

# Hall of Fame Bylaws

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## I. Purpose

In order to preserve our athletic history, the Oakland Technical High School Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 2022. The Athletic Hall of Fame is organized for the purpose of recognizing the rich tradition of athletic success at Oakland Technical High School. It serves as a means of honoring and recognizing the athletes, teams, coaches, and supporters who made significant contributions to the Bulldog tradition of excellence. The Athletic Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals and teams who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate. Induction ceremonies are held bi-annually.

The Immaculate High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee adopts the following bylaws for the Selection Committee:

## II. Selection Committee

- The Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall include the following members and shall consist of no more than members.

### Permanent members:

- Those selection committee members (4) who have faithfully served on this committee through the years and who have a vast knowledge of the history of Oakland Technical athletics.

### Standing members:

- Principal (ex-officio – does not vote, but can offer input and has final approval on inductees)
  - Athletic Director
  - Associate Athletic Director
  - PTSA Athletic President
  - Alumni Association President
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- The Committee will be responsible for the selection of Hall of Fame inductees. The committee will meet every other year to vote on candidates for the Hall of Fame.
  - The Committee shall induct members/teams into the Hall of Fame every two years. The number of inductees may vary. The Committee shall vote on the nominees it determines suitable for consideration. A minimum positive vote of 75% of members present is required for induction.

### III. Nominations

The Selection Committee will develop a form upon which nominations will be made. The form must be completed and the qualifications of the proposed inductee must be clearly set forth in the form.

- Nominations may be made by anyone, however self-nominations or unsigned/anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
- The Selection Committee has developed a form upon which nominations can be made. The form must be completed and the qualifications of the proposed inductee must be clearly set forth in the form.
- Nominations for consideration may be made by the Selection Committee or by public nominations. Applications for nominations are available on the Oakland Tech Bulldog website for a publicized period of time every other year.
- Nominations must be received by a specified deadline to be considered for the current induction class.
- The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to narrow the field of nominees.
- Nomination forms will be kept and reviewed annually if the candidate is not inducted for current class.

## IV. Eligibility/Criteria

- Athletes, coaches, teams, administrators or supporters, living or deceased, shall be eligible for induction subject to the criteria below. All nominees must represent Oakland Technical High School tradition of excellence and the values.

### Athletes:

- Eligible 15 years after graduation from Oakland Technical High School
- Must be an Oakland Technical High School graduate - selection committee will have discretion in unique, special circumstances (i.e.; death, accident).
  - Must have lettered in one or more Varsity sports.
- Athletic ability, sportsmanship, character, leadership, contribution to the team and the games he/she participated in. A similar standard of ethics shall have characterized the years following their time at Oakland Technical High School, to the best of the committee's knowledge.
- Awarded All-Conference, All-State, All-American, any individual or team championship, any record or winning streak, league leader in recognized statistical category, college scholarship, etc. Achievements should be on record and verified by copies of news clippings, yearbooks, certificates of awards, etc. All-star teams, tournaments, and awards were less common in earlier eras and documentation of achievements might not exist, especially for older nominees. This should be taken into consideration.
  - Committee may also consider post-graduate activities including college and professional experience.

### Coaches:

- Any coach with 7+ years coaching experience at Oakland Technical High School is eligible (the Committee may make exceptions as to years experience in unique, special circumstances).
- The nominee must be inactive.
- Accomplishments (individual or teams) must have merited league and/or statewide recognition, as well as made significant contributions to the athletic programs at Oakland Technical High School.
- Coaching ability, leadership, character, athletic expertise, significant contribution to their teams and to the sports they coached must have been demonstrated.
- The same ethical and life standards expected of his/her athletes shall also characterize the life of the coach.

#### Teams:

- Championship teams having attained record status.

#### Community Service Award:

- The degree to which their services/ actions have made a lasting or meaningful contribution or impact on their community - 40%
- The length and degree of their service(s) - 20%
- The extent to which their service or action might be considered above and beyond the call of duty - 20%
- The extent to which their action would be recognized and valued by their peers/ community leaders- 20%
- Exceptional leadership, character, loyalty to Oakland Technical High School and the passion for, and support of, the success of Oakland Technical High School athletics is paramount.

*Oakland Technical High School reserves the right to remove any individual from the Hall of Fame for personal conduct, which reflects discredit upon the school.*

## **V. Voting Procedures**

- The Selection Committee shall review all candidates based on information available at the time of the meeting.
- After open discussion about candidates, the Committee shall call for a vote for the purpose of selecting a slate of inductees to vote upon. To be listed on the slate of final nominees to be voted upon, the Athletic Hall of Fame the nominee must receive an 75% approval rating from all voting members.
- A survey will go out to the committee allowing a vote of a specified number of inductees whom they feel should be inducted into the next Oakland Technical Athletic Hall of Fame Class. Every effort should be made to induct *deserving* candidates who are more senior in age before more recent graduates, while attempting to represent a good cross-section of graduation year/age, sport, male/female in a given induction class. The nominees receiving the most number of votes will be presented to the Principal by the Selection Committee for his/her approval. The Principal may veto any candidate presented by the Committee for induction if in his/her judgment, the candidate does not exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, character and leadership as described in Section IV. This must be done in writing to the committee, with justification for rejection followed by an appeal process to open up the discussion of whether or not to induct a candidate.
- The voting procedure and details must be kept confidential.
- Hall of Fame selections will be announced after the individual/teams have been notified and their acceptance of the induction and participation in the ceremony are verified.

## VII. Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

- An Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will occur every two years.
- The Director of Alumni Relations will oversee the planning of the ceremony. All Alumni Association Representatives are welcome to serve on the planning committee.
- Each inductee must attend the Hall of Fame ceremony. If the inductee is deceased, a representative must attend the ceremony. In the case of an emergency or other hardship, which precludes the inductee or representative from attendance, the Hall of Fame Committee will make the appropriate decision regarding induction.
- New members are presented with a Hall of Fame memento and their name will be listed on the Hall of Fame wall, which is permanently displayed at Oakland Technical High School.

## VIII. Bylaws

- The Committee reserves the rights to amend the Bylaws, if needed.