

USBGA Hall of Fame Policies & Procedures

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I. Purpose: To honor players, coaches and 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 of 5 continuous years of membership for any USBGA member to be considered.
- B. Coaches, volunteers, and/or friends should have at least 5 continuous years of service to the USBGA and/or blind golf, respective to the nomination category.

III. Structure:

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

- A. Players (Blind and Vision Impaired)
- B. Coaches
- C. Friends of the USBGA and/or Blind Golf

IV. Definitions:

- A. Nominee: A person or organization nominated by the HOF committee, USBGA members or Associate member coaches.
- B. Candidate: A person or organization that has met the minimum criteria and is placed on the list for voting by the HOF committee and previous HOF Player and Coach Inductees.
- C. Inductee: A person or organization that successfully met the minimum two thirds affirmative votes of the returned ballots and is therefore awarded the honor of membership into the USBGA Hall of Fame.

V. Criteria for Selection:

- A. Candidates nominated as Player must have a record of outstanding service to the USBGA or Blind Golf and/or outstanding tournament performance.

- B. Candidates nominated as Coach must have shown dedication to the promotion of the USBGA and/or blind golf for a sustained period of time (see II-B above).
- C. Candidates nominated as Friends of the USBGA and/or Blind Golf may 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 and members who have made significant contributions to the association through elective office or otherwise.

VI. Selection:

A Hall of Fame selection committee chairman will be appointed by the Board at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) one year prior to the next HOF induction. The current chairman will serve through 2018.

- A. The Chairman selects a minimum of two and up to four committee members who are currently active USBGA members and/or coaches and have been active in the USBGA for a minimum of 3 continuous years. The number of committee members must be an odd number to avoid tie votes should the matter arise.
- B. The Committee may receive nominations from members, associate member coaches and from HOF committee members by the stipulated date during the HOF election year.
- C. Once nominations are received, the Committee reviews each one to determine if it is eligible and meets the HOF criteria in the respective category. These candidates will comprise the list for which votes will be cast.
- D. The Committee, plus any HOF Inductees in the Player or Coach category will vote on the candidates. However, Players or Coaches who have failed to respond or vote in the previous two HOF induction classes, are not eligible to vote. The information sent to existing HOF Players and Coaches should be the same biographies and summaries that were reviewed by the HOF committee. Voters may vote YES for as few as zero and as many as two of the eligible candidates in any single category. An abstaining vote is considered to be the same as a NO vote.
- E. Only those candidates with a two thirds affirmative vote of the ballots received from eligible HOF voters may be elected to the Hall of Fame. In case of a tie vote, the tie breaker would be a vote of the HOF Committee only. A re-vote is not needed as the original votes of the committee will be used for the tie breaker.

Up to six selected candidates will be reported to the Board 90 days prior to the National Championship. The Board is required to confirm or deny by a majority vote these candidates at the next board meeting, which must be scheduled within 30 days of receipt of the list of candidates. The Board must accept or reject the list of proposed Inductees in its entirety unless there is just cause to consider a violation of HOF procedures for any candidate.

- F. The HOF Chairman and Committee will determine the timing and method for distributing and counting the ballots/votes.
- G. Schedule of Elections: Annually from 2007 thru 2009, then every third year beginning in 2012. Once candidates are awarded this recognition, they become Inductees.
 - 1. Class of 2007 will honor eligible Inductees covering the years prior to 1968.
 - 2. Class of 2008 will honor eligible Inductees covering the years from 1968 thru 1987.
 - 3. Class of 2009 will honor eligible Inductees covering the years from 1988 thru 2008.
- H. After the 2009 Induction Class, there can be no more than 2 inductees in each category every three years. Thus, the total induction cannot exceed 6 in 2012.
- I. If a nominee or candidate is not selected for induction, they may be re-nominated at any subsequent nomination time frame. There is no limit to the number of times a player/coach/friend can be nominated but nominations do not automatically continue to the next eligibility time frame. They must be re-nominated for consideration.

VII. 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 contacts, photos, biographies, the HOF binder, HOF trophy and plaques and any miscellaneous 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 may be removed by a unanimous vote of the entire USBGA 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.

VIII. Recognition:

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

- A. Inductees' pictures, biographies and contributions to the USBGA and/or blind golf will be placed in the category they were elected into (player, coach, or friend). As a courtesy, it is recommended that the USBGA honor their induction with dinner and a hotel room when attending the ceremony.
- B. The Curator will help collect, create and/or edit the website entries.
- C. A permanent legacy trophy and/or 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.

IX. 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. Inductees will be presented with a personalized plaque. Their name/organization will be placed on a nameplate that is installed on the HOF legacy trophy along with the year and category of induction.

X. 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.