

WPIAL HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League Hall of Fame was organized as a means of recognizing, preserving, and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports in Western Pennsylvania. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have achieved superb accomplishments in high school sports. The Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. WPIAL member schools, WPIAL Hall of Fame Committee members, and members of a WPIAL Steering Committee may nominate **individuals or teams** from each of the the nominee categories. The principal or athletic director of the member school, WPIAL steering committee member, or Hall of Fame committee member making the nomination, must sign the nomination form (Form A).
2. Each WPIAL Officials' Chapter may nominate one contest official or coach from each nomination category. The official's chapter secretary must sign the nomination form (form A).
3. The WPIAL Board of Directors may nominate one person who has made an outstanding contribution to the WPIAL and interscholastic athletics. The WPIAL BOD member must sign the completed nomination form (Form A).

NOMINEE CATEGORIES/CRITERIA

1. **Athlete** - a person whose achievements in interscholastic athletics were extraordinary and merit League wide recognition. **Such athlete shall have completed eligibility in all sports five years prior to being eligible for nomination.** Athletes who are nominated are to be considered *solely* for their achievements in interscholastic athletics while competing at a WPIAL member school. **Athletes who have graduated in or before 2013 are eligible for induction in 2018.**
2. **Coach** – **a former high school coach who is retired from service as a coach and whose accomplishments as a high school coach merit League wide recognition.** Coaches who are nominated are to be considered solely for their achievements in interscholastic athletics while coaching at a WPIAL member school.
3. **Contest Official** - a person whose contributions as a contest official in interscholastic athletics were extraordinary and merit League-wide recognition. Contest officials who are nominated are to be considered solely on the basis of their service as an interscholastic contest official while officiating at athletic contests in the WPIAL.
4. **Contributor** - **a person who made outstanding contributions to interscholastic athletics on a League wide basis in some capacity other than an athlete, coach, or contest official,** including such areas as athletic administration, League committee/board/staff participation, sports medicine and sports media. Persons who are nominated are to be considered solely for their contributions to interscholastic athletics in the WPIAL.
5. **Team** – **a team whose achievements were extraordinary and merit league wide recognition. Such team must have competed five years prior to being eligible for nomination.** Teams that are nominated are to be considered solely for their achievements in interscholastic athletics while competing at a WPIAL member school.
6. **Heritage** - **A person who participated in the WPIAL as an athlete or coach in the interval from the beginning of the WPIAL to the end of the 1962-63 school year.** For each succeeding class, the ending date will advance one year. This category is intended for those whose high school accomplishments are not well recorded but who later made a profound impact by distinguishing themselves in athletics at the college or professional level. While their statistical records and resume may not be available, some documentation of their accomplishments in high school sports in the WPIAL must be submitted.

Only those nominees who meet the stated criteria and who exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and/or long-term contribution to interscholastic high school athletics will be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame