

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

1. Purpose.

To honor those men and women who have played a major role in the growth and development of softball, one of the great sports of the United States. Also, to bring to the attention of the public, the widespread value of, and interest in the game of softball by so honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to its success. To this end, the Prince William County Softball Hall of Fame will endeavor:

- **TO HONOR** those who by outstanding achievement or service to softball in Prince William County have reflected honor and glory.
- **TO PRESERVE** records of teams and individuals who deserve to be included in our County's sports history.
- **TO MAINTAIN** the high ideals and traditions of softball as a positive influence for others and a factor in our American way of life which adds to the quality of life for all County citizens.
- **TO ENCOURAGE** softball participation on a broad basis and on a high plane of sportsmanship, under competent leadership to provide for active lifestyles.
- **TO INSPIRE** others to be physically fit and to strive for the greatest achievement within the bounds of their physical and mental endowment.

2. Nomination Requirements

The following categories of nominations are listed for induction into the Prince William County Softball Hall of Fame:

a. Players

1. **Selection.** To be selected for the Prince William County Softball Hall of Fame, a person must have been an active player or participant for a minimum of 20 years, or active for 10 years and be over 50 years of age. The player must have demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship and comradeship throughout his softball career.
2. **Evaluation.** The length of playing time is to be considered as a factor in the evaluation of candidates. Fame at the State and National level shall be used as a gauge for candidacy, however, a player must have earned the esteem of Prince William residents through years of participation in Prince William County. Factual and detailed information must be presented to the Honors Committee before a candidate can be accepted. Scrapbooks and newspaper clippings are acceptable; also letters from competent references and verification of participation is required. If possible letters should be provided from the manager of his/her former and existing team(s) and at least two from existing Hall of Fame members. To be eligible for selection to the Hall of Fame in the player category, participation at the highest divisions shall be considered. Multiple copies of the

candidate's nomination package in booklet form shall be provided to the Honors Committee as detailed on the nomination form.

3.Prerequisites. A player must have been a outstanding performer and been considered by his/her peers as one of the top players in the County. League and tournament averages and statistics plus number of times competing in local, State and National tournaments shall be used. Any special recognition at a tournament shall be considered, such as leading hitter, defensive leader, home run leader or MVP.

b. Mangers

46736.To be selected, a person must have managed 20 years for teams who participated in County leagues and won a minimum of four league championships. The person must have been active in the promotion and development of softball in Prince William County.

c. Sponsors.

46812.To be selected, a sponsor must have sponsored team(s) for a minimum of 20 years, in County leagues.

d. Commissioners/Directors

46888.To be selected, a person must have been a commissioner or other league official for 20 years. In additional, to qualify for this award, the nominee shall have served in some of the following areas:

- 1.Regional Qualifying Tournament
- 2.Chair or vice-chair of a national committee.
- 3.Host of national and/or regional tournaments.
- 4.Director of local tournaments and softball events.
- 5.Special recognition received and/or other services which greatly added to the quality of life for county residents.

e. Meritorious Service.

1. This category could include any combination of the above listed categories (a,b,c,d) also, an organizer-builder, years of service, financial contributor, etc. with a dedicated commitment to the game including participation at any level of play. Note: Players and managers who participated on teams below the top divisions of play and who have a remarkable record of local involvement and promotion of the game can be considered in this category.

f. Pioneers

47032.This category is for those players over the age of 60 who have played an important role as a player and/or organizer in developing and fostering the growth of softball. These individuals are honored for their commitment to the game and their part in advancing opportunities for the athletes today.

g. Umpires

47033.To be selected an umpire must have umpired for at least twenty years in Prince William County and developed a “hall-of-fame” reputation. Selection is not based on longevity but a career of promoting and enhancing softball in the County.

3. General Information

47284.Number to Be Selected.

- No more than six (6) candidates may be selected to the Hall of Fame in one year.

47285.Deadline

- Candidates must be submitted to the Honors Committee on or before May 1 of the current year.

47286.Nomination Forms

- Nomination forms will be available from members of the PWC Adult Softball Council, Council Website (www.pwcsoftball.com), and from various league officials.

47287.Evaluation of Candidates

- Factual and detailed information must be presented to the Honors Committee before a candidate can be accepted. Scrapbook information, newspaper clippings, letters from competent references and any other supporting data will be organized in booklet form for submittal to the Honors Committee.

47288.Selection

- . The names of the candidates for selection to the Hall of Fame shall remain confidential and released only to the Hall of Fame Honors Committee. Voting shall be done by a written ballot. The Adult Softball council must approve any exception to the nomination requirements.

2.Presentation

- An announcement of the year’s selection shall be made on or about July 1 of the current year. Special stories may be sent to the local newspapers about the selectees.

3.Induction

- Formal induction ceremonies and presentation of awards shall be made during an announced event during the current year. More than one induction ceremony may be held in any one year.

4.Awards

- A specially designed award and certificate shall be given to those elected to the Hall of Fame. In addition, each new member shall be included on a Hall of Fame plaque which will be prominently displayed in a County building and maintained by the Adult Softball Council.

5.Removal

- The Hall of Fame Honors Committee, by a three-fourths vote, may with just cause, recommend removal of an individual elected to the Hall of Fame. Such recommendations, when approved by a two-thirds vote of the Adult Softball Council, shall remove said individual from the Hall of Fame.

6.Honors Committee

- The Honors Committee will serve at the pleasure of the Adult Softball Council and consist of a minimum of three individuals to be selected from the Council, existing Hall of Fame Inductees and/or the Prince William County Park Authority.