

# 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 shall consist of three persons whose goal is to maintain the integrity of the WTA Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame Selection Process.
  - a. Two members shall be chosen from the current living members of the WTA Hall of Fame and confirmed by a 3/4 majority vote of the WTA Board of Directors. Once elected, these committee members shall continue to serve unless replaced by the Board of Directors by a 3/4 majority vote or until they resign.
  - b. The third member shall be the currently elected WTA President. The WTA President, at his sole discretion, may choose to appoint another currently living Hall of Fame member to serve in his place. Once appointed, this member will serve until a new WTA President is elected or until they resign. When a new WTA President is elected, the President may choose to continue with the current Hall of Fame Committee member, appoint a different current Hall of Fame member to the Committee or take on the responsibilities himself.
2. WTA Hall of Fame nominees shall be nominated from only one of three categories. The minimum requirements of each category are as follows:

**Shooter:** Individuals having established impressive shooting records in Wisconsin and on an ATA-wide basis.

- Active WTA/ATA member and shooter for a minimum of 15 years.
- Winner of at least one of the five Wisconsin State Shoot Championship titles (Singles, Handicap, Doubles, HOA or HAA). Note that this requirement does not include special category titles.
- Winner of at least 20 total trophies combined between the Grand, Satellite Grands, Wisconsin State Shoot, or other State Shoots.
- Minimum registered targets of 25,000 Singles, 20,000 Handicap and 15,000 Doubles.

**Contributor:** Individuals or groups having distinguished themselves by their contributions to the sport in Wisconsin. This category can take on and is intended to have a broad meaning.

- Active WTA/ATA member and shooter for a minimum of 15 years.

- Unequivocally active in the administration, welfare, promotion, or education/training of trapshooting in Wisconsin.

**Special Consideration:** Individual or group that has not met the minimum requirements but is thought by the nominating person that their overall shooting merit and/or service contributions somehow outweigh said minimum requirements. Examples of this possibly include a shooter that has won numerous Grand titles, especially Championship titles, without winning a Wisconsin State Shoot championship. A special category shooter such as a Lady that while not winning a Wisconsin State Shoot championship has won numerous category Championships, an individual or group that has contributed greatly to the success of the ATA while not necessarily to Wisconsin. Individuals or groups nominated in this category must include, along with all other required documentation, a separate letter explaining to the Selection Committee why their accomplishments outweigh the minimum requirements of either the Shooter or Contributor category. Without this letter, the nomination will not be processed.

- a. All categories shall be viewed with the same degree of prestige and honor. Plaques, pictures, and awards will not contain category designation.
  - b. 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, but not less than five (5) years of competition, may be considered.
3. Candidates will be identified via nomination form submitted by any Wisconsin WTA/ATA member. The nomination form is designed to accommodate the Shooter, Contributor or Special Consideration 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 by the current living members of the Hall of Fame. The nomination form must be signed by the nominee or in the case of death, the nominee's next of kin or authorized representative.
  4. Nominations received, reviewed, and approved by the Hall of Fame Committee before October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, 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. Returned Survey/Comment forms must be received by mail or e-mail no later than the date set by the Hall of Fame Committee in the Hall of Fame Survey Letter.
  5. The number of candidates inducted annually into the WTA Hall of Fame is not to exceed two. The Selection Committee shall base their recommendation to the Board of Directors on the returned surveys of the current Hall of Fame members and may choose to recommend two candidates, one candidate or no candidates for induction.

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 3/4 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote. If more than two nominees receive the required majority, then the two nominees with highest percentage of YES votes will be advanced for approval and induction in the current year. The other nominee(s) will 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 one inductee is held over, the nominee that receives a 3/4 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote and the highest percentage of YES votes will be advanced for Board approval and potential induction in the following year. In this following year, all nominee(s) that receives a 3/4 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote will be advanced for approval. The nominee approved with the highest percentage of YES votes will be inducted in this following year. Other approved nominees will be inducted in the subsequent year(s).
  - c. In years where two 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 3/4 majority of the returned Hall of Fame member vote will not be advanced for Board approval. 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 Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall provide the names and pertinent information for each nominee advanced to the Board for approval a minimum of five days before a duly called Board Meeting. The WTA Board of Directors shall vote, by written ballot or by simple hand or voice vote, on each nominee. Nominees will be confirmed by a simple majority vote.
  - a. If for some reason, a nominee receives a majority no vote. The Board of Directors must provide written rational to the Selection Committee within 7 days and this rational shall be published in the WTA Minutes from that meeting.
  - b. The Board of Directors may not provide any replacement or substitute nominee(s).
9. Hall of Fame nominees once approved by the Board for induction will immediately participate in the Hall of Fame nominee review and vote process.

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 Hall of Fame Committee will inform the nominee and provide details of the Official Induction Ceremony in a letter signed by the current WTA President.
12. If **not** approved for induction, the Hall of Fame Committee will inform both the nominating person and the nominee of the Hall of Fames decision in a letter.
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. To maintain the integrity of the Hall of Fame, all voting by individual Hall of Fame members will be kept confidential within the Hall of Fame Committee. Furthermore, to uphold each nominee's reputation, vote totals of each nominee will also be kept confidential within the Hall of Fame Committee and will not be released to the Board of Directors 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 of no less than three people to handle complaint or instruct the Hall of Fame Committee to do so. It would be this committee's 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 duly called Board Meeting).
4. The committee would inform, in writing, the person making the complaint of their findings and of any subsequent action by the Board.
5. Hall of Fame complaints that are received, all discussion of Hall of Fame complaints, all recommendations on Hall of Fame complaints and all voting by the Board on Hall of Fame complaints shall be done in executive session.