

Shenendehowa

Athletic Hall of Fame

By-Laws

The mission of the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize athletes, coaches, teams and supporters who have made significant contributions to the Shenendehowa athletic program through their service, performance, dedication, commitment and accomplishment.

Article 1- Purpose

The purpose of the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor athletes, coaches, teams and contributors of Shenendehowa Athletics to:

- Establish in the hearts of our youth a motivating influence to excel in athletics as well as community
- Foster pride, promote good sportsmanship, scholarship and citizenship in our school and community
- Promote the rich and storied tradition of Shenendehowa Athletics

Article 2- Candidates for membership

Candidates for membership in the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame shall be former Shenendehowa athletes, coaches, teams and contributors who have met the requirements set forth in this constitution.

Criteria for selection:

Candidates for the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame must meet one of the criteria listed below:

- Student-Athlete
 - Graduated from Shenendehowa 10 years ago or more
 - Received All-State Award
 - Received All-Section/League
 - Recognized award winner for league, section, state awards
- Coach
 - Coached within the district for more than 10 years
 - Served with distinction in the sport programs
- Team (Not eligible until 2011)
 - Won a sectional, regional or state championship
 - Has made unique athletic accomplishments
- Contributor (Special Category - "Lifetime Contributor")
 - Went above and beyond for the student-athletes at Shenendehowa

Number of Inductees:

The inaugural class of 2009 shall include no more than a total of eight inductees (athletes, coaches, administrators).

Future classes will not exceed eight inductees.

Teams will be eligible for enshrinement starting in 2011. No more than two teams will be inducted in any given year.

Each year contributors will be considered as a special category based on their body of work in support of Shenendehowa athletics. A contributor will not be considered as one of the eight inductees mentioned above.

Article 3- Amendment Process

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of committee members.

Article 4- Committee Membership

The Shenendehowa Sports Hall of Fame shall consist of a 13 person voting committee. Standing membership for those on the committee go to following:

- Director of Athletics
- High School Administration (2)
- Members of the Shenendehowa coaching staff (5)
- Community/At Large Members (5)

* At-large members may be former players, coaches, administrators, teachers, supporters who have historical knowledge of the sports program who no longer reside within the district.

Each membership is a three-year appointment.

The Director of Athletics shall be the chairperson of the committee. He/she shall have the authority to recommend a voting member to the committee when another member chooses to resign. Each person nominated by the Director of Athletics must be approved by a simple majority of the voting committee.

All members enshrined in the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame will become members of an advisory committee. Members of the advisory committee shall be notified of meeting dates and times. They can offer suggestions and input, but will not have any voting privileges.

All business decisions of the committee shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the committee in attendance (a minimum of 8 members is necessary to conduct business).

Article 5- Committees

The Director of Athletics shall appoint committees, chairpersons and individuals for each committee, to carry out the charge to the committee. Upon completion of the charge, a committee will be dismissed. The appointment of committees shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Banquet Committee
- Nomination Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Alumni/ Publicity Committee
- Awards Committee

No committee shall create any financial liability for the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame unless authorized by the Chairperson of the committee. All of these committees shall report to the committee at-large at each regular meeting.

The Director of Athletics, in consultation with the Hall of Fame Committee Members, may create ad hoc committees as needed. The purpose and the time limits on the committee's responsibilities will be determined when the appointment is authorized.

Article 6- Timeline for Hall of Fame

Timeline for 2009 and subsequent years: On or about February 15th, the Shenendehowa Athletic Hall of Fame committee will convene to conduct business and make it known that they will be accepting nominations for the hall of fame through May 15th of that year. It is the Director of Athletics' responsibility to inform the media of any announcements pertaining to the hall of fame.

- Nominations will be accepted through May 15th.
- The nomination committee will meet on or about May 15th to review and screen the nominations. The nominating committee can seek out additional information on applicants from a variety of different resources.
- The nominating committee will recommend up to 20 potential inductees to the larger membership committee. The membership committee will vote and the 8 nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be inducted into the athletic hall of fame each year.
- Nominations will stay active for three years for those individuals who did not finish in the top 8.
- Notifications to hall of fame inductees will be made on or about June 1st.
- Notification to the public and to the media will be made on or about June 15th.
- Meetings will be held July through September, as needed, to plan for the induction ceremony.
- The induction ceremony will be held in the fall of each year (the 2009 hall of fame induction dinner will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga, New York).

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