

**Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame  
Induction Criteria  
Effective November 1, 2015**

**Preface:**

- The individuals and organizations that the GVSHOF inducts are the key to the credibility, popularity, support, respect and ultimately the success of the organization.
- It is a Hall of Fame ... for Greater Victorians who have achieved outstanding success in sport and for whom induction into the GVSHOF is the ultimate acclaim.

**General Information:**

- There are four categories for induction: *Athletes & Teams, Coaches & Officials, Builders, and Media.*
- Each nominee must meet the eligibility requirements as well as the criteria specific to the category in which they are being nominated.
- Nominations open on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The deadline for receiving induction nominations is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Nominations received after February 28<sup>th</sup> will be deferred to the following year.
- All nominations are reviewed by the Induction Nominations Committee of the GVSHOF which comprises up to nine members including two Directors of the Board, along with members of the sports media, athletes, coaches, managers, and/or other knowledgeable members of the local sports community. The INC recommends nominees to the Board of Directors for their approval.
- Inductees will be announced no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- Nominations will not necessarily be successful ... either in the year they are received or in the future, but all nominations will be retained for future consideration.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

**Residency:**

- To be eligible for induction, a nominee must have either been born or raised in Victoria and begun participation in their sport here.
- Also eligible for induction are nominees who have moved to Victoria and resided here for a minimum of four years during their sporting career, during which time they achieved notable success in their sport at national or international levels.
- Athletes, teams, or coaches attending training camps for brief or intermittent periods in Victoria do not achieve eligibility on that basis alone.

**Level of Activity:**

- Individual athletes will not be considered for induction until they have been retired from their highest level of competition for a minimum of three years. Continued participation at a lesser level of competition in their sport or in a different sport or category does not prevent eligibility. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, exempt this requirement in exceptional cases.
- All other nominees including team members can continue to be active in their sport. The waiting period applies only to individual athletes.

**Application:**

- All nominations must include the application form which is available on our website: [www.qvshof.ca](http://www.qvshof.ca).
- Any person or organization can submit a nomination, but it is preferred that an

application for an athlete, team, coach or official is also endorsed by the governing/organizing body of their sport.

- All nominations require three letters from recognized individuals/organizations endorsing the application. One of these can be the letter from the person/organization submitting the application.
- Supporting documentation should be available on request. This can include copies of media reports, photos, etc.
- Nominations are preferred by email to: [nominations@gvshof.ca](mailto:nominations@gvshof.ca)
- Nominations can also be submitted by post to our office at #100 – 4636 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, BC V8Z 5M1.

### **Athlete & Team Nomination Criteria:**

- The nomination must include a detailed list of an athlete's or team's achievements in the sport, including provincial, national, world, Olympic, Paralympic, Commonwealth, Pan American etc. competitions, records and medals.
- The nomination should include details of peer recognition, induction to other sports halls of fame, and any other information that would add to a full understanding of the nominee's sports career.
- To be eligible for induction as a team, 75% of its members must meet the residency requirement. Otherwise, only the Victorians on the team will be inducted (as a group) from that team.

### **Coaches & Officials Nomination Criteria:**

- The nomination must include a detailed list of the coach's or official's achievements in the sport, including participation at provincial, national, world, Olympic, Paralympic, Commonwealth, Pan American etc. competitions.
- The nomination should include details of a coach's or official's peer recognition, induction to other sports halls of fame, and any other information that would add to a full understanding of the nominee's sports career.

### **Builders Nomination Criteria**

The 'Builders' category includes owners, executives, managers, administrators, organizers, support personnel (trainers, medical), groups (event committees, club or league founders) and organizations (clubs, associations, leagues, etc.) who have contributed greatly to their sport.

- The nomination must include a detailed list of the Builder's achievements in the sport and their contribution to both sport and the community.
- The nomination should include details of peer recognition, induction into other sports halls of fame, and any other information that would add to a full understanding of the nominee's achievements and impact on the community.

### **Media Nomination Criteria:**

"Media" inductees can include individuals or media outlets that have demonstrated consistent strong support for and helped raise the profile of sport in Greater Victoria over a period of years.

- Media inductees can either be nominated by the public or recommended by the Induction Nominations Committee.
- Nominations should include pertinent information or material that would assist the Induction Nominations Committee in evaluating the application.