

MIAMI ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME BYLAWS

Purpose:

The purpose of the Miami Athletics Hall of Fame (HOF) is to recognize and honor former Wardog athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters who excelled in their respective sports or coaching/support roles and who helped to bring honor, recognition, distinction and excellence to Miami Athletics by their conduct both on and off the field, or court, of competition. This recognition will help maintain the spirit, pride and sense of community as well as serving as a historical account of the great Miami Wardog athletic traditions.

HOF Board Members:

The director of athletics for Miami Public Schools will serve as the chairperson for the HOF board. All HOF board members will be appointed by the director of athletics, and shall serve for a two year term initially. At any time there shall be no fewer than five members and no more than twelve members. All members may be re-appointed for two year terms by the director of athletics at the conclusion of their initial term, however, the director of athletics may appoint new members at his or her discretion. The Superintendent of Miami Public Schools will serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the HOF board. The HOF board will elect the following officers on an annual basis: chairperson, secretary, and treasurer. There shall be no limit to the number of times an officer may be re-elected to his or her position.

Criteria/Eligibility for Nomination:

Alumni candidates are eligible for nomination (10) years after their graduation. All candidates must be in good standing or in special circumstances as determined by the HOF board members.

Student-Athlete(s)

Nominee(s) must have competed in a sanctioned varsity sport and must have excelled in such sport. Among the accomplishments taken into account will be individual (all-district, all-region, all-area, all-state, etc.), team accomplishments, individual school or team records held, impact on team and the overall athletic program at Miami Public Schools during their era and accomplishments thereafter. In special circumstances, an entire team from a given year may be considered.

Coach or Administrator

Nominee(s) must have participated with distinction and/or made significant contributions to Miami Athletics, as evidenced, for example, by the success of their teams and the acknowledgment of their former student-athletes. Such coaches or administrators shall be eligible for nomination beginning (5) years after they have left Miami Public Schools for any reason, or in special circumstances as determined by the HOF board members.

Special Recognition

As determined by the HOF board members, special recognition for supporters will also be considered for nomination based upon their service and dedication to Miami Wardog Athletics.

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Nomination Process:

A candidate may be nominated for hall of fame membership by any member of the community. Formal nomination shall be made using the nomination form prescribed for such purpose and made available to the public. The nomination form must be received by the athletic department by the deadline approved by the HOF board. Nominations are to remain confidential, to be shared among the members of the HOF board only. Information relating to a nominee's career statistics, records, achievements, etc. must be supported by accompanying documentation or sources cited so that the information may be verified independently. The nomination form will be available through the athletic department or on athletics web site.

Election Process:

The HOF board members shall meet at times determined by the chairperson in order to nominate and review candidates, and elect inductees. The quorum for any meeting at which election of inductees shall take place shall be a majority of currently serving HOF board members, as determined by counting those physically present at such meeting. Background information on each nominee should be distributed to HOF board members prior to the meeting and members should familiarize themselves with the nominees prior to voting. Each HOF board member shall have one vote and all votes shall carry equal weight. In order to gain election as an inductee, a candidate is required to receive a number of votes equal to 75% of voting HOF board members participating in the meeting. Candidates shall be discussed in alphabetical or chronological order as designated by the chairperson.

The outcome of the verbal vote will be shared with the HOF board members only. If, in the opinion of the HOF board members (as evidenced by failure to obtain the 75% threshold described above), no candidate nominated in a particular year is worthy of election to the hall of fame, then the HOF board reserves the right to not induct a new member for that year. There shall be no more than three (3) individuals and one (1) team who may gain admission as inductees in a given year.

The HOF board shall have authority and discretion to withdraw, cancel or revoke the nomination, election or induction of any person into, or the membership of any person in, the Miami Athletics Hall of Fame, as the HOF board deems necessary or appropriate to maintain the character and integrity of this award.

Miami Athletics Hall of Fame Alumni Luncheon & Banquet:

The Hall of Fame inductee(s) will be introduced at the annual Miami Athletics Hall of Fame Alumni Luncheon & Banquet each spring. This event coincides with the Miami All-School Reunion weekend. A fee may be associated with attending this banquet for the public, based on the funds available each year.

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Hall of Fame Showcase:

A hall of fame showcase will be constructed in the Miami Activity Center (MAC). All hall of fame inductees selected to receive this honor will have a plaque displayed in the MAC with their name, graduation date, athletic accomplishments, and personal accomplishments listed.

Financials:

The costs associated with the Miami Athletics Hall of Fame will be paid for by the athletic department. The costs will include: the construction of the hall of fame showcase, the purchase of two plaques (one for the inductee and one to be placed in the permanent location in the lobby of the Miami Activity Center), the cost for the inductee and seven guests at the banquet (one full table), one hall of fame embroidered polo, one hall of fame lapel pin, and one hall of fame award trophy.