

Rules & Criteria for Acceptance

I. Purpose:

To honor players, coaches & volunteers for their support of blind golf and/or the USBGA; and to preserve and promote the history of blind golf and the association

II. Eligibility:

- A. A minimum 5 years membership for any USBGA member to be considered**
- B. Coaches, volunteers, and/or friends should have at least a 5-year record of service to blind golf**

III. Structure:

Honorees will be elected to the Hall of Fame in any of three categories

- A. Players**
- B. Coaches**
- C. Friends of blind golf and/or the USBGA**

IV. Criteria for Selection:

- A. Candidate must have a record of outstanding service (or performance if nominated as a player)**
- B. Candidate must have shown dedication to the promotion of blind golf and/or the USBGA for a sustained period of time (see II-B above)**
- C. Candidate in the Friends category can include, but not be limited to, founders of the association, golf professionals who teach the blind, individuals who give time and effort in the organization and execution of USBGA tournaments, members who have made significant contributions to the association through elective office or otherwise**

V. Selection:

A Hall of Fame selection committee chairman will be appointed every 3rd year by the board (current chairman will serve through 2018).

- A. The chairman selects four committee members to serve.**
- B. The committee, in addition to candidates they think should be considered, could receive nominations from the membership by a stipulated date during an election year (six months prior to the induction ceremony)**
- C. The committee, as well as living USBGA members, players and coaches already inducted into the USBGA Hall of Fame, votes on the nominees and the committee reports the results to the board 90 days prior to the National Championship, on those candidates who will be honored**
- D. A candidate must receive at least 75% of the completed and returned ballots to be elected into the Hall of Fame**
- E. Schedule of Elections; Annually from 2007-2009, then every third year beginning in 2012**
 - 1. Class of 2007 will honor eligible inductees covering the prior to 1967**
 - 2. Class of 2008 will honor eligible inductees covering the period from 1968-1987**
 - 3. Class of 2009 will honor eligible inductees covering the period from 1988-present**
- F. In subsequent elections, in addition to the committee, any living USBGA member in the Hall of Fame will also get to vote on Hall of Fame nominees**
- G. After the 2009 induction no more than 2 USBGA members can be selected every three years and total induction cannot exceed 6 in any election**

VI. Hall of Fame Curator:

Someone will be nominated by the committee and approved by the board to serve as the curator

- A. The curator will maintain current records of contact information on all inductees**

- B. The curator will oversee the creation and placement of a Hall of Fame section on the USBGA website**
- C. The curator will serve for at least five years**
 - 1. The curator could be removed by a unanimous vote of the board for conduct detrimental to the association**
 - 2. Otherwise the curator should be allowed to continue until they wish to resign or are removed by the board for cause**

VII. Recognition:

An area of the USBGA website will be set aside for the Hall of Fame

- A. Honorees' picture, biography and contributions to blind golf will be placed in the category they were elected into (player, coach, friend)**
- B. The curator will help collect, create and/or edit the website entry**
- C. A permanent legacy plaque with all Hall of Fame members will be purchased and updated after each election and put on display at each national tournament and any other events as desired**
- D. Additional options may present themselves in future years for a physical display or recognition**

VIII. Awards:

In the years that honorees are inducted into the Hall of Fame, the ceremony should take place at that year's national tournament awards banquet. Honorees will receive a personalized plaque and/or framed certificate to keep.

IX. Operation:

The association shall fund The USBGA Hall of Fame. The Chairman and his/her selection committee are not responsible for the cost of maintaining or inducting members into the Hall of Fame.