



## **National Lacrosse Hall of Fame** **Nomination & Selection Process**

Approved by the US Lacrosse Board of Directors - July 2014

**Goal: To select the absolute best of the best, with the context of an individual's era of participation.**

### **Character Beyond Reproach**

The following are possible areas of evaluation used to determine character beyond reproach:

- Practice and perpetuation of positive sportsmanship on and off the field
- Positive relations with peers, opponents, subordinates and supervisors within the game
- Service within lacrosse development initiatives
- Graduation rate (coaches)
- Service and honors within civic, community and military community
  - Committee note: Service, not Honors, are better at determining character
- Publicly known conviction of any crimes/felonies
  - All nominees that satisfy the minimum criteria will provide consent to undergo a criminal background check\*
  - Only those nominees that are being seriously considered by the Ballot Committee for inclusion on the Ballot shall be subject to criminal background checks

*\*It must be clearly stated within the publicly posted process description that a potential criminal background check is a part of the nomination/selection process.*

## Minimum Criteria and Induction Categories

### Category: Player

#### Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must be retired\* from playing the game for at least ten (10) years OR must have had at least fifteen (15) years lapse from a scheduled college graduation year and be retired\* from the game
- Note: College attendance is not a prerequisite for consideration
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame. Exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame is established and active
- Must have played collegiate lacrosse in the United States of America
- Must have character beyond reproach

*\*retired = not participating at the level of play for which candidate is being evaluated for induction*

#### Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category all nominees must have achieved at least one of the following criteria in collegiate, international or professional play:

- Collegiate (one of the following)
  - 2 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team Collegiate All-America
  - 3 time combination of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Collegiate All-America
  - 2 time USILA or IWLCAs award winner as either:
    - Player of the Year
    - Attacker of the Year
    - Midfielder of the Year
    - Defender of the Year
    - Goalie of the Year
- International (one of the following)
  - 2 time US Elite Team member (Men-World Championship Team, Women-World Cup Team)
  - 1 time US Elite Team member (Men-World Championship team, Women-World Cup team), with ILF, IFWLA, or FIL International playing honors as:
    - Member of an All-World Team
    - World Championship/Cup Tournament MVP
    - World Championship/Cup Offensive MVP
    - World Championship/Cup Defensive MVP
  - 3 time US Touring Team member
- Professional (one of the following)
  - 2 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Pro (MLL and NLL)
  - 3 time combination of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Pro (MLL and NLL)
  - 2 time Professional Player of the Year (MLL and/or NLL)

If an individual does not satisfy any of the foregoing criteria, but the Ballot Committee unanimously determines that such individual fully and completely satisfies the spirit and intent of such criteria and such individual therefore represents the best of the best within the context of his/her era of participation, such individual may nevertheless be included on the ballot by the Ballot Committee.

## Category: Coach

### Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must be at least five years retired\* or at least twenty years active as a head lacrosse coach at the high school, collegiate, international and/or professional level.
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame. Exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame is established and active
- Must have character beyond reproach

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### Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category all nominees must have achieved at least one of the following criteria in either high school, collegiate, international.

- High School Head Coach (one of the following)
  - 350 wins or greater
  - Accumulated a career winning percentage of 80% or greater
- Collegiate Head Coach (one of the following)
  - 250 wins or greater
  - Accumulated a career winning percentage of 65% or greater
  - 2 time USLIA or IWLCA Coach of the Year
- International Head Coach
  - Team USA Head Coach and substantial coaching achievements within college or HS ranks

If an individual does not satisfy any of the foregoing criteria, but the Ballot Committee unanimously determines that such individual fully and completely satisfies the spirit and intent of such criteria and such individual therefore represents the best of the best within the context of his/her era of participation, such individual may nevertheless be included on the ballot by the Ballot Committee.

## **Category: Contributor**

### **Contributor - Official**

#### Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must be at least five years retired\* or at least twenty years as an active official/umpire
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame. Exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame is established and active
- Must have character beyond reproach

*\*retired = not participating at the level of play for which candidate is being evaluated for induction*

#### Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category all nominees must have achieved at least one of the following criteria in either collegiate, international.

- Collegiate Officiating (one of the following)
  - Officiate 3 Collegiate Division I National Championships
  - Officiate 6 Collegiate Division I Final Four tournament games
- International Officiating
  - Officiate an elite international competition (Men-World Championship, Women-World Cup) and one of the following
    - 1 Collegiate Division I National Championships
    - 2 Collegiate Division I Final Four tournament games

## **Contributor – Administrator or Developer**

### Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must have demonstrated long, dedicated, and exceptional service and contributions to the game
- A Contributor must be at least 20 years active with the sport of lacrosse in one or more capacities
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame. Exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse Chapter Hall of Fame is established and active
- Must have character beyond reproach

### Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category all nominees must have achieved at least two of the following criteria:

- Serve in a national leadership position for development, management, or governance of the game for at least ten years (not consecutive)
- Serve on a national lacrosse committee or council for at least ten years (not consecutive)
- Serve in a historical regional leadership position for development, management, or governance of the game for at least ten years (not consecutive)
- Create or establish a recognizable and tangible contribution to the game that has fundamentally impacted the game in a positive manner. To include, but not be limited to processes, system of play, evaluation methods and industry achievement

If an individual does not satisfy any of the foregoing criteria for Official or Administrator/Developer, but the Ballot Committee unanimously determines that such individual fully and completely satisfies the spirit and intent of such criteria and such individual therefore represents the best of the best within the context of his/her era of participation, such individual may nevertheless be included on the ballot by the Ballot Committee.

## Ballot and Voting Committee Structure

### Ballot Committee

Committee Size: 8

Committee Term: 4 years, with one term renewal

Committee Make Up: Collectively, the committee members must represent and possess the utmost lacrosse knowledge and geographic and historical expertise. Must be very knowledgeable of the game, been involved with the sport for a significant amount of time and at a significant level, have a sense of history of the game.

Committee Task: Through comprehensive evaluation of eligible candidates at an in-person meeting, annually identify those individuals that are to be included on the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Ballot.

The Ballot Committee deems all individuals on the ballot worthy of induction.

Prior to any voting, through a meeting or conference call, the Ballot Committee will present the ballot to the Voting Committee. At which time the Ballot Committee can field any questions regarding the information presented on the 12 ballot candidates. No voting occurs at this meeting. All ballots are submitted by the Voting Committee members anonymously.

The Ballot Committee will also serve as members of the Voting Committee.

Ballot Size: 12 individuals – all categories

Must include biographical and accomplishment information for each candidate. In addition, a committee statement noting why each individual is deemed eligible for consideration for nomination.

Each individual must receive a minimum of an 80% vote of approval from the Ballot Committee to be included on the ballot.

Vote Value/Tallying: The Ballot Committee shall have point value based on the following scale:

<b>Vote Rank</b>	<b>Vote Value for Ballot Committee</b>
1	18
2	16.5
3	15
4	13.5
5	12
6	10.5
7	9
8	7.5
9	6
10	4.5
11	3
12	1.5

Voting Committee

- Committee Size: 12
- Committee Term: 4 year limit, based on consistence voting participation, with one term renewal
- Committee Make Up: Must be very knowledgeable of the game, been involved with the sport for a significant amount of time and at a significant level, have a sense of history of the game. May be populated with past Ballot Committee or Nomination Committee members)
- Committee Task: Through completion and submission of the ballot, annually select those identified for induction into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
- Voting Protocol: Each Voting Committee member must rank the 12 candidates that appear on the ballot 1-12, 1 being their top choice/most qualified candidate and 12 being the last choice/least qualified candidate.

Voting Value/Tallying: The Voting Committee shall have point value based on the following scale

<b>Vote Rank</b>	<b>Vote Value for Ballot Committee</b>
1	12
2	11
3	10
4	9
5	8
6	7
7	6
8	5
9	4
10	3
11	2
12	1

Induction Criteria

Once all votes are tallied, the total number of points is generated for each candidate. Those candidates receiving at least 216 of the total points available (based on a 4th highest ranking by 20 voters which places a candidate in the top 25%) would be elected. Based on this system a maximum of 4 individuals (per committee) can be elected annually.

In addition, if at least 4 individuals do not receive at least 216 points, the top 4 vote getters (determined by total points received) would be elected, provided that each of the top 4 vote getters receives at least 168 points (based on a 6th highest ranking by 20 voters).

All individuals that receive equal point totals that qualify them for induction shall be deemed to be elected for induction into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

All ballots must be signed and returned. Ballots results are compiled anonymously.

## Additional Honors and Awards

### Identification/Selection Process

- It is the responsibility of the Ballot Committee to identify individuals for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Team Distinction Award.
- It is the responsibility of the Voting Committee to approve (by an established approval percentage) those to receive these awards by a super majority vote of at least 75%

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and honors the lifetime accomplishments, impact and/or contributions of an individual to sport of lacrosse.

#### Criteria:

1. Outstanding accomplishment as a player, administrator or official in connection with participation and leadership activities in local, regional and national lacrosse organizations expanding over a career
2. Demonstrate a commitment to the sport of lacrosse that exceeds the norm
3. Demonstrate a passion and vision for the sport of lacrosse through action
4. Character beyond approach

The Lifetime Achievement Award does not constitute election into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. These awards shall be presented at an event other than the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame celebration. Each Ballot Committee shall be entitled to elect one (1) individual to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and one (1) team to receive the Team Distinction Award each year, but neither Ballot Committee is required to confer these awards during any particular year. The vote of eighty (80%) percent or more

### **TEAM DISTINCTION**

The Team Distinction Award recognizes and honors the accomplishments, impact and/or contributions of an entire team achieved during a specific era of participation.

#### Criteria:

1. Impact/contribution to the game
2. Extraordinary win streak
3. National Championships for World Cup Championship

The Team Distinction Award does not constitute election into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. These awards shall be presented at an event other than the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame celebration. Each Ballot Committee shall be entitled to elect one (1) individual to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and one (1) team to receive the Team Distinction Award each year, but neither Ballot Committee is required to confer these awards during any particular year. The vote of eighty (80%) percent or more of the members of the Ballot Committee is required to confer either award.