



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame  
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## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Criteria

### A. Candidate Eligibility.

1. Any male or female participant in any recognized form of sports competition.
2. Those of Tennessee birth whose achievements were either in or outside the state.
3. Those born outside of Tennessee whose achievements within Tennessee brought fame to this state.
4. Others whose service has brought fame and honor to the State of Tennessee.
5. For an athlete to be eligible for consideration, he/she must be retired from that sport for a period of three (3) years, or if still competing, he/she must be fifty (50) years of age.

### B. Nomination.

1. To be considered for the State of Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, an individual must be nominated. Any citizen may nominate anyone believed worthy of consideration for the Hall of Fame. This name, plus any biographical facts available, should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the State of Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. To be considered for the next class of inductees, the nomination must reach the Hall of Fame as designated on the Hall of Fame website. However, once nominated, a person then remains in nomination each year until elected or for five (5) calendar years.
2. The nominees will be divided into two (2) categories – Living and Posthumous. Living inductees must have been in retirement from the activity or sport for which they are nominated for at least three (3) years or in the alternative, may still be active in a sport or activity and be fifty (50) years of age or older.

### C. Election.

1. At a time following the nomination deadline, the membership of each Grand Division will meet under the direction of the Executive Director or TDTD assignee.
2. During the independent Grand Division meeting, the division shall select up to two (2) nominees from that division to be approved by the Board along with up to five (5) for consideration by the full Board as at-large candidates.
3. Following the Grand Division meetings, the Board will meet to review the nominations. In considering the nominations, the Board has the responsibility to see that each person whose name appears on the ballot is worthy of being elected to the State of Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

4. The class of inductees for each following year may consist of up to eleven (11) persons with no more than two (2) posthumous inductees.
5. Priority should be given to the performance of an athlete and the honors he/she has won; however others who have rendered significant long term service to sports in Tennessee, such as coaches, administrators, and media, may be given full consideration.
6. Following Board approval, the inductees will be honored at the annual Induction Banquet. The Board of Directors will determine the date of the Induction Banquet each year.

D. Honorees.

1. The nomination committee will consider any naming requests or new awards and will make recommendations to the full board for any changes or consideration.
2. In addition to the nomination of individual inductees to the Hall of Fame, the Nomination Committee will be responsible for nominations of the following categories, if there is a worthy candidate:

Tennessean of the Year	
David Williams Legacy Award	Pat Summitt Award
Female Amateur team(s) of the year	Male Amateur Team(s) of the Year
Professional Team(s) of the Year	Professional Athlete of the Year
Female Amateur Athlete of the Year	Male Amateur Athlete of the Year

The full Board will vote on the Honoree categories.

3. The committee will invite nominations in those categories as designated on the Hall of Fame website.

Approved:

10-4-19  
Date

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Mark Ezell, Commissioner  
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