

# University California Athletic Hall of Fame

## Procedures for Induction

### **I. Purpose**

The intent and purpose of the University of California Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize the athletes, teams, coaches and staff who have contributed in an outstanding and significant way to the California athletic tradition and heritage.

### **II. Selection Committee**

A selection committee composed of at least 18 members, but not more than 24, will be appointed annually by the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Director of Athletics, the Director of Athletic Media Relations and the current president of the Big C Society (or his/her representative) will be permanent members of the committee. The other members will be chosen from a broad base of interests. They may include former coaches, alumni members of the Big C Society, members of the Bear Backers, and representatives of the Bay Area media. Members will be appointed for a five-year term and may be reappointed. Committee members should include a number of persons whose knowledge of Cal Athletics covers a broad span of years. The Director of Athletics or a chairperson selected by him/her will preside.

### **III. Selection Process**

1. The selection committee will meet at least twice per year. At the first meeting of the year, members will be asked to submit up to eight nominations. A process of soliciting nominations from the committee members through the mail may be instituted. Voting will always be done in person.
2. At the first or at a subsequent meeting, nominations will be considered and voted upon by secret ballot. To be selected, a nominee must receive a minimum of 75 percent of the vote of the selection committee members present and voting. At least two-thirds of the committee members must be present to constitute a quorum.
3. In addition to nominees submitted by members of the selection committee, additional nominees may be solicited through use of a nomination solicitation form to appear online at CalBears.com or through correspondence addressed to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, c/o the Athletic Media Relations Office.
4. The Director of Athletics Media Relations will maintain the records of the nominees submitted from year to year. A nominee not selected in one year will remain in nomination for four additional years and, if not selected in that period of time, may be re-nominated at a future time.
5. Background information on nominees selected will be compiled under the direction of the Director of Athletic Media Relations.
6. A maximum of eight members will be selected in a given year. A class of 6-7 inductees is preferable.

### **IV. Nominee Qualification**

1. Nominees may be former athletes, coaches, teams or members of the athletic staff or teams.
2. Any athlete who has competed for Cal and who met the eligibility requirements of his/her time is eligible for consideration, provided a period of 10 years has passed since completion of his/her eligibility. Athletes must have participated at Cal for two full seasons.
3. Former coaches who have had outstanding success in their sports and Athletic Department members who have had a lengthy period of distinguished service to the University will be eligible for consideration. Coaches and staff are eligible five years after separation from the University.
4. As a guide in selecting outstanding athletes, the following criteria should be considered to be of great importance (not listed in order of importance):
  - a. Winning an Olympic medal
  - b. Membership on an Olympic team
  - c. Winning a national championship
  - d. Selection to a national team
  - e. Setting a world record
  - f. Selection as an All-American
  - g. Recognition by a national hall of fame
  - h. Winning a conference championship
  - i. Recognition of former athletes with a distinguished post-University career in athletics, business or public service.
5. It is recognized that the selection committee must have a degree of flexibility in the event that a truly outstanding individual does not meet any of the above criteria. This flexibility is particularly necessary in considering individuals from the years prior to World War II when national champions and All-Americans were not generally recognized in some sports.
6. In the sport of crew, a boat may be considered as a unit, although individuals can be singled out for induction. A doubles team in tennis can also be inducted as a unit. It is also recognized that there might be instances in other sports when a team might be considered for Hall of Fame recognition as a unit. In all cases, a crew/team induction will be considered as one unit against the maximum number of inductees allowed.