

# Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame Guidelines and Rules

The Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame provides the highest honor to Wisconsin residents having distinguished themselves by outstanding proficiency in the sport of trapshooting or by substantial contributions to the welfare and promotion of the sport.

The following structure, guidelines and rules govern the administration and selection process:

1. A Hall of Fame Selection Committee (SC) will consist of two (2) persons not on the WTA Board of Directors (BOD) and the WTA President. The WTA President, at his sole discretion, may appoint either a current WTA Board Member or a current member of the WTA Hall of Fame to serve in his place.
2. The number of candidates inducted annually is not to exceed two (2). The SC may choose to recommend fewer than two candidates, including the option of no selections.
3. WTA Hall of Fame nominees are selected from two categories; **Shooter** – individuals having established impressive shooting records in Wisconsin and on an ATA-wide basis, and **Contributor** – those having distinguished themselves by their contributions to the sport in Wisconsin. This category can take on and is intended to have a broad meaning. Contributors are recognized for providing great service to trapshooting in Wisconsin. Requirements for each category are:

### Shooter:

- Active WTA/ATA member and shooter for a minimum of 15 years.
- And; won at least 1 of the Wisconsin State Shoot Championship titles (i.e., Singles, Handicap, Doubles, HOA or HAA).
- And; won at least 10 trophies at either the Grand, Satellite Grands, preliminary Wisconsin State Shoot events and other state shoots (preliminary or championship events).

### Contributor:

- Active WTA/ATA member and shooter for a minimum of 15 years.
  - And; unequivocally active in the administration, welfare, promotion or education/training of trapshooting in Wisconsin.
- a. Both categories are viewed with the same degree of prestige. Plaques and/or pictures will not contain category designation.
  - b. Candidate selection will not be based on a combination of both Categories. However, the Selection Committee will review for “special consideration” a nominee who’s shooting merit and/or service contributions substantially outweigh the minimum requirements.
  - c. The 15 year requirement may be waived in cases where death or

disabling injury terminated an active shooting career. In such cases, a lesser period of time, but not less than five (5) years of competition, may be considered.

4. Candidates will be identified via nomination form submitted by any Wisconsin WTA/ATA member. The nomination form is designed to accommodate the Shooter or Contributor category and allows for the identification of additional relevant information. As much accurate and detailed information as possible should be presented so that an informed decision on the nominee may be made. The nomination form must be signed by the nominee or in the case of death, the nominee's next of kin or authorized representative.
5. Nominations that meet the minimum Hall of Fame requirements and received by the Hall of Fame Committee by October 1<sup>st</sup>, along with a survey/comment form will be sent on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> to current Hall of Fame members to review and provide both positive and negative comment. In addition, Hall of Fame members will provide their opinion through a yes or no vote on whether each nominee should be inducted. Survey/comment forms have to be postmarked no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered.
6. On or before the first quarter WTA BOD meeting in a new year, the Selection Committee will forward to the WTA Board of Directors for approval, the relevant information and the nomination(s) of those nominee(s) that received affirmation with a 2/3 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote. If more than 2 nominees receive the required majority, then the 2 nominees with highest percentage of YES votes will be advanced for approval and induction in the current year. The other nominee(s) will be also be advanced in the current year and if approved will be inducted in subsequent year(s) without having to be nominated again.
  - A. In years where no inductees are held over, the Hall of Fame selection process will proceed as described above.
  - B. In years where 1 inductee is held over, the nominee that receives a 2/3 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote and the highest percentage of YES votes will be advanced for approval and induction in the current year.
  - C. In years where 2 or more inductees are held over, nominations will be taken but will not be processed until the following year.
7. Nominees that **do not** receive affirmation with a 2/3 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote will have their nominations set aside for a period of five years. After five years, the nominee may submit a new nomination form. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will review any resubmitted nomination and deem if it merits further consideration.
8. The WTA BOD will vote, by written ballot or by simple hand vote, on each nominee. Nominees will be confirmed by a simple majority vote.

- a. If a nominee receives a majority no vote, the BOD must provide written rationale to the Selection Committee within 30 days.
  - b. The BOD may not provide any replacement or substitute nominee(s).
9. Hall of Fame nominees once approved by the Board for induction will be able to participate in the Hall of Fame selection process immediately.
10. Even though a nominee has met the minimum criteria to be considered for induction, that doesn't mean that they will or should eventually be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
11. If approved for induction, the WTA President will inform the nominee and provide details of the Official Induction Ceremony in writing.
12. If **not** approved for induction, the WTA President will inform both the nominating person and the nominee of the Hall of Fames decision.
13. Any changes to the guidelines of the WTA Hall of Fame must be approved by a three-fourths majority of the voting members of entire Board of Directors and not just those Directors present at duly held WTA Board Meeting
14. In order to maintain the integrity of the Hall of Fame, all voting by current Hall of Fame members will be kept confidential. Furthermore, in order to uphold each nominee's reputation, vote totals of each nominee will not be released or made public.

The following structure, guidelines and rules govern the Hall of Fame removal process:

1. The complaint must be in writing, identify the inductee in question, identify the person making the complaint and must clearly state the reason(s) for removal.
2. The Board will either appoint a special committee to handle complaint or instruct the Hall of Fame Committee to do so. It would be this committees responsibility to substantiate the complaint, gather evidence and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors will vote on the recommendation made by this committee. Removal from the Hall of Fame can only be done by a unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors (not just those present at a BOD Meeting).
4. The committee would inform, in writing, the person making the complaint of their findings and of any subsequent vote by the Board.
5. Hall of Fame complaints that are received, all discussion of HOF complaints, all recommendations on HOF complaints and all voting by the Board on HOF complaints shall be done in executive session.