

NEBRASKA STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME AND AWARDS COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

1. **Members.** The Hall of Fame and Awards Committee shall be made up of up to 5 current or past Nebraska State Soccer Board Members as chosen by the Executive Director and President.
2. **Hall of Fame Selection.** Each year, the Committee shall be responsible for selecting up to three (3) living people for induction into the Nebraska Soccer Hall of Fame. Additional deceased people may be inducted at the discretion of the Committee. The purpose is to honor those individuals who have played an important role in the growth and development of soccer in Nebraska. In the case a majority of the Committee is not able to agree upon the individuals to be selected, the Vice-President shall designate up to three (3) living people who were under consideration, as well as any other deceased nominees for induction in a given year.
3. **Hall of Fame Nominations.** The Committee may solicit nominations in whatever manner they see fit, and may receive nominations from any source. In addition, the Committee may consider any other individuals on its own initiative. There is no limitation on how long someone may be considered or how often they may be nominated.
4. **Hall of Fame Categories.** All nominees and inductees will be listed under one of the following induction categories:
 - 4.1 **Lifetime Achievement** Nominee must show 20 plus years of membership of an organized soccer program, or programs, based in the state of Nebraska. Nominee should have an obvious career of service to the betterment of youth and/or amateur soccer in Nebraska, program foundation, or similar. Must be of age 50 or more.
 - 4.2 **Outstanding Achievement** Nominee must have been a member of an organized soccer program that aligns with Nebraska State Soccer and its purpose. Players and coaches should have most of their career based in the state of Nebraska.
 - 4.3 **Merit Award** Nominees will have a proven commitment to the betterment of youth and/or amateur soccer in Nebraska as a volunteer, admin or longtime supporter of Nebraska State Soccer. Nominee must have been involved for five or more years.

5. **Hall of Fame Criteria.** Candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame may consist of players, coaches, administrators, volunteers, or others who have made significant contributions to soccer in one of Nebraska State Soccer's sanctioned programs. Generally, the Committee shall be guided by the following:

5.1 Player – to be considered, the individual must have played a significant part of their career in Nebraska. Generally, they will have continued a career in collegiate and/or professional soccer and shown achievement at those levels. The player must be inactive in competitive soccer before being eligible for induction.

5.2 Coach – to be considered, the individual must have coached a significant part of their career in sanctioned Nebraska State Soccer programs. Their career should be distinguished by recognized skill in coaching, a positive influence on players, high standards of conduct and ethics in the game, and contributions to the development and improvement of soccer in Nebraska. Coaches must have at least fifteen (15) years of head coaching experience before being eligible for induction.

5.3 Administrators, Volunteers and Board Members – to be considered, the individual must have demonstrated significant contributions to soccer in Nebraska. The individual should have devoted substantial personal time to advancing the sport, been a positive influence on the development of soccer, and have been a leader or role model for others in the soccer community. The individual should be 50 years or older or be inactive in the sport to be considered.

5.4 Referees – to be considered, the individual must have maintained the grade of USSF State Referee or higher for at least seven (7) consecutive years. They shall have distinguished themselves by officiating in Nebraska State Soccer and contributed to the improvement of the sport.

6. **Annual Awards.** The Committee shall also select, in consultation with NSS staff, the following award recipients:

Boys Competitive Coach of the Year

Girls Competitive Coach of the Year

Boys Recreational Coach of the Year

Girls Recreational Coach of the Year

TOPSoccer Coach of the Year

Administrator of the Year

Young Female Referee of the Year

Young Male Referee of the Year

7. **Ceremony.** With the assistance of NSS staff, the Committee shall plan and coordinate an awards ceremony for the Hall of Fame and Annual Awards. The ceremony shall be at such time and such place as the Committee may determine, and may or may not be combined with the Annual General Meeting. The budget for the ceremony shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors, and may include reimbursement of travel and incidental expenses for inductees to travel to Omaha to receive the award. The Committee shall make efforts to publicize the event and shall attempt to obtain financial support for the ceremony and any plaques or other tokens of induction selected by the Committee.
7. **History.** The Committee shall make efforts to ensure that the history of soccer in Nebraska is documented and preserved, that the records of Nebraska State Soccer are well organized and archived appropriately, and that attempts are made to collect and preserve the history, traditions, and artifacts of soccer in Nebraska.