

Guidelines and Selection Procedures

Mission

The mission of the Champions Foundation is to expose people to positive environments that promote spiritual values, patriotism, physical fitness, desirable habits and skills, and the desire to excel in all endeavors.

The purpose of the Guidelines and Selection Procedures are to outline the selection and the procedures to be used in identifying athletes to be inducted into the Athens Athletic Hall of Fame. All inductees must have begun or finished his/her athletic accomplishments in Athens Clarke County. All selected inductees may have participated in sports on a high school, college, or professional levels to qualify.

Selection Committee

The selection committee shall be composed of former inductees that currently serve on the Champions Foundation Board of Directors.

The Nomination Process

A nomination serves as the initial step in the induction process but does not serve as a guarantee for induction. The selection of a hall of famer has several steps. All nominations must be submitted on an official Athens Hall of Fame application. Nominations received before December 2, will be evaluated for possible inclusion in the upcoming year induction class. Nominees may qualify for induction in one of the following categories: Athlete, Coach, and Contributor. The Compliance Officer receives all applications for processing. All nominations shall be processed according to the guidelines of the Athens Hall of Fame. Each nominee must have graduated from high school at least 10 years prior to nomination to be considered. Recommendations from the Compliance Officer may consider a cross selection of athletes from various schools and years.

Selection Committee Meeting

The Selection Committee meets annually to determine the number of eligible inductees. A minimum of (5) inductees may be selected. The announcements of nominee for induction shall be made no later than February 15th preceding the induction ceremony. All inductees must confirm attendance at the Sunday Luncheon Fellowship and inductee Ceremony. Nominees selected will be notified their application will move forward for future Athens Hall of Fame consideration.

Inductee Ceremony

The induction ceremony shall be held in May unless the board of directors approved an alternated month and date. A letter of confirmation will be mailed to each inductee providing information on the Sunday Luncheon and Inductee Ceremony. At the ceremony, each inductee will be announced and presented a Hall of Fame Plaque and Blazer. A plaque will be presented to a deceased inductee's family member or designee.

Inductee Screening Guidelines

1. Each application must be completed and include name, address, phone #, email, nominated by, etc. Additional information may be attached to the original inductee application.
2. Nominees must have graduated from high school 10 years prior to nominations to be considered for induction.
3. Each application must be submitted prior to the listed deadline and contain an electronic photo for publication.
4. The criminal background of all nominees may be reviewed.
5. The accomplishments of all inductees will be evaluated for final consideration.
6. Inductees must adhere to the Athens Hall of Fame Inductee Ceremony Guidelines.
7. The Secretary should maintain a separate list for the board in its entirety and one for the (AHOF) Selection Committee.
8. All information discussed by the Selection Committee regarding the selection of inductees to the hall of fame must be held in strict confidence under all situations.
9. The board of directors for the Champions Foundation will have final approval of all inductees.



NOMINATION FORM

AAHOF CRITERIA AND SELECTION INFORMATION

- Eligibility – Individual who began or finished his/her/ athletic accomplishments in Athens/Clarke County.
- Categories – A. Outstanding athlete B. Outstanding coach C. Contributor (one whose work contributed in a notable way to the success of athletics in Athens/Clarke County).
- Sports – all team and individual sports (interscholastic, intercollegiate, professional, Olympic, AAU, etc.)
- Requirements for Elections – A. An athlete must have achieved extraordinary honors (All-America, All-Sections, All -State, All City/County, National, Sectional or State Champion or Record Holder in individual sports. B. A coach must have compiled an extraordinary record in producing championship teams or individual champions. C. A contributor must have greatly helped athletics in Athens/Clarke County over a period.
- Nominee can be from any area, 1880's through World War 11 (1946-1960's) – 1970's through present.
- Character/ Criminal history – Will be considered in the final selection.

charged with a felony arrest must provide their criminal history with the inductee application. No nomination will be considered unless the Compliance Officer receives all required material prior to the stated deadline.

The deadline for nominations for the Class of 2020 is December 1, 2019

Mail all nomination material to: Will Jones - Compliance Officer
P.O. Box 1681, Athens, GA 30603
Email: willjones305@yahoo.com

Player /Coach Name (in full): _____
 Current Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Business Phone: _____ Email: _____
 If deceased, name next of kin: _____
 Address of next of kin: _____
 High School Attended: _____
 Coach: _____ Year played (from – to): _____

 College(s) Attended: _____ Circle one (Div. I-A, I-AA II, III, NAIA)
 Height and weight in playing days: _____
 College and/or Postgraduate Degree (s): _____
 College Athletic Record (National/Conference): _____
 Academic Honors: _____
 Occupation(s): _____
 If a Coach, Record (W/L) & School Years: _____
 Current Occupation: _____
 Civic Service: _____
 Military: _____
 Married: Y/N Wife/Husband: _____ Children: _____
 Nominated by: _____ Affiliation: _____ Date: _____
 Nominator Phone: _____ Email: _____