

2010 Hall of Fame Committee Report

Introduction

The Hall of Fame Committee has responsibility for creating selection guidelines for nominees to be inducted into the Hall of Fame pursuant to Board Policy and for carrying out the selection and induction of nominees. The policy creating the Hall of fame was adopted by the Board in the Fall of 2007. Selection criteria was established by the committee in early 2008 and the first group of inductees admitted to the Hall of Fame at a banquet held in Colorado Springs in January 2009 and the second class of inductees admitted in January 2010. There are three separate groups that carry out the functions of the Hall of Fame: The Organizing Committee, which sets up and executes the Induction Ceremony, the Screening Committee, which reviews candidates who are nominated and insures consistency with the criteria for nomination, and the Voting Committee which selects the Inductees from the slate proposed by the Screening Committee.

2010 Accomplishments

In early 2010, following a sold-out, highly successful induction banquet in January, the Voting Committee reviewed all of it's procedures used during the 2009 process to insure the system was working as good as it could work. Some modifications were made and submitted to the board of directors for approval. These modifications included:

- The committee has the latitude to consider all relevant information about a nominee in its procedure. This would include general contributions to the sport and the multisport community in addition to achievements within the division in which they were nominated:
- The committee will, for the next five years, induct at least age group athlete into the Hall of Fame. Voting procedures were also modified to insure that the most deserving age group athlete would be inducted.

The Committee established an "annual calendar" for its deliberation process, which laid out the various steps in the selection process on a time line and also provided for the annual review of procedures to consider any updating or changes that might be necessary.

During the selection process, the Committee discussed a proposed change in procedures in order to meet an unusual set of circumstances. The Committee, however, reaffirmed its policy that once the list of nominees is received by members of the Committee, no changes in procedure would be considered.

The year 2009 was a significant year for the Hall of Fame Committee in that is started with a Banquet honoring the "First Class of Inductees" to the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame. John Noll, Verne Scott, Karen Smyers, Judy Flannery and Sheila Taormina were included in this first group.

2011 Objectives

- Execute a flawless Induction Ceremony and Banquet for the third group of inductees.
- Review Selection Criteria used in 2010 and make appropriate changes if determined necessary by the Committee.
- Review time line for nominations and insure wide advertisements of nominations being accepted.
- Review nominees and select the best group of candidates for induction
- Plan an Induction Ceremony and Banquet for the fourth group of inductees to the Hall of Fame.
- Two items left from the Committee's objectives for 2010 include:







- Reviewing size limitations for the Committee and determine how to maintain size in order to be manageable into the future.
- Discuss long term planning for the Hall of Fame.

Conclusion

Members of the Committee remain very active and committed to establishing practices that assure the highest of standards for our Hall of Fame. It is within this context that the Committee is committed to continually reviewing its procedures and practices. The Committee remains quite proud of the accomplishments made to date and we look forward to continued success in the future.

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