

**MIDDLETOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
By-Laws**

**Article I:**

Purpose/Belief Statements:

- A. Participation in athletics helps prepare students for future success
- B. Involvement in athletics cultivates pride in school and community
- C. Involvement in athletics nurtures respect for others and promotes cooperation, teamwork, and work ethic
- D. Achievement in academics and activities influences excellence in life endeavors
- E. The history and tradition at Middletown Area High School have established a strong and stable foundation for activities and programs. Therefore, participants who have attained excellence by virtue of their involvement in athletics are deserving of recognition.

**Article II:**

Membership Candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame must satisfy the qualifications in one of the following categories:

- A. Athlete:  
Former Middletown Area High School student who performed with excellence in a high school level sport. Must be out of school for at least seven (7) years. Nominees may be living or deceased.
- B. Coaches/Directors/Administrator:  
A former or present mentor who has distinguished him or herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character and achievement during his or her tenure at Middletown Area School District. Nominees may be living or deceased.
- C. Contributor:  
A person who has been a loyal supporter, benefactor, and or served as a meritorious representative of Middletown Area High School Athletics.
- D. Teams:  
Teams that are distinguished through outstanding achievement or significant accomplishment.

**Article III:**

Committee

- A. Membership  
The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of at least 5 (not to exceed 7) At- Large committee members, with the Alumni Association Executive Board Member also serving as an additional member, under the Middletown Area Alumni Association. The MASD Director of Athletics will only serve as a voting member if he/she was a MASD graduate. Otherwise, the Athletic Director is a non-voting ad-hoc member. All At-Large members must be graduates of Middletown Area High School and members of the Middletown Area Alumni Association.
- B. Terms of Service  
Each of the At Large committee members shall serve a three-year staggered term with a maximum of eight terms served. New committee members must be approved by a majority of current committee members.
- C. Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson shall be selected by the committee at the beginning of each year. Those eligible may self-nominate to serve as chair or by another committee member and must be approved by majority of the committee members. The chairperson's term is three years; and may serve in that position a maximum of three terms or nine years.

Exception is the MASD Director of Athletics who cannot serve in this role.

**D. Duties**

The primary duty of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall be the annual selection of individuals/teams to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Additional responsibilities may be assigned and subcommittees may be created as needed. Committee members are expected to attend committee meetings and Athletic Hall of Fame induction events.

**E. Meetings\***

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will meet (virtually or in-person) at least five times per year with additional work carried out via postal/electronic mail/digitally:

**January:**

Discuss new committee members to be added for the next meeting, review bylaws, assess previous induction events and make recommendations for change

**April/May:**

Introduce nominations, discuss any historical research on those not nominated

**May/June:**

Discussion of nominees, final selection of inductees

**August:**

Discussion of Alumni Association Hall of Fame Banquet, prepare for upcoming banquet

**November:**

Discussion of past years events, solicit nominations, finalize budget

\*Schedule above is tentative and subject to change. Additional meetings as needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Committee may be added.

**Article IV:**

**Nominations/Eligibility**

**A. Nomination Form:**

The committee may solicit nominations from members of the greater Middletown community and the nomination form will be found on the Middletown Area School District's website and also on the MASD Athletics website. Nominations should be on the appropriate form and should be supported by accurate and specific information, including justification for induction.

**B. Deadline for Nominations:**

Nominations should be submitted by April 1st for consideration for that year's class of inductees. Qualified nominees not selected for induction may remain on the master nomination list.

**C. Public Announcement:**

Hall of Fame classes will be announced by August 1st of their induction year with the official induction ceremony intended to be held during Homecoming festivities.

**Article V:**

**Selection of Inductees**

- A.** A quorum (one more than half of the committee members) must be present for Athletic Hall of Fame business to be conducted.

- B. To earn selection into the Athletic Hall of Fame, a nominee must receive a vote from two thirds of the selection committee.
- C. No more than seven individuals and one team may be selected each year for induction after the inaugural year. Significant effort will be made for at least one athlete or coach to be 30 years removed from Middletown Area High School.
- D. Induction Criteria for Athletes:
  - 1. The Selection Committee will look for the following but not limited to:  
Number of years as an All-Conference selection, All-State selection(s), or other performance based recognition, State place winner, number of sports, top 6 state place winner, Statistical leader or record holder at MASD, Conference, District, or State, MVP award or elected a Captain or Co-Captain in a selected sport with consideration of how successful the team(s) were, Earned Honor Athlete at MASD or Post Season Awards, Post High school accomplishments – collegiate, professional, national or international recognitions (Olympian for example), and any extraordinary circumstances will be considered.
  - 2. The committee reserves the right to consider whether he/she contributed to society in a positive or negative way and also acknowledges that no single guideline item makes a nominee's induction automatic. Rather, selection is up to the discretion of the committee.

## **Article VI:**

### **Induction Ceremony**

- A. A perpetual display containing the names of all members of the Athletic Hall of Fame will be maintained by the Alumni Association and Athletic Department somewhere in the secondary building.
- B. An Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonial keepsake will be given to each inductee at the induction ceremony.
- C. The induction ceremony will be intended to be held during Homecoming festivities.

## **Article VII:**

### **Removal of Inductees**

- A. A member who has been inducted in to the Middletown Athletic Hall of Fame can only be removed if an inductee has demonstrated detrimental conduct, actions or comments unbecoming of the philosophy of the Hall of Fame that has been deemed to be of ill- repute toward the Middletown Area School District, Athletic Department and the community at large.
- B. Procedure to Remove
  - 1. Committee Member Motion for Removal of an Inductee
  - 2. Inductee to be removed after committee vote with no more than one dissenting vote, at a future meeting
- C. Removal consists of alterations to all Hall of Fame displays, announcements, and acknowledgements

## **Article VIII:**

### **Changes**

Changes to these guidelines must be proposed by members of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. Proposed changes shall become effective upon the agreement of a simple majority of the committee.