

Heard County Hall of Fame Guidelines

The Heard County High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established to formally honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, coaches, and supporters of our athletic programs. The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of our appreciation of the excellence, honor, and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS: □

- 1) Any individual with a demonstrated interest in the Heard County High School Athletic Programs may submit a nomination. An individual may NOT nominate himself or herself for induction.
- 2) All nominations will be presented to the selection committee.
- 3) Once an individual has been nominated, their nomination will remain active for a period of three years or until such time they are inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- 4) The selection committee shall consist of a minimum of five members. The Chairman of the committee will be the current Heard County Athletic Director or Official Sports designee by all current coaches at HHS: That person currently is Shane Lasseter
- 5) To be approved for induction, a candidate must receive 75% vote of support from the selection committee. 5 members = 4 of 5 approval. 10 members 8 of 10 approval.
- 6.) Nominations must be submitted prior to May 1st.
- 7.) Hall of fame members will be approved no later than June 1st and announced no later than July 1st. All can be done prior to the dates.
- 8.) Hall of fame members will be recognized and inducted in a ceremony prior to a Home Football game each year.
- 9.) The committee is not eligible to nominate candidates for the Hall of Fame.
- 10.) The committee doesn't discuss reasons for approval or denial.

INDUCTION/NOMINATION CRITERIA: □

I. Athlete Criteria for Induction:

- 1) Athletes will be eligible for induction five years after graduation.
- 2) The athlete must have attended A Heard County High School for a minimum of two years and be a graduate of A Heard County High School (or honorary graduate due to circumstances such as deceased) .
- 3) Athletes are to be nominated and are eligible based on high school accomplishments but can enhance their chances based on things that are accomplished or achieved after graduation.
- 4) The committee believes in second chances and are to focus the attention on high school accomplishments, but reserves the right to hold nominees to the highest of standards. The committee also reserves the right to remove a member from the hall of fame for personal conduct which reflects discredit to the school or the honor of the hall of fame.

Each Nominee must have made a significant achievement in their sport. This may have taken place at the high school, college, professional or amateur levels. All-star teams, tournaments, and awards were uncommon in earlier eras. Achievements should be on record and verified by copies of news clippings, yearbooks, certificates of award, etc. Also, documentation of

achievements might not exist, especially for older nominees. This should be taken into consideration.

Additional awards or checkpoints to consider for nomination but not required:

AP or Coaches' Association All-State Teams / All American Selection

State Champion

State Record Holder / School Career Record holder

State Tournament Series Record Holders

School Record Holder

Division I Athletic Scholarship Recipients

All-Region Selection Multiple times or multiple sports

Outstanding Statistical Achievement in an Individual Sport or Sports (i.e. 1000 career points in basketball – all statistics must be verifiable through print media, official school records.)

Team Captain, Great Individual Character

Coaches Criteria for Induction:

- 1) The individual must have coached at Heard County for a minimum of three years.
- 2) The individual will become eligible for the Hall of Fame immediately upon their retirement or five years after leaving employment with the Heard County Community, or may be eligible while still employed if they have served the Heard County Community for longer than 10 years.

The Hall of Fame Committee will give strong consideration to coaches exhibiting outstanding achievement the categories below.

1. Made a positive contribution to the overall Athletic Program
2. Member of a Recognized State Hall of Fame in the Sport that he/she coached
3. State Championship
4. Sectional, Regional, Championships
5. Consistent Playoff Runs
6. Coach of the Year honors by state recognized coaching organizations or media groups
7. Career winning percentage at Heard County
8. Athletic success of individuals coached
9. Years of coaching service to Heard County
10. Leadership roles in coaching associations / region leaders
11. Member of the coaching staff of a state recognized all-star team
12. Influential in the lives of multiple people / Intangibles

III. Community / School Contributor's Criteria for Induction:

1) Made a positive contribution to the overall Athletic Program. Eligibility of outstanding contributions will be at the sole discretion of the selection committee □

2) Candidates must have made outstanding contributions or offered extraordinary services to the student/athletes and the athletic program at Heard County. Through working with the high school has helped contribute to the betterment of programs and/or growth of programs. Through working with the high school and/or school district has helped improve the playing experience/atmosphere for Athletes and coaches.

3) Candidates need not be graduates of Heard County High School to be eligible for induction.