

BY-LAWS OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mifflin County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame is to honor and perpetuate the memory of men and women who have brought fame and recognition to Mifflin County through their achievements in athletics or otherwise have made a positive contribution to the promotion of athletic excellence in Mifflin County.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in the chapter is open to all sports-minded men and women 18 years of age and older who have an interest in promoting and preserving the athletic accomplishments of individuals and teams of Mifflin County.
- Section 2. Membership shall not be limited in number.
- Section 3. Membership dues established by the Board of Directors are payable annually to the Treasurer of the Mifflin County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and shall include the dues of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. State dues and the Chapter Membership Roster are to be forwarded to the State Treasurer on dates specified by the State Hall of Fame.
- a. Charter members of the Mifflin County Chapter are those who paid their dues between July 1, 2020, and November 15, 2020.
 - b. Dues cover one year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year and are payable by November 15 of each year. Dues must be paid in full by the November 15 deadline of any year prior to the year of an

Induction Banquet to be eligible to participate in the nominating and voting process for that year.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The governing body of the Chapter shall be a Board of Directors comprised of nine members: four officers and five board members.
- Section 2. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be selected by vote of the Board of Directors and serve a term of one year and have the duties and responsibilities typically assigned to those positions. The officers and one additional member appointed by the President shall serve as the Executive Committee. There is no limit to the number of terms an officer or board member may serve.
- Section 3. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:
- a. Formulate and present policies to the Board of Directors for its approval.
 - b. Approve the appointment of the Committee Chairpersons as submitted by the President.
 - c. Fill the unexpired terms of officers.
 - d. Act on behalf of the Board of Directors in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:
- a. Approve by a two-thirds vote all amendments to the Bylaws.
 - b. Approve all policies for the Chapter.
 - c. Approve a slate of candidates to be nominated for election to the Board of Directors at the reorganization meeting.
 - d. Determine the number of Inductees to be elected into the Hall of Fame.
 - e. Determine the number of Nominees that shall be placed on the Ballot for election into the Hall of Fame.

f. Establish membership dues for the Chapter.

Section 5. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of three years and shall be nominated and elected or re-elected by the general membership each June, beginning in 2021. Terms of office shall begin on July 1.

Section 6. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following original organizers of the Mifflin County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame who shall serve until replaced or re-elected as follows:

- Joel Diamond, Cher Harpster, Tona Williams (July 2021);
- Tim Searer, Dave Semler, Kevin Kodish (July 2022);
- Greg Williams, Brian Heckert, Jon Zimmerman (July 2023).

Section 7. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held not less than quarterly, including the annual reorganization meeting of the general membership. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the President.

Section 8. The following are the standing committees: Hall of Fame Selection, Communications, General Membership, Finance, Banquet. From time to time, the Executive Committee may create additional committees that shall not be considered permanent or standing committees unless so determined at the time of creation.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTION TO THE MIFFLIN COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Section 1. Eligibility

- a. Men and women who through their achievements in athletics have brought fame and recognition to Mifflin County, or have otherwise made a positive contribution to the promotion of athletic excellence in Mifflin County, whether as an active participant, coach or in other capacities, and who possess the character consistent with the positive image and goals of the Mifflin County Sports Hall of Fame.
- b. A nominee must be a current or past resident of Mifflin County.

- c. To be considered, nominees must have been inactive from the sport for a period of at least three (3) years, or have been involved in the sport for a minimum of twenty (20) years, or who have attained the age of fifty-five (55) years.
- d. A deceased nominee is eligible for induction one year after his or her death.

Section 2. Nomination and Election Procedure

- a. Only members of the Mifflin County Chapter of the Sports Hall of Fame are eligible to nominate individuals.
- b. Nominations will be received by any member of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee or mailed to the organization's post office address with a postmark on or before December 31 of each year preceding an Induction Banquet. Nominations of individuals who meet the eligibility requirements must be accompanied by a brief biography of the nominee and the accomplishments that warrant consideration. An official nomination form shall be available on the Chapter's website or by request made to the Chapter Secretary. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors and the Selection Committee to verify the nominee's interest in not only becoming an inductee (if elected) into the Mifflin County Sports Hall of Fame, but also that person's desire to attend the annual induction banquet. A suitable photo should accompany the nomination form.
- c. Nominations will be screened by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and a ballot consisting of not more than the number of candidates as determined by the Board of Directors will be mailed to eligible voting members no later than the following January 30. Ballots must then be returned no later than March 1.
- d. Each voting member must return a fully completed official embossed and numbered ballot. The number of candidates as determined by the Board of Directors receiving the highest number of votes plus any ties for the final position will be inducted. The Board has the discretion to limit the number in the event of an excessive number of tie votes.

- e. The Board of Directors may name two at-large, special inductees (living, deceased or team) each year without regard to the voting process. Teams shall not be considered for induction for a period of ten years after its achievement.
- f. Ballots not filled out completely or those that are illegible shall be declared void. Only official embossed and numbered ballots will be accepted.
- g. Ballots will be tabulated and validated by the Board of Directors and the results announced soon afterward.
- h. The Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at a banquet to be held in April or May. A living honoree must be present at the induction banquet. If incapacitated and unable to attend the induction banquet due to health or other unforeseen extenuating circumstances, the person may be represented by a family member or friend at the induction banquet. Deceased individuals deserving of induction but with no living relatives or with no individual to represent them at the induction banquet will be inducted in a manner determined at the discretion of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
- i. If after election the honoree does not want to attend the induction banquet or is not interested in accepting the honor, the matter will be taken up by the Board of Directors for resolution prior to the public announcement of the induction class.
- j. No member of the Board of Directors who is a nominee for induction shall participate in any capacity with the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Section 3. Nominations to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame

- a. Must be submitted as requested by the State Board of Directors following the requirements and timelines of the State Nominating Committee.
- b. Any member of the Mifflin County Chapter may submit a candidate for induction into the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame to the Board of Directors from among the Chapter's inductees.

- c. By majority vote, the Board of Directors will determine if the candidate's name is submitted to the State Chapter for consideration.

Section 4. Volunteer Recognition Award

- a. This is not an award of Induction to the Mifflin County Sports Hall of Fame.
- b. In conjunction with the Induction Banquet, the Board of Directors may select a living or deceased person to be honored for their long-term volunteer sports contributions if the person meets the following requirements:
 - i. Must have volunteered in Mifflin County.
 - ii. Must have made contribution as a volunteer in the non-competitive part of any field of sport for a minimum of 20 years.
 - iii. Must be a member of the Mifflin County Sports Hall of Fame.
 - iv. Any member of the Mifflin County Sports Hall of Fame may nominate an individual for this award. The Board of Directors and the Selection Committee shall ascertain that the nominee or representative will be present for induction.
 - v. A suitable photo should accompany the nominating form.

Article V – DISSOLUTION

- Section 1. The Chapter may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 3/4 of the Board of Directors. In the event of the dissolution of the organization other than for the purposes of reorganization none of the assets of the chapter shall be distributed to any members of the Chapter. After payment of any debts of the Chapter, the assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Board of Directors or to another sports hall of fame chapter in Pennsylvania.

These Bylaws were approved and adopted unanimously by the Initial Organizers of the Mifflin County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on June 18, 2020.

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Amendments to the Nomination and Selection Process were approved on January 3, 2021.

Greg Williams, Secretary