

BY-LAWS OF THE MILFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME

ARTICLE I
ORGANIZATION NAME

The organization name shall be and is The Milford Sports Hall of Fame (hereinafter referred to as "HOF").

ARTICLE II
MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Milford Sports Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor individuals with a nexus to Milford (as hereinafter defined), who made significant contributions to the field of athletics in Milford, through either their participation in or support of athletics, resulting in a positive and meaningful effect on the community.

ARTICLE III
FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year shall be January 1st through December 31st (except that the initial Fiscal Year shall be the date of the first meeting of the Board of Directors through December 31st).

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors ("Board") shall administer all activities of the Hall of Fame, as hereinafter defined.

SECTION 2. The Board at all times shall have no more than ten (10) Directors and no less than six (6) Director.

SECTION 3. Election to Board. An individual shall be elected to the Board after nomination by a Board member or a citizen of Milford. The Board shall elect its members, after review and recommendation by the Board Nominating Committee.

The initial Board of Directors shall be and are:

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SECTION 4. A member elected to the Board shall serve for a term of three (3) years, commencing on the first (1st) Board meeting following his or her election to the Board. Members may be elected to no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

SECTION 5. A Board member may be removed for sufficient cause, defined as including but not limited to illegal actions or actions contrary to the mission of the HOF.

Removal of a member requires approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, other than the Director, the subject of the removal present at the Board meeting, held a minimum of thirty (30) days after written notice to the individual subject of any removal, with such written notice to include the allegations(s) against such Director.

SECTION 6. The Board shall meet annually within thirty (30) days of the annual induction banquet, but with no more than an interim of fourteen (14) months between annual meetings (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Meeting").

In addition, the Board shall meet as needed and appropriate, with meetings called by the President, and upon a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice.

SECTION 7. Quorum. A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of the Directors, except that there shall be a minimum of four (4) Directors to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The officers of the HOF shall be the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. Such officers shall be collectively the "Executive Committee".

1. The President shall be responsible for leadership of the HOF, the scheduling of meetings and providing of an agenda thereto, and the conduction of the Board meetings.
2. The Vice-President shall support the actions of the President, and shall assume the President's responsibilities in his absence.
3. The Secretary shall record all communications to the Board and it's members and the taking of Minutes during Board meetings and any other clerical responsibilities delegated to him or her.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all banking matters relating to the HOF, including the reconciling of any banking or checking accounts on a monthly basis, making and recording all deposits, paying all bills approved by the Board relating to HOF activities and providing a written summary at each Board meeting, all in accordance with good accounting practices.

ARTICLE VI
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Election of Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. All Officers shall be elected and appointed for a one (1) year renewable term, with each term commencing immediately upon election, with no term limits for such positions.

SECTION 3. A vacancy in an office because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired portion of that term, except that in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall ascend to that office for the unexpired portion of that term.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The By-Laws may be amended in whole or in part, only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval by the Board at a duly noticed Board Meeting, following a minimum of thirty (30) day publication and notice of any proposed By-Law Amendments to the Board members.

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

The Board may appoint Directors to Committees necessary to effectuate the mission of the HOF, including but not limited to the following standing committees:

a. A HOF Nomination Committee: which shall oversee the nomination of candidates to the Hall of Fame;

b. An Induction Night Committee: which shall organize and coordinate all activities related to the Annual Induction Night Dinner and Ceremony, including but not limited to the Induction Night Program, and solicitations of sponsorships; and

c. A Board Nomination Committee: which shall seek, accept and review any nominations, and recommend individuals to serve as Directors, to the Board.

Upon Board approval, a member of the community not a Director, may serve on any committee.

ARTICLE IX
ELIGIBILITY FOR INDUCTEES

SECTION 1. CATEGORIES There shall be three (3) categories for induction.

- a. **Athletics.** Individuals who through their participation in a particular sport or sports and athletics have achieved significant accomplishments in their particular field;
- b. **Administrators.** Individuals, including but not limited to athletic directors and coaches, who served in administrative capacities;
- c. **Supporters of Athletics.** Individuals who have been supporters of athletics benefiting the City of Milford and its citizens, be it through their time, talent or treasury.

Groups of athletes may be inducted as a team induction when a team has achieved a particular achievement of success in a season or over an extended period.

SECTION 2. CRITERIA

- a. **General** - A nominee can be an inductee if a resident of Milford, a graduate of any high school, college or post-graduate or secondary school located in Milford, or one who has a significant nexus to the City of Milford, and has made a significant, recognizable and positive impact in their particular sport or field of athletics in the City of Milford. A nominee's character and civic contributions may be an additional criteria of consideration.
- b. **As to Athletes** - an athlete is eligible for induction no earlier than five (5) years following their high school graduating class.
- c. **As to Coaches and Administrators** - must have served in such a position for a minimum of five (5) years.

Inductees may be honored posthumously.

ARTICLE X
NOMINATION PROCESS

SECTION 1. Nominations for induction in the HOF may be made by any Director or a citizen of the City of Milford, in writing, by a deadline set by the Board annually, in accordance with any voting procedures or any further nomination procedures reasonably

established by the Induction Nomination Committee and approved by the Board.

SECTION 2. The Board shall annually establish prior to the election, the number of inductees for that particular year, except that it shall be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of ten (10) each year.

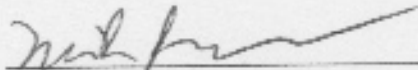
SECTION 3. The Board shall establish proper recognition for each induction class, including but not limited to publicity in the local media and the awarding of a congratulatory letter and a plaque recognizing each inductee's achievement. In addition, the name plaque shall be on permanent display at the Hall of Fame section in the Parson's Complex at Milford City Hall.

ARTICLE XI
DISBURSEMENTS

Funds raised by the HOF, from the ceremony, ads, sponsorships, solicitations or the like may be applied as follows, following payment of necessary and approved expenses a) funding of scholarships at any high school located in Milford, in any amount to be determined by the Board, or b) disbursement of funds to community-based activities or needs relating to athletic activities for youth.

The Board may appoint a scholarship committee which shall establish criteria for any scholarship selections and make recommendations to the Board for its approval.

These By-Laws were and are ratified this 9 day of January, 2020.



Secretary