

Newton County Sports Hall of Fame Criteria

Purpose

The Purpose of the Newton County Sports Hall of Fame is to recognize outstanding local athletes, coaches, officials, teams and other people/businesses that have made major contributions to the sports tradition of Newton County. In honoring recipients worthy of this recognition inductees should have possessed lifestyles which identify each as a positive role model for the youth of our community in addition to excelling in their particular athletic endeavors.

Organizational Structure

Organization created and started in Newton County, under the direction of the Newton County Recreation Commission. The Newton County Sports Hall of Fame is not a membership group. A self-perpetuating board of directors consisting of 9 to 12 persons governs activities.

Members are appointed in the following manner. There will be 5 appointees from the Newton County Recreation Commission including the Chairman and the Newton County Recreation Director. There will be 7 at large appointees appointed by the Chairman of the Recreation Commission and Director.

Committee

All appointees can serve up to four (4) years where he or she may be re-appointed. Officers will be as follows.

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

The Chairman of the Newton County Recreation Commission will preside over all meetings. The Newton County Recreation Director will be in charge of scheduling meetings and the annual awards ceremony. Meetings will be at the call of the Chairman of the Recreation Commission. In his absence the Recreation Director will conduct the meeting. If we lose any member of the committee the Chairman will appoint someone to fill the remaining term.

Nomination

The Sports Hall of Fame Board can take nominations from the general public provided they meet the approved criteria for nomination. Applications for nomination can be picked up at the

Newton County Recreation Department or downloaded from the Recreation Departments web site at www.newtonrecreation.com. Deadline for applications will be February 1st of each year. Nominees shall be elected through a balloting process using an application form that among other items provides for a biographical sketch of each nominee. This process is complete when the number of candidates determined originally by the Board has been selected. For the first three (3) years, the Newton County Sports Hall of Fame may induct a maximum of nine (9) candidates per year. Therefore, a maximum of six (6) shall be honored. For induction to the Hall of Fame, a quorum of the Board of Directors must be in attendance and the candidate must receive a minimum of 75% of the Board present. Voting will be by secret ballot. Any Board member who has a close family member such as a spouse, parent, sibling or child nominated for the Hall of Fame must excuse him/herself from the nominating committee and from the Board vote.

Note: Nominees not selected will automatically be considered for the following year. After two years the application must be re-submitted.

Criteria Selection

The prospective inductee:

- A. Must be at least 40 years of age or deceased
- B. Must be current or past participant, coach, official, trainer or other person or businesses who have made exceptional contributions to sports and who has lived a lifestyle as a positive role model
- C. Will be evaluated on accomplishments

In addition, inductees must meet the following requirement:

- A. Be a Native of Newton County or have been a resident of the county for sufficient length of permanent residence for a minimum of fifteen (15) years

Location

The Newton County Sports Hall of Fame will temporarily be housed at the Turner Lake Recreation Facility until a permanent home is determined. Only an 11X14 picture and biography of the inductees will be displayed.

Funding

1. Private Contributions
2. Proceeds from fund raising events
3. Corporate and business donations and sponsorships

Admission

There will not be an admission fee to visit and view the portraits of our inductees.

Induction Ceremony

The induction ceremony will take place annually in the month of October.