

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

Northwestern High School Athletic Hall of Fame Constitution

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE:

The Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame will be organized as a way of maintaining the heritage and tradition of successful athletic programs at Northwestern High School. In addition it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring the athletes, coaches and individuals who made significant contributions to the athletic programs at Northwestern High School. Many individuals have been influential in the "Tiger Tradition" of excellence and have had exemplary accomplishments on the athletic fields and in support of Northwestern Athletic programs. The Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

ORGANIZATION:

The Hall of Fame will consist of three categories for induction. The categories will consist of Athlete, Coach and Athletic Contributor. Inductees into the Hall of Fame will be chosen by a committee made up of ten individuals. The induction committee may choose up to and not more than 12 members of the Hall in the first induction and up to and not more than 12 members in any year following. Each induction class must include at least one induction for each category of the hall as long as each category has a nominee meeting wing criteria. Inductees of the first class of the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame will be considered the Charter Members of the Hall. The Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame will be housed in Heritage Hall at the Northwestern High School Gym. Each inductee will have a picture and biography placed in the Hall of Fame. Inductees will be given a Hall of Fame Plaque at the induction ceremony commemorating their induction.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The selection committee of the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame will consist of the following:

Athletic Director, three current head coaches, two current student leaders, two former head athletic coaches, two members of the athletic community one of which shall be the president of the Northwestern Booster Club. The Northwestern High School Athletic Director will serve as the chief executive officer of the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame and will appoint the three current head coaches, student leaders, former athletic coaches and members of the athletic community.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. Review and evaluate nomination forms of Hall of Fame Nominees and all materials included with this process.
2. Agree to approve only those individuals who have had significant and or long term contributions or athletic accomplishments at Northwestern High School.
3. Keep all action of the Selection Committee confidential.
4. All appointed committee members shall agree to serve a one year term which can be extended by the Athletic Director at Northwestern High School by the agreement of the committee person.

CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA:

BRENT GRABER/BRIAN HEMMERLY ATHLETE WING:

Any person who distinguished himself/herself in the field of athletics while a student at Northwestern High School. Athlete must have graduated from Northwestern High School and must have graduated a minimum of 4 years ago. The following criteria must be met in at least three categories to be considered for the Hall of Fame:

- 1) All-Star Selection
- 2) All-State Selection

- 3) All-Conference
- 4) School Record
- 5) Top ten in at least two categories in schools history (example: All time leading scorer and third leading rebounder)
- 6) Member of a team State Championship Team
- 7) Member of a team with multiple conference or sectional championships
- 8) Outstanding college accomplishments after graduation
- 9) Selection to a professional sports career
- 10) College Sports Scholarship recipient
- 11) Other criteria such as:
 - Outstanding character
 - Leadership qualities
 - Contributions to the community

GERALD HOOD COACHES WING:

Any coach with at least 5 years of service at Northwestern High School as a head coach or a combination of 15 years of coaching if not a head coach. The nominee must be inactive as a coach at Northwestern High School to be eligible for consideration to the hall of fame.

Criteria for consideration should be based on accomplishments that merit statewide recognition as well as significant contribution to the athletic programs at Northwestern High School. Nominee must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character.

GERALD SULLIVAN ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTORS WING:

An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic programs at Northwestern High School other than as a coach or as an athlete. Nominee must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character. Only one Contributor can be named to the Hall of Fame per year.

INDUCTION PROCESS:

The following procedures shall be utilized for nominations to the Hall of Fame.

1. Inductees may be nominated either:
 - a. By the Selection Committee
 - b. By the current faculty, administration and staff of Northwestern School Corporation.
 - c. By Alumnus of Northwestern School Corporation
 - d. By Former faculty and coaches of Northwestern School Corporation
2. Nomination Form
 - a. All nominations must be submitted on the official Northwestern High School Athletic Hall of Fame nomination form.
 - b. The nomination form will be available through the Athletic Director's office.
3. The nomination form shall be completed and submitted to and received by the Athletic Director along with appropriate support materials by the 10th day of January of each year for the candidate to be considered for nomination in January.
4. Term of Nomination
 - a. Following initial nomination, a candidate shall remain eligible for induction for the following five years. After this time has expired, the candidates name must be re-submitted on a new nomination form in order for that individual to be considered.
5. Induction

Release of the Hall of Fame induction names will take place prior to a Varsity Boys Basketball Game in February each year. Induction Ceremony to the Hall will take place on the 3rd Friday in March at Northwestern High School. Living inductees, members of the Hall of Fame, family members of inductees, Northwestern Coaches, Northwestern Alumni, members of the selection committee, Northwestern Administration and others shall be invited to be present at the program.

VOTING PROCEEDURES OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

- 1. Selection committee will receive nomination forms one week prior to scheduled vote.**
- 2. Selection committee will vote on nominees by January 20th each year.**
- 3. At the discretion of the committee chair (Athletic Director), the Hall of Fame Selection Committee may meet as a group or may choose to do its balloting by proxy ranking.**
- 4. Each committee member will vote for each of the nominees that he or she believes qualifies for the Hall. Nominees must receive 7 of 10 votes or 70% of committee vote to be named to the Hall of Fame.**
- 5. Inductees will be announced at a pre-determined time following the final selection process and after the individuals have been contacted and indicated that they will be present or represented at the induction ceremony. The committee chair will be in charge of all announcements of induction.**
- 6. The annual voting of the selection committee will be kept confidential by all members of the committee.**

