



Community & Protective Services

SUBJECT: Athlete Recognition Policy

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PURPOSE

- To recognize individuals and team achievements in the area of sport, fitness and wellness.
- To recognize the efforts of builders of sport in the community and for the broader sport sector.
- To foster civic pride by recognizing accomplishments of local athletes, teams and builders.
- To create public awareness of health and well-being by highlighting individual residents who participate and compete in sport.

CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION:

Athletes must either be a County of Brant and area native with roots in the County sporting community, or an individual or team representing the County. The individual is not required to currently reside locally.

Individual Athletes

- Open category to be considered for admission to the Sports Hall of Fame must have been outstanding in their athletic field of endeavor or must have achieved better than average proficiency in a number of sports, even if not reaching the absolute top level in any one competition against peer athletes. Athletes can be recognized that have been awarded the highest achievement level in their particular sport and those going on to provincial, national and international events, as well as those who enter professional sports.

Teams

- Will usually have won a Provincial, National or International competition or another significant achievement because of a landmark result or an equivalent accomplishment such as winning a Silver Stick in hockey. Any group of two or more athletes engaged in the same sport who work together as a unit in that sport. A figure skating pair, tennis doubles, curling team, cross country running team, etc. are defined as teams for purpose of this Policy.

Builders of Sport

- Officials, individual sponsors, executives, trainers, coaches, etc. whose work for sport over an extended period of time has been outstanding, whether it be in the organization of leagues and facilities, achieving a high degree of success in coaching teams and / or individuals, keeping a league or team active, providing services of a consistently high level over an extended period of time. The individual(s), organization or association will have contributed to this community in a significant manner related to sport and sport development. This could include the development, administration, officiating, on-going operations, and/or the development of youth in a positive and productive manner.

Posthumous nominations are permitted.

The nominees and awardees in all categories must remain an upstanding citizen.

All nomination recommendations will be forwarded from the Sports Hall of Fame Ad Hoc Committee to Brant County Council for approval.

DEFINITIONS

Individual Athlete and Teams

- a. Anyone born in the County of Brant who spends their formative years here and continues to reside in the County.
- b. Anyone who is not born in the County of Brant, but moves to the County and over an extensive period of time demonstrates their exceptional athletic abilities in the County. This Athlete may be considered even if they eventually move away from the County.
- c. Anyone in (a) or (b) who, after a local amateur career, moves into professional, university or amateur sports elsewhere and who is deemed eligible for inclusion.
- d. Individuals must either be a County of Brant and area native, with roots in the County sporting community, or an individual or team representing the County. This individual is not required to currently reside locally.

Builder of Sport

Shall be as above, Sections a, b, c and d, but involving coaching, officiating, sponsoring, training, even if not involved in an active, on the field role.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME AD HOC COMMITTEE

- The Sports Hall of Fame Ad Hoc Committee (the Ad Hoc Committee) will operate within the mandate of its Terms of Reference.
- A maximum of four (4) inductees per location shall be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame on an annual basis.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will forward recommendations to the Administration and Operations Committee for review and approval by Brant County Council.
- Nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame should be received annually, by November 30. Nomination submissions should include copies (not originals) of photos or memorabilia. The submissions will not be returned to the nominee. If a submission is not successful, the nominator will be contacted by the Ad Hoc

Committee Chair. A nomination can be submitted at a later date for re-consideration.

RECOGNITION LOCATIONS

Athletes and Teams that have successfully competed and received awards from a Provincial sport organization and / or received awards from Canadian or International sport organizations will be recognized at a local Community Centre / park. Builders of Sport that have contributed to the development of sport at the provincial, national or international level will be included in this category.

TYPES OF RECOGNITION

- Athlete Uniforms & Plaques – may be displayed in the Community Centre in a prominent location which will be determined by the Committee in consultation with the Facility Manager / Supervisor. A plaque, including an information profile will be displayed, outlining the achievement of the Athlete, Team or Builder of Sport. Building exteriors may be used as a recognition display area.
- Service Club Signage - there are several service club signs located throughout the County, some of which display the names of local athletes. These name placards are privately obtained by local community service clubs, who work with County Roads Division staff to have the placards installed. The County may request that request signs be freshened up if they become faded or damaged.
- Certificate of Congratulations from the Mayor and Council – the Mayor, on behalf of County Council, regularly offers certificates of congratulations to residents of our communities, for a variety of occasions and achievements. At any time, a respective member of Council may request that a Certificate of Congratulations, as it relates to the achievements of an Individual Athlete, Team or Builder of Sport, be prepared by the Mayor's Office and presented by the Mayor or a member of Council.