

Piedmont Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Piedmont Academy Athletic Hall of Fame (hereinafter "Hall of Fame"), a program under the jurisdiction of the Head of School of Piedmont Academy.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Hall of Fame is organized as a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of successful athletic programs at Piedmont Academy. In addition, it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving, and honoring the athletes, coaches, teams, and individuals who made significant contributions to the athletic programs. Many individuals have been influential in the Piedmont Cougar tradition of excellence and have had exemplary accomplishments on the athletic fields. The Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNANCE

The Hall of Fame shall be governed by a Hall of Fame Selection Committee, which shall include the Athletic Director who will serve as chairman of the committee and will appoint the committee per Article VII. Consensus would be needed for all decisions. If consensus cannot be reached, then a vote would be taken that would require a majority vote. A majority vote would be 51% of those in attendance. A quorum shall be present in order for any business to be transacted. A quorum shall be 70% of the committee.

ARTICLE IV: CRITERIA FOR SELECTING INDUCTION CLASS

Section 1: Categories for Nomination

Individuals may be nominated representing four categories. The categories are included on the nomination form for expediency in understanding the primary area(s) of a nominated individual and for consideration of one's interscholastic achievements. The groupings are for screening purposes to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required.

The nominee must have graduated at least 5 years prior to nomination. Teams must have graduated from their Senior class at least 5 years prior to nomination. Each nominee must have made a significant achievement in athletics or a major contribution to athletics at Piedmont Academy. Significant achievements at the college, professional, or amateur levels may also be taken into consideration; however, such achievements shall be given less weight than achievements at Piedmont Academy. All-Star teams, tournaments and awards were uncommon in earlier eras. Achievements should be on record and verified by copies of news clippings,

yearbooks, certificates of awards, etc. Also, documentation of achievements might not exist, especially for older nominees. This should be taken into consideration.

1. ATHLETE: Any person who distinguished himself/herself in the field of athletics as a student at Piedmont Academy. Criteria considerations should include All-State recognition, All-American recognition, State Champion, Record setter or holder, Macon Telegraph All-Middle Georgia recognition, Pro selection, outstanding college accomplishments, and college scholarship recipient or collegiate participant. Other considerations may be taken into account.

2. COACH: Criteria consideration should be based on accomplishments that merit statewide recognition as well as significant contributions to the athletic programs at Piedmont Academy.

3. SUPPORTER: An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic programs at Piedmont Academy other than coaching and playing.

4. TEAM: Any team who distinguished itself in the field of athletics at Piedmont Academy. Criteria considerations should include State Championships and/or significant records or milestones.

ARTICLE V: SIZE OF INDUCTION CLASS

With the exception of the inaugural class, the class of inductees shall not number more than 5 per year for the first five years, at which point each class will have no more than five.

ARTICLE VI: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION

Section 1: Requirements for Nomination

In order to maintain the integrity of the Hall of Fame, the following criteria are established for nominations.

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character. All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long term contributions to athletic endeavors. In addition, as much as possible, acknowledged leadership in his/her chosen field or community, state, and national presence will be considered.

Section 2: Nomination Procedures

The following procedures shall be utilized for nominations to the Hall of Fame:

1. Inductees/Teams may be nominated either:
 - a. by the selection committee
 - b. by current faculty, administration, and staff
 - c. by current members of the Piedmont Academy Board
 - d. by alumni

2. Nomination Form

a. All entries must be submitted on the official Piedmont Academy Athletic Hall of Fame nomination form.

b. The nomination form shall be available through the Athletic Director's office, the main school office, or on the Piedmont Academy website.

c. The nomination form shall be completed and submitted to and received by the Athletic Director along with appropriate support materials by July 1st of each year for a candidate to be considered for induction in the next school year. All nominations received for consideration must contain active and current address and contact information for the nominee (or family if deceased) as well as contact information of the person making the nomination and the date of submission. The nomination form should include the year of graduation, the sport(s) played, and a list of the outstanding contributions made to his or her sport(s). Failure to supply support material could result in invalidating the application, consequently the nomination will not be considered.

Section 3: Term of Nomination

Following initial nomination, a candidate shall remain eligible for induction for the following 5 years. After this time has expired, the candidate's name must be re-submitted on a new nomination form in order for that individual to be considered.

ARTICLE VII: PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING INDUCTION CLASS

Section 1: The Selection Committee

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will meet as needed to select candidates based on the criteria presented in this document.

The Chairman shall appoint up to 6 additional committee members and up to 2 Hall of Fame Inductees representing various decades of the school including at least one former or current member of the Athletic Department and one former or current member of the Faculty.

Section 2: The duties and responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. Attend the regular scheduled selection meetings.

2. Annually evaluate the nomination of individuals submitted which fulfill the requirements for consideration.

3. Approve only those individuals who had significant and/or long-term contributions or athletic accomplishments at Piedmont Academy.
4. Evaluate and update the policies and operational procedures of the Piedmont Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. This is to be done on an annual basis.
5. Validate and approve all worthy candidates for induction into the Piedmont Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. This is to be done under the parameters as set forth in this document.
6. Keep all actions of the Selection Committee confidential.

Section 3: The timeline procedures of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. July 1st nominations are due in the Athletic Director's office.
2. First week in July, paper screening of nominees, discussion of nominees, and general meeting.
3. Mid July, paper screening and discussion of final nomination list and first round of voting.
4. Late July, announce results of first round of voting. Continued discussion and general meeting.
5. August-September, meetings as necessary to prepare for induction ceremony.
6. The Induction ceremony will be held the Thursday evening prior to the Homecoming football game.

Section 4: The voting procedures of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. The Selection committee shall review candidates based on information available at the time of the meetings.
2. After open discussion about candidates, a vote will be conducted for the purposes of choosing inductees.
3. The annual voting of the Selection Committee will be confidential.
4. Inductees will be announced at a predetermined time following the final selection process and after the individuals have been contacted and indicated that they will be present or represented (if deceased) at the induction ceremony.
5. Prior publicity concerning nominees is not appropriate. The Selection Committee shall release to the press pertinent information concerning the inductees.

Section 5: The Balloting procedures of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. First Round Voting:

Each committee member will vote for 10 of the total number of people nominated.

All nominees receiving at least one vote will be listed for second round voting unless there are fewer than the number to be inducted, in which case, no second round ballot is required.

2. Second Round Voting:

From the list of nominees, each committee member will then vote for 8 nominees. Those nominees receiving the necessary votes will be the class to be inducted for that year.

3. Tie in Voting:

In case of a tie, there will be a third ballot with the committee membership voting for only one of those nominees who are tied.

ARTICLE VIII: INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony shall be held each year in conjunction with the Homecoming game. Inductees will be notified by June 30th as per Article VII Section 3 Number 6 if selected for the current year's class. Other ceremonies include an induction ceremony to be held the Thursday evening prior to the homecoming football game.

ARTICLE IX: HONOR

The athlete, coach, and supporter must have conducted himself/herself in such a way as to reflect honor on the school and must have exhibited those qualities of character and standards of conduct consistent with their status as a role model in the community. Piedmont Academy reserves the right to remove any individual from the Hall of Fame for personal conduct which reflects discredit upon the school.

Hall of Fame Committee:

Athletic Director Danny Camp

Lindsey Moore

Johnny Strother

Scott Brady

Tyler Landress

Chris Bridges