



Bowling Green Athletics Hall of Fame Governance Document

1. Purpose

To recognize Bowling Green State University's distinguished student-athletes, teams, coaches, administrators, and special inductees who have distinguished themselves and the University through their measurable achievements, commitment to excellence, and their dedication to advancing the rich history, tradition, and legacy of Falcon Athletics. Outstanding athletic performance, coaching or administrative service, along with contributions of special and significant importance to Falcon Athletics will be considered when determining selection.

2. Induction

Hall of Fame inductions will take place as warranted and at a minimum of every other year. The nomination process will be opened to the entire Falcon Family through a general public nomination form housed on the departmental web site, and may be submitted either online or through standard ground mail. The nomination portal will be opened on an annual basis and after the designated deadline determinations will be made by the Hall of Fame Induction Committee. In years when a Hall of Fame class has been elected, an induction event will be held the following fall in conjunction with a home football game – designated as Hall of Fame Weekend. Situations outside of BGSU's control that may make coordination with a home athletics contest impossible will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and decisions will be made in the best interest of properly honoring the induction class and Hall of Fame as a whole.

3. Hall of Fame Induction Committee

The Hall of Fame Induction Committee will be made up of internal and external representatives of the Athletic Department serving in "permanent", "at-large", and "ex-officio" capacities. At Large committee members will serve no more than three (3) consecutive years and rotate on and off based on a set schedule of terms (some initial appointments of longer duration to establish foundation). Ex-Officio committee members will serve no more than five (5) consecutive years and rotate on and off based on a set schedule of terms. The Committee will be representative of the Athletics Department administrative staff, former student-athletes, current Hall of Fame members, University staff members, special supporters of the University and Athletic Department, and other areas as decided by the Director of Athletics. Committee members will have voting power, but will be unable to nominate potential candidates for consideration.*



A. Committee Breakdown and Initial Assignments:

- Director of Athletics and/or Designee will serve as Chair of Hall of Fame Committee
- Committee members are selected by and serve at the behest of the Director of Athletics
- Best efforts will be made to ensure that Committee members are representative in terms of age, gender, and ethnicity.
- Committee members are required to attend annual induction meeting and Hall of Fame Weekend induction dinner.

i. Permanent Appointments:

AD/Designee (Chair)
Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR)
Athletic Communications Director
Falcon Club Leadership Representative

ii. Ex-Officio Appointments:

2020-2024

Position 1
Position 2

iii. At-Large Appointments (Initial):

2020	2021	2022
Group C	Group D	Group E
Group C	Group D	Group E
Group C	Group D	Group E
Group D	Group E	Group F
Group D	Group E	Group F
Group D	Group E	Group F
Group E	Group F	Group G
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**Nomination submission available for non-voting 'Ex-Officio' committee members only.*

4. Nomination Requirements

Nominations will be accepted on a yearly basis through a general public nomination form housed on the athletics website (www.bgsufalcons.com) during a designated and publicly announced period of time (those received after the nomination deadline will be carried over to the following year). It is recognized that there are situations wherein the Committee will require flexibility in evaluating names/teams not submitted before the open nomination deadline, and in those cases it will be at the discretion of the Chair whether or not they are added for consideration after the



nomination period. In the rare case that a worthy candidate has not been identified by the public nomination process, the Hall of Fame Induction Committee may add that individual or team to

the list to be considered by a 2/3 majority vote taken at the spring meeting. Nominations will remain active for three (3) years after initial submission and candidates who do not move forward for induction during that window will serve a three (3) year "cooling period". Individuals impacted by the cooling period will not be eligible for consideration by the committee, but will be eligible for future nominations once the three year window has passed. Public nominations should be made based on the eligibility considerations listed below for the various categories:

A. Student-Athlete

- Must have earned one (1) varsity letter
- Must be ten (10) years removed from last date of competition for BGSU

B. Teams

- Must be ten (10) years removed from last date of competition for BGSU
- Must have made significant achievement (ie. Conference/National Championship) to honor and elevate the reputation and legacy of Bowling Green State University.
- No more than one (1) team may be elected in any given year by the Hall of Fame Induction Committee.

C. Coach/Administrator

- Must have served minimum of five (5) years and be at minimum five (5) years removed from service at BGSU
- Coaches and/or Administrators who are former student-athletes at BGSU will have their entire athletic record and total contribution to the University considered by the committee.
- No more than two (2) Coach/Administrators may be elected in any given year by the Hall of Fame Induction Committee.

D. Special Inductee

- Must have made consistent and significant contributions to BG Athletics.
- Attending BGSU as a student is not a requirement.
- Special consideration given to graduates who have contributed to BG Athletics (either through competition or employment) and have brought recognition to his/her alma mater through significant personal and/or professional achievements.
- No more than one (1) special inductee may be elected in any given year by the Hall of Fame Induction Committee.

5. Election Process

The Induction Committee will hold an annual meeting at the conclusion of the public nomination process (typically late spring / early summer). This will be an in-person discussion and the committee will require at minimum two-thirds membership attendance in order to convene. Class size will be limited to no fewer than 3 and no more than 5 honorees in any given induction year.



Exceptions to these limits will be made at the discretion of the Director of Athletics. Voting procedures will be as follows:

- All eligible nominees will be reviewed by the Induction Committee
- Detailed briefs on each nominee supplied by the Athletic Communications Director
- Two (2) votes will take place in order to determine a roster of finalists
- Finalists will need to earn above average of total points awarded and number of voting committee members in order to be considered for recommendation to Director of Athletics
- Attendance at the annual Hall of Fame Induction event is **REQUIRED** for induction with the obvious exemption being for posthumous inductees

6. Recognition

- New inductees are notified via phone by Director of Athletics with a follow-up letter related to the induction
- All past hall of famers will be notified of the induction
- Press release sent to local media and media of inductees by athletic communications office

7. Disqualification from Hall of Fame

Except as otherwise required by law, Hall of Fame Inductees shall not engage in any activity or conduct that has the purpose of effect of reflecting unfavorably on the University, or causing embarrassment to the University, or otherwise detracting from its reputation or the reputation of the University's athletics program. This would include, but not be limited to being convicted, pleading guilty to, or otherwise accepting responsibility for any felony or crime, or any personal conduct that results in major infractions as determined by applicable MAC and NCAA rules. Should an inductee engage in activities warranting consideration of potential disqualification, a three-fourths (3/4) of the Hall of Fame Induction Committee will be required in order to do so.

8. Adjustments to Hall of Fame Procedure

At any time that a member of the Hall of Fame Committee determines modifications to the procedural guidelines and regulations of the Hall of Fame are warranted, he/she may submit in writing (no later than thirty (30) days prior to annual meeting) in order to bring forward for voting at annual meeting. A three-fourth (3/4) vote from the Induction Committee is required in order to ratify any changes to established HOF processes and/or procedures.

