

Australian Masters Athletics Inc

Hall of Fame *Nomination Criteria*

General

Name

The name of the Hall of Fame shall be the *Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame* (the Hall of Fame)

Objective

The objective for establishing the Hall of Fame is to recognise those outstanding individuals that can be held up as role models for the sport of masters athletics in Australia. Specifically:

- athletes who have demonstrated sustained performances at the highest levels in the sport of masters athletics; and
- administrators that have made an extraordinary, inspirational and dedicated personal contribution to master athletics and its development in Australia and at an international level.

Scope

Recognition through membership of the Hall of Fame relates to an individual's participation under the umbrella of Australian Masters Athletics (AMA) or its predecessor the Australian Association of Veterans Athletics Clubs (AAVAC) since its foundation in 1974.

The Hall of Fame will be an elite body with a limited membership based on stringent criteria principally based on performances or activities at national, regional and international levels. The objective of the Hall of Fame is not to recognise performances or activities at a state or territory level, or longevity of participation or service at the state or territory level. Such performances or activities can be recognised by state associations by a variety of means such as special awards, life memberships etc.

Recognition of Inductees and Members

Inductees into the Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame will be recognised at the annual AMA Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with the AMA Track & Field Championships.

The home of the Hall of Fame will be the AMA website, where information about inductees will be presented. The Hall of Fame does not have a physical home.

The information to be provided in the Hall of Fame will be:

- The names of the individuals, the year of their induction and category under which they were inducted (athlete or administrator);
- The official Australian Masters Athletics citation to the Hall of Fame;

- Biographies, photographs including action photographs where possible.

Membership

Once accepted into the Hall of Fame inductees will remain members indefinitely, unless they are removed because of conduct prejudicial to the Hall of Fame and the good name of Australian Masters Athletics and the sport in general.

The removal of any inductee from the Hall of Fame shall be voted on by the Australian Masters Athletics Council on the advice of the Hall of Fame subcommittee.

Process

Nomination Eligibility

Nomination to the Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame can only be for individuals – teams are not eligible, and each nomination must be considered individually.

Nominated individuals must be or have been active members of a state or territory masters athletics association that is a member of Australian Masters Athletics, or its predecessor the Australian Association of Veterans Athletics Clubs, during the period of activity for which they are being considered.

Membership

There shall be two types of membership of the Australian Master Athletics Hall of Fame:

- Athlete
- Administrator

Where a nominated individual has contributed to both areas they should be nominated in the category where their performance was most outstanding.

Nomination Details

To maximise the chance of a nomination for the Hall of Fame succeeding it is important that full documentation is provided, including:

- a completed nomination form addressing in detail all of the Hall of Fame criteria;
- a broader biography including some sporting and personal history of the nominated individual;
- one of more good quality photos including a head shot and action shots of the nominated individual in their main event(s);
- supporting documentation and evidence, such as copies of newspaper articles, record certificates, results booklets, membership records, testimonials etc.

Nomination to the Hall of Fame can be by any member of a state or territory masters athletics association, other than the individual being nominated, however, it must be endorsed by the relevant state or territory association prior to submission and include a copy of that endorsement.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame will be called for by the AMA Secretary annually, with submissions to be received prior to 31 December for consideration prior to the following years National Championships and Award Dinner.

Nominations must be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Hall of Fame subcommittee, however, additional supporting documentation may be posted if unsuitable for scanning.

Consideration

Any nominations will be first considered by the Hall of Fame subcommittee and if supported shall be ratified by the AMA Board.

Once ratified, the Hall of Fame subcommittee will advise the relevant state or territory association of a successful nomination so that they can advise the inductee and organise for their induction at the Awards Dinner.

Any decision by the Hall of Fame subcommittee or the AMA Board in relation to nominations for Hall of Fame shall be final and no appeal can be made in relation to the decision and no correspondence will be entered into. Decisions of the Hall of Fame subcommittee and Board will be based on a simple majority.

The Hall of Fame subcommittee

The Hall of Fame subcommittee shall consist of four members of which three including the chair must be members of the AMA Board. The other member of the subcommittee can be coopted from the membership of state/territory associations by the Board.

Inductees to the Hall of AMA Fame

Australian Masters Athletics will:

- arrange for the production of a plaque and engraving;
- present, or arrange to present, the individual with the award at the Awards dinner or at another appropriate occasion;
- produce and maintain citations for inductees to the Hall of Fame on the AMA website;
- report new inductees in the AMA Handbook;
- maintain records and provide a permanent archival record of citations, nominations, photos and supporting information.

No funding will be provided by AMA for travel expenses for the Inductee.

Limitation

Whilst the original Hall of Fame establishment had a limitation on the number of inductees in any one year, future inductions will be based solely on merit alone. There should, however, be no expectation that an individual will be inducted every year. Unsuccessful nominations after three occasions shall not be resubmitted for another five years as acceptance into the Hall of Fame is not a competition between athletes but an assessment against fixed and stringent criteria.

Criteria:

The record of a proposed inductee should be self evident when reviewed in detail, but to ensure credibility for membership of the Hall of Fame, criteria have been established to guide nominations and their assessment.

Length of Service

Nomination for the Hall of Fame is only available after a minimum of 16 years regular participation or involvement covering at least 4 age groups. This means no masters athlete can be eligible until they have at least reached 46 years of age. For administrators achievement from personal effort or initiative is essential, in particular significant contributions to the profile or development of the sport of masters athletics. Long-service is not sufficient in itself. The required length of service may be reduced to twelve years where the career of the nominated individual was cut short by major injury, illness or death.

Current Status

Hall of Fame nominees may still be active in masters athletics, and do not have to be retired or deceased. However, all nominees must have been active in masters athletics during the period of under consideration.

Performances – Athlete Nominees

Demonstrated ongoing achievements at an elite level in masters athletics is an essential criteria for nominated athletes – this is principally through the setting of records at world and national levels, and medal placings (particularly winning) at the world, international, Oceania and Australian masters athletics championships and World Masters Games. Medal performances at the Australian Masters Games and at a state or territory level will be considered at a lower level. Performances and records may include achieved as a member of team events such as relays. The assessment should consider an individual's ongoing dominance of an event or events, and isolated outstanding performances are not considered sufficient for acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

The hierarchy of the significance of accomplishments in order is as follows:

- numbers of World Masters Athletics records;
- numbers of World Master Athletics Championships medals, (gold, silver and bronze in that order);
- numbers of Australian Masters Athletics Records;
- numbers of medal winning performances at other international, Australian and Oceania masters championships, and World Masters Games;
- numbers of state or territory records held;
- numbers of medal winning performances at Australian Masters Games;
- outstanding performances at state / territory masters athletics championships or other athletics championships or competition;

Excluded Athlete Performances

Performances in open athletics prior to an athlete's involvement in masters athletics, or performances in regional or state based masters games or in other masters sports

will not be considered, but can be noted to provide a rounded picture of the individual in the sport. However, performances in open athletics where an athlete is fully engaged in masters athletics can be considered – e.g. a medal winning performance at state open titles.

Contributions – Administrator Nominees

Substantial and outstanding contributions and achievements to the management and development of masters athletics as a result of exceptional personal effort and initiative is an essential criteria for an administrator nominee to the Hall of Fame. Such contribution should principally be at the national and international level of the sport, however, contributions at a state or territory will be considered at a lower level. Contributions or achievements to the development and management of masters athletics at a state or territory level only are not sufficient for entry to the Hall of Fame. It is important to note that long-service is not sufficient in itself, and also that any contributions do not have to be made in a continuous block of time.

The following is a guide for the assessment of administrator contributions and achievements:

- extraordinary, inspirational and dedicated personal contributions to master athletics and its development in Australia and at an international level beyond that normally expected;
- outstanding contributions that have substantially moved or grown the sport and AMA and its professionalism at the national and international level;
- innovative or pioneering approaches to the organization and management of the masters athletics at the national and international level;
- contributions that have substantially enhanced the reputation or profile of the sport and Australian Masters Athletics
- contributions that have assisted the status of masters athletics in the sport of athletics more generally in Australia and internationally, and in relation to other masters sports in Australia.

Excluded Administrator Contributions

Contributions to the management of other athletics organisations prior to an administrator's involvement in masters athletics, or contributions to the management of masters games or other masters sports will not be considered, but should be noted to provide a rounded picture of the individual in athletics and sport more generally.

Nominees Spanning both Athlete and Administrator Categories

Where a nominee to the Hall of Fame under either Athlete or Administrator categories has achieved significant athletic performances and made outstanding administrative contributions, the Hall of Fame subcommittee may at its discretion accept slightly lower standards than for each nomination in isolation.

Personal Qualities

This is an essential criterion for acceptance into the Hall of Fame, and individuals nominated for either athlete or administrator membership must have conducted themselves throughout their sporting career in a manner that brings credit to themselves and masters athletics.

The range of personal qualities that must be exhibited by nominated individuals include:

- integrity;
- exemplary sportsmanship;
- affability;
- respect for others;
- support for the values of the sport and Australian Masters Athletics.

Individuals accepted into the AMA Hall of Fame must be able to be held up as positive role models for the sport of masters athletics.

Conduct Unbecoming

Any person who has committed conduct prejudicial to the Hall of Fame and the good name of Australian Masters Athletics shall be ineligible for induction or shall be removed from the Hall. This shall include the taking of performance enhancing drugs that are not permitted under the World Masters Athletics Doping Code.

Qualification

Where there is limited documentation or lack of clarity in relation to some aspects of the nomination relating to the early years of the Australian Association of Veterans Athletics Clubs, such matters can be considered on a case-by-case basis. This will only apply to the first three years following commencement of the Hall of Fame when nominations from this period may be nominated.

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