

Rationale for a Sports Hall of Fame Nomination

1. To recognize former Aquinas College athletes and others associated with Aquinas College who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics, either by virtue of their performance on athletic teams representing the College or by meritorious effort on behalf of athletics.
2. To maintain relationships with former outstanding athletes.
3. To maintain good community relations.
4. To foster an awareness of standards of excellence for which current athletes and staff can strive for.
5. To aid in attracting students (especially student athletes) to the College.
6. To provide positive media coverage for the College.
7. To aid the alumni office in its mission of friend raising and fund raising.

I. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall determine policy and elect members to the Athletic Hall of Fame. The Director of Sports Information and the Faculty Athletic Representative will be permanent members of the Board. The remaining members shall be listed below and appointed by the Athletic Director, Faculty Athletic Representative and Alumni Director. These members will be on a staggered two year rotation basis with no member serving consecutive terms. At least two women must be appointed to the Board. The President will determine the first meeting time. At its first meeting the Board shall elect a chairperson. The Board must meet a minimum of once per year.

II. Member Categories

- A. Athletic Directors (2)
- B. Director of Alumni Relations and/or Development Office (2)
- C. Two alumni - more than 25 years since leaving the College (2)
- D. Two alumni - less than 25 years since leaving the College (2)
- E. Chairperson or member of the Athletic Committee
- F. Two members of the athletic staff or College Community

Criteria for Athletic Hall of Fame Membership--Athlete

- A. An athlete becomes eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame five years after graduation or leaving the College.
- B. An athlete must have earned at least two letters in one sport, one letter in two or more sports, or brought recognition to the College by his or her athletic endeavors.
- C. An outstanding career as an athlete must be continued by an exemplary career in the individual's profession or occupation, a record which reflects credit to the person and the College.
- D. A candidate must receive a minimum affirmative vote of 75% of the members of the Board.

Criteria for Athletic Hall of Fame Membership--Athletic Staff or Faculty

- A. A member of the staff or faculty becomes eligible for nomination after serving at least five years at the College.
- B. If a member of the staff or faculty leaves the College he/she becomes eligible after a five year hiatus.
- C. An outstanding career as a faculty or staff member must be evident and must have had a direct and significant impact on athletics at the College.
- D. A candidate must receive a minimum affirmative vote of 75% of the members of the Board.

Selection Limitations

- A. No more than five athletes meeting the criteria for membership, as outlined in IV, will be selected to the Hall of Fame in a single year with the exception of the first two years, where the maximum per year will be eight. No more than one person meeting the criteria for Staff or Faculty membership, as outlined in V, will be selected per year with the exception of the first two years, where the maximum per year will be two.
- B. There is no limit to the number of times a person may be considered for the Hall of Fame.

Nomination Process

A. Anyone may submit nominations to the Chairperson of the Board. In order to be eligible for nomination form must be completed and returned to the Board. The development and distribution of the nomination forms will be determined by the Board. These forms may also be secured by request.

Announcement and Recognition of Inductees

- A. The announcement of those selected for induction into the Hall of Fame shall be made in a special release to the news media by the Director of Sports Information.
- B. All selections will be presented at an appropriate ceremony or other special event approved by the Board.
- C. An appropriate award will be given to each new member and their picture or a plaque will be displayed in an appropriate area.
- D. The Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony will be held each fall during alumni week-end.



Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Category (Circle One): Athlete Coach Meritorious Service

Sport(s): _____

Years at Aquinas: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please send to:

Aquinas College
Athletics Department/Hall of Fame Nomination
1607 Robinson Rd. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1799