



of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION / USA SOFTBALL

HALL OF FAME BY-LAWS

I. PURPOSE

1.1 It is the responsibility of the Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame Committee to acknowledge those current and former members who have played a key role in the growth and development of softball on behalf of Massachusetts USA Softball.

1.2 To recognize and honour those who have made significant contributions to the success of the Massachusetts USA Softball, including outstanding players, managers, umpires, sponsors, and administrators/contributors.

II. COMMITTEE

2.1 The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of up to eight (8) members to be appointed by the Massachusetts USA Commissioners Staff. The Committee should consist of individuals representing varied and wide-ranging backgrounds in the game (i.e. former or currently active players, umpires, managers, sponsors, and commissioners, among others).

2.2 Members will be appointed by the Massachusetts USA Softball Commissioners Staff to serve for a period of up to five years. Members may be reappointed or replaced by the State USA Softball Association Commissioner at his/her discretion.

2.3 Any current or past member of Massachusetts USA Softball may nominate individuals to serve on the Committee. Such nominations may be submitted to any committee member of the Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame Committee. All nominations are subject to approval by Massachusetts USA Commissioners Staff.

2.4 Those who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame are eligible to serve on the Committee while those who are officers, directors or members of this Committee will not be eligible to be nominated or elected to the Hall of Fame while so serving.

2.5 The Committee shall have a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. In addition, the State USA Softball Association Commissioner may appoint advisory members to support the committee. The Secretary shall supply minutes of all Committee meetings to the Committee members as well as to the Commissioner, officers and board of directors of Massachusetts USA Softball. The Committee shall meet no less than once a year, and as many times as is needed to conduct business.

2.6 The Hall of Fame Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall organize a Hall of Fame ceremonial event on a bi-annual basis to formally induct and honour elected candidates to the Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame Hall of Fame.



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III --- PROCEDURES

3.1 Acceptance into the Massachusetts Hall of Fame requires a majority vote of the Massachusetts Hall of Fame committee members.

3.2 The names of candidates proposed for selection to the Massachusetts Hall of Fame shall remain confidential and released only to the Massachusetts Hall of Fame Selection Committee prior to public announcement.

3.3 Nominations will close on and must be received by **March 1** annually for the present year

3.4 The Committee, after reviewing the nominations, shall meet prior to **May 1** of each year, to begin selection for the bi-annual selection of inductees.

3.5 The Massachusetts Hall of Fame committee, by majority vote, may, with just cause, recommend removal of an individual elected to the Massachusetts Hall of Fame. Such recommendations when approved by majority vote of the USA Commissioners Staff should remove said individual from the Massachusetts Hall of Fame.

IV --- NOMINATION CATEGORIES

4.1 To be eligible for the State of Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame, the nominee(s) presented for consideration must be classified in one of the following categories and participated in the State of Massachusetts

4.2.1 **PLAYER** -- One who possesses the highest caliber of skill and sportsmanship and has excelled at the highest levels in the game of softball for a minimum of five (5) years and has reached the age of thirty-five (35). *(Exception – Any player that has been member of an USA National team shall be eligible for nomination). NOTE: Adult fast pitch players that played prior to 1980 will be exempt from having to play five state or national tournaments.*

4.2.2 **MANAGER/COACH** -- One who has made a significant contribution to the sport of Slow Pitch, Modified Pitch, or Fast Pitch Softball in the State of Massachusetts for a minimum of five (5) years and who has excelled in the role of manager/coach through his or her efforts, their teams have reached or exceeded their potential. *(Exception – Any manager/coach that has been member of an USA National team shall be eligible for nomination).*

4.2.3 **SPONSOR/TEAM** -- One who has made a significant contribution to the sport of softball through the sponsorship of one or more teams in the state of Massachusetts for a minimum of five (5) years. *A team may enter the Massachusetts USA Hall of Fame for winning a. recognized, listed National Championship event. It is also a team representing the best interests of Massachusetts USA Softball. The*



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team may be recognized by the year and name that it competed under. It still must be nominated for it to be considered.

4.2.4 COMMISSIONER/ADMINISTRATOR -- One who has made a significant contribution as a Commissioner/Administrator to the sport of softball in the state of Massachusetts for a minimum of five (5) years.

4.2.5 MERITORIOUS SERVICE -- This nominee's contributions to Massachusetts USA Softball must have made an impact at the national level and can include any combination of the above categories. In addition, years of service, being an organizer-builder of softball and financial contributions to the sport are also considered.

4.2.6 UMPIRE --One who has officiated with USA Softball for a minimum of ten (10) years in a local state association. The umpire must have excelled at the highest levels of softball officiating (i.e. National Tournaments).

V --- HALL OF FAME: NOMINATION AND ELECTION

5.1 Anyone may nominate a candidate for the Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame. Nominations are to be submitted as per the instructions noted on the “Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame Nomination Form”.

5.2 Nominations must include the following supporting items: a completed Hall of Fame nomination form, two supporting letters of reference, a comprehensive softball resume, scrapbook / news articles, testimonials/support materials, and any additional relevant information.

5.2 Nominations not accepted may be resubmitted for reconsideration.

5.3 Nominations must be submitted in writing by the deadline to be considered for the specified bi-annual period.

VI ---PRESENTATION

6.1 Announcement of the year's selection(s) shall be made at a time as determined by the Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame Committee.

6.2 Formal induction ceremonies and presentation of awards will be made at a time as determined by the Massachusetts USA Softball Hall of Fame Committee.