



# Cooperstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame

## **By-Laws**

Name: The organization will be known as the Cooperstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

## **Mission Statement:**

The Cooperstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will recognize those individuals who through their accomplishments have brought pride and distinction to our school and community as an athlete, coach, and administrator or as a contributor to the development and success of the Cooperstown High School Athletic Program.

## **Committee Membership:**

The Hall of Fame Committee shall include the following members:

- a. Sports Booster Club member
- b. The Athletic Director
- c. A School Board member
- d. Two community members
- e. Four current coaches
- f. Applications for membership on the HOF Committee will be brought to the attention of the athletic director (chairperson). Such applications will be brought by the A.D./chair to the standing members of the committee for membership consideration.

The committee has 9 members with nonvoting people invited as necessary.

The existing Hall of Fame Committee will accept applications and make decisions regarding new members to fill vacated committee positions. The committee of nine must vote on all candidates. With the exception of the Athletic Director, committee members will rotate every two to three years.

## **Eligible Candidates** –To be eligible candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a. Election to the Hall of Fame shall be open to persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the school as a superior competitor in athletics, and who last competed at Cooperstown ten or more years prior to the date of induction.
- b. Male or female participants in any recognized form of sports competition are eligible for nomination.
- c. Athletes must be Cooperstown High School graduates.
- d. Nominees must have demonstrated good citizenship and character in their lives.
- e. Athletic merits will only be based on their time at Cooperstown.
- f. A coach, trainer, or administrator shall be considered after leaving the Cooperstown Athletic Department program.
- g. An outstanding team can be voted into the Hall of Fame as a team inductee, but must also wait until ten years after the team competed last.

- h. Nominations will be accepted for any athlete, coach, administrator or contributor who through his/her commitment, sacrifices, and dedication to the Cooperstown High School Athletic Program has brought pride and distinction to our school and community.

**Guidelines:**

1. Guidelines for year #1 Pre 1970's Graduates/Candidates
  - #2 1970-79 Graduates/Candidates
  - #3 1980-89 Graduates/Candidates
  - #4 to select a maximum of 5 inductees per year
2. To limit eligibility for student athletes to those who have graduated for a period of at least 10 years.
3. The eligibility timeline does not apply to coaches, athletic directors, administrators or boosters. However, they must have completed their tenure with the district.
4. To honor inductees with a reception organized by the Hall of Fame Committee.

**Method of Election:**

- a. Nominations shall be received from any friend of Cooperstown High School Athletics. Nominations must be made in the appropriate format (application form) to be considered.
- b. The duty of the Committee shall be to vote for no more than five (5) inductees into the Hall of Fame in any given year. No nominations from the floor are permitted.
- c. Nominees not voted into the Hall of Fame will automatically be considered for future elections.
- d. Nominees will be approved by consensus of the committee.

**Voting** - Voting shall be based upon the player's high school record. The nominee's playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played will be used in selecting inductees.

**Automatic Elections** – No automatic elections based on performance such as pitching a perfect game or being an individual state champion or similar outstanding achievement shall be permitted.

**Time of the Election** - the Committee Chair shall prepare an advertisement for nominations. He or she will collect and prepare all nomination packets and call the Committee no later than May 1.

**Announcement** – Whenever possible the inductees will be presented during Homecoming activities the following fall. The media will be alerted to this event. The inductees will be recognized on a plaque in the Middle High School.

# Athletic Hall of Fame

## Nomination Form

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Category: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Athlete, Coach, Staff Member, Community Member)*

Athlete's Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Statement: Please write a brief statement including a summary of high school athletic participation and accomplishments. List all honors, awards and recognitions received. Use back side of form if necessary.

Dates associated with the Athletic Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach, staff member, community member nomination statement: List Contributions

Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if not a self nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this nomination form to the Athletic Director by March 15, 2008.

Michael G. Cring  
39 Linden Ave.  
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Date received : \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations:

1. Nominations may be submitted by members of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, members of the community and the general public.
2. Nominations will be accepted by completing a Hall of Fame nomination form.
3. Nominations must be received by the date specified below to be considered for the current induction.

September	Hall of Fame Committee meeting
December-February	Nominations accepted
March	Committee meets to review and vote on inductees
April	Contact and send informational letters to inductees
May-June	Inductees letters returned
July	Begin banquet sales, press release on inductees/banquet details
August-October	Ticket sales and final banquet details
October	Banquet

4. An induction candidate's file will become active when the candidate returns the completed information form. In the event the nominee is deceased, a relative may complete and return the form.
5. Once an individual has been nominated, his/her file will remain active and he/she will continue to be considered for induction.

Election Process:

1. A maximum of 5 inductees will be selected each year. Those nominees receiving the highest number of votes from members of the Hall of Fame Committee will be inducted.

Hall of Fame Banquet:

1. The inductees will be honored with a dinner organized by the Hall of Fame Committee.
2. Each inductee will be encouraged to attend The Hall of Fame Induction. If the inductee is deceased, or otherwise cannot attend, a representative will be invited to the induction.