumni, or past/present employees of the Minneota School District. The initial members will be selected by a planning committee.

Non-coaching committee members shall serve for as long as they wish. Coaches may serve as long as they are coaching within the Minneota High School system.

As committee members resign, new members shall be approved by a majority vote of the remaining committee members. The chair and the secretary will be elected to their respective positions at the initial meeting of the selection committee.

ARTICLE 2: VOTING RIGHTS

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. A committee member may not cast a vote for his/her own induction or for the induction of an immediate family member.

ARTICLE 3: COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be formed with the chair making committee assignments.

FUNDRAISING: This committee will solicit funding from within the community, sports booster clubs, and other sources. All monies will be held in the Hall of Fame account at the Bank of the West. Any costs for plaques, postage, printing, banquet expenses, etc. will be paid from this account.

INFORMATION COMMITTEE: It shall be the responsibility of this committee to contact all individuals nominated for induction into the ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME. The committee should complete and condense this information to be used at the induction ceremony. It shall be the responsibility of the information committee to retain information gathered on all nominees (inducted or not inducted). This information should be available in the Hall of Fame file in the Athletic Director's office and in the K-12 Principal's office.

PUBLICITY/CEREMONYCOMMITTEE: This committee of two (2) people shall be responsible for publicizing the ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME, organizing the induction ceremony, ordering the plaques, and handling all communication with the inductees.

ARTICLE 4: NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms will be made available at the Minneota K-12 Office. All nomination forms will be collected by the K-12 Principal and/or High School Activities Director.

Nominations for any given year will close on January 31. The committee shall meet no later than February 28 to vote on the nominees for that year. Entry to the High School Athletic Hall of Fame shall be by a **75%** majority vote of the selection committee. The selection committee shall be cognizant of the gender considerations in the selection process.

Once nominated, an individual's nomination form will be kept on file and he/she will be eligible for induction in future years.

ARTICLE 5: INDUCTIONS

Induction ceremonies for those individuals, who receive a **75%** majority vote of the selection committee, will be held on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend. The banquet will be held on Saturday night (at a location to be determined) of even numbered years honoring those inductees. Pictures and/or information regarding the inductees will be hung in a prominent place at the high school. The inductee will be asked to select someone to introduce him/her at the Hall of Fame banquet.

For the first two inductions, the number of inductees shall be limited to no more than **10**. Beginning with the third induction, the number of inductees shall be limited to a maximum of **5**.