



NOMINATION / SELECTION PROCESS

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SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations: Members of the Nomination / Selection Committee are responsible for the nomination and final selection vote induction into the Hall of Fame. Any person, including the members of the Committee, may nominate any eligible players, coaches or contributors – living or deceased. The general public may nominate eligible individuals through the Hall of Fame website form. For general public nominations, every nomination of an eligible candidate received will be processed and forwarded to the Selection Committee, if received by the posted deadline.

What Happens After Someone is Nominated? A nomination is NOT a vote for election. The Hall of Fame's Selection Process includes multiple steps in which the nominees are privately scrutinized by the committee. The Hall of Fame facilitates the procedure of three successive reviews of increasing scrutiny with the Committee.

A minimum positive vote of 75 percent of the Committee is necessary for election.

Selection Criteria Guidelines for Players and Coaches:

1. **Players** – Players must have graduated from a California high school (no other state) and played high school football at any level during their final year of interscholastic football played. Players are not eligible for participation until 10 years following their final year of interscholastic (high school) football played.
2. **Coaches** – Coaches must have been a head coach for a minimum of 10 years and at least 100 games of interscholastic football in the State of California. Coaches can be eligible for participation immediately upon retirement.

3. Award Recipients (Contributors) – Each election year, the Committee will select four award winners to earn special consideration for recognition within the Hall of Fame, not as inductees, should they not qualify as a Player/Coach inductee. The Committee must feel that their impact on the game of high school football in the State of California warrants appropriate merit for the listed award definition. Contributors must have graduated from a California high school.

Awards include:

Golden State Award – The Golden State Award is the highest individual award given by the California High School Football Hall of Fame and recognizes an outstanding Californian who has contributed significantly to the sport of football in our country.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Recipient’s life must reflect the values of those who have excelled in amateur sport, particularly football.
- Recipient must have achieved success in an industrial, business, financial, educational, professional or related career.
- Recipient must have an unblemished reputation for integrity, ethics, sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.
- Recipient must have “contributed notably in public service” either as a private citizen or as a government official or both.

Terry Donahue Leadership Award - The Terry Donahue Leadership Award is an individual award given by the California High School Football Hall of Fame that acknowledges and celebrates exemplary leadership by a California native that has a significant and positive impact on advancing the game of football through youth and communities.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Recipient must have an unblemished reputation for integrity, ethics, sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship towards youth, peers and elders.
- Recipient must have “contributed notably without personal gain” in the leadership of young men or women through sports, particularly the game of high school football, within the State of California.

Impact in Sports Journalism Award - The Impact in Sports Journalism Award is an individual or organizational award given by the California High School Football Hall of Fame that acknowledges those that utilize the reach and positive influence of the journalistic influence to promote and advance the sport of football in the State of California, particularly on the high school level.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Recipient must exhibit journalistic integrity in all media pieces, past or present in the journalism profession, including written, printed, digital and other newer mediums.
- Recipient whose professional actions and commitment have furthered the ideals of athletics, amateur and professional, particularly on the high school level.

- Recipient must have “contributed in a non-partisan manner” to promote the exposure of youth and community sports in the State of California, most notably through the sport of football.
- Recipient must have an unblemished reputation for integrity, ethics, sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship towards youth, peers and elders.

Champion of Success Award - The Champion of Success Award is an individual or organizational award given by the California High School Football Hall of Fame that acknowledges.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Recipient may be an administrator, teacher, volunteer, official, community member, or citizen that demonstrated a commitment to the development, mentorship, and advancement of youth and community sports in the State of California, most notably through the sport of football.
- Recipient must have an unblemished reputation for integrity, ethics, sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.

4. While each nominee’s football achievements in the high school are of prime consideration, the player’s post-football record as a citizen, Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee, College Football Hall of Fame inductee, Heisman Trophy winner, or other will also receive consideration, as needed, from the Committee. The nominee must have also proven himself worthy as a citizen, carrying the ideals of sports values (sportsmanship, leadership, ethics, integrity, citizenship) forward into his relations within the community.

INAUGURAL CLASS AND SUBSEQUENT INDUCTIONS

- The inaugural class will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in late-2022, the Rose Bowl Stadium’s 100th year and grand opening of the project
 - If criteria is met, 100 players/coaches will be inducted in the inaugural year to commemorate the centennial of the Rose Bowl Stadium.
- Subsequent classes will be elected every two years with class sizes to be determined by the Committee, as needed.