

Georgia State Soccer Association

Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame Award

Policies and Procedures

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The Georgia State Soccer Association, Inc. has established the Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame Award. This policy and procedure describes the Award; defines the procedures to be followed for nomination and selection; and establishes the GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee and defines its makeup, authority, and responsibilities in implementing this Policy and Procedure.

NAME: Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame Award

SPONSOR: The Georgia State Soccer Association, Inc. (GSSA).

PURPOSE: To recognize the achievements of outstanding Georgia soccer participants whose accomplishments and effect upon the sport merit the highest acclaim. A participant may be a Player, Coach, Referee, Administrator, Volunteer, or Supporter.

FREQUENCY: Annually, unless the GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee determines that there are no qualified nominees in a given year.

CATEGORIES: There are two Award categories: (1) Outstanding Achievement, and (2) Lifetime Achievement.

NUMBER: The award may be made to as many selected nominees as are approved through the nomination and selection process.

CRITERIA:

A. Outstanding Achievement:

The recognition must be for significant personal achievement in, or contribution to, soccer in Georgia, and may also include accomplishments or service in other states and countries. In addition, the demonstrated, positive effect of such achievement or contribution must have set a clear and recognized example for the soccer community to emulate and regard as a model to be followed for personal achievement.

1. Players, Coaches, and Referees nominated should have distinguished themselves with an outstanding standard of play and/or performance.

2. Administrators, Supporters, and Volunteers should have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and/or leadership, and should have made significant contributions to the improvement of the sport and its participants.

B. Lifetime Achievement:

The recognition must be for accomplishments in or service to soccer over an extended period of not less than 10 years, that demonstrates a positive effect or influence upon the growth, development, promotion, and advancement of the sport of soccer in Georgia, or on those engaged in it. The accomplishments in or service to soccer may also include those in other states or countries.

1. Players, Coaches, and Referees nominated should have distinguished themselves with a consistent, high standard of play and/or performance.

2. Administrators, Supporters, and Volunteers should have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and/or leadership, and should have made significant contributions to the improvement of the sport and its participants.

ELIGIBILITY:

A. General:

1. Factors of citizenship, national origin, race, religion, creed, sex, politics or physical condition will not be considered in the nominating or selecting process.

2. Nomination, selection, and award may be made posthumously.

3. A nominee who has been rejected three times may not be renominated until a period of three years has elapsed since the third rejection.

B. Outstanding Achievement:

1. Nominee must have been a member of an organized soccer program whose institutional aims and program base is, or was, in the State of Georgia.

2. A relevancy between the achievement being recognized and participation in a Georgia-based soccer program must be demonstrated in the nomination submission.

3. Players and Referees will only be eligible for nomination five years after retiring from that level of competition on which the achievement nomination is based. This retirement requirement excludes: (a) Over-30 and Old-Timer players, (b) posthumous nominations, and (c) coach(es) whose nomination is primarily based on coaching achievement or service.

C. Lifetime Achievement:

1. Nominee must have been a member for not less than ten years of an organized soccer program, or programs, whose institutional and program base is, or was, in the State of Georgia.

2. A posthumous nomination or a nomination on behalf of a Supporter need not meet the time requirement.

D. Waiver of Eligibility Requirement(s):

A waiver of any eligibility requirement(s) specified in this section of the policy and procedure must be submitted in writing at the time of nomination for consideration by the GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A waiver may only be granted by unanimous consent of the Selection Committee, and with final approval of the GSSA Board of Directors following their established voting procedures.

GSSA HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE:

1. A "GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee" shall be appointed no later than the second quarter of each year by the President of the Board of Directors of the Georgia State Soccer Association, Inc. The Selection Committee named shall consist of five members. A Committee Chair from the newly appointed Selection Committee membership shall be named by the President of the Board of Directors of the Georgia State Soccer Association, Inc.

2. The Committee named shall come from those Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame Award recipients who confirm their availability and who participate in the selection process, or who are selected as specified in the next paragraph.

3. In any year in which there are not at least five Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame Award recipients who confirm their availability and who participate in the selection process, the Selection Committee shall be named from among the available recipients of the Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame Award and the incumbents of the following GSSA positions, selected as needed in the following order to make up a Committee not to exceed five for that year: President of the Board of Directors, Senior Vice President of the Board of Directors, Junior Vice President of the Board of Directors, Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

4. The GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall function to: (a) conduct the nomination and selection process for the award(s) to be made at the following year's GSSA Annual Meeting or other designated GSSA Awards Event; (b) recommend and oversee the GSSA approved planning and arrangements for the award(s) and award(s) ceremony; (c) conduct the presentation of the award(s) at the GSSA Annual Meeting; (d) recommend and oversee the GSSA-approved Hall of Fame display area; (e) recommend, implement and conduct communications, coordination and program cooperation with other appropriate Sports Hall of Fame organizations; and (f) submit a budget proposal prior to the budgetary process in March of each year.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

1. Nomination must be made in writing to the GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and should address all of the pertinent achievements on which the nomination is based.
2. The deadline for Nominations for the Award will be set by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
3. All supporting documentation (for example, letters or statements of recommendations, newspaper articles, films, photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, copies of -- or verification of -- past awards and achievements) must accompany the written nomination.
4. The Selection Committee shall then send copies of the nominations received to the GSSA Board, to obtain their comments.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

1. All nominations shall then be reviewed and judged by the GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
2. The Selection Committee shall perform their duties in a fair, unbiased and impartial manner.
3. The Selection Committee must conduct the selection process in a formal meeting of the Committee. All documentation must be made available to, and be reviewed by, each Committee member.
4. Selection for the Award will require election by at least four of the five GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee members.
5. The Committee will present its selection(s) at not later than the November meeting of the GSSA Board of Directors for their approval.

INDUCTION PROCESS:

1. Elected nominees or their representatives will be notified by the Chair of the GSSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee and invited to attend (along with a chosen guest), the GSSA Annual General Meeting or other designated GSSA Awards event (usually the following January) to receive the Award.
2. The Award will be presented at the GSSA Annual Meeting or other designated GSSA Awards event.

AWARD:

1. The Award will be prepared in duplicate in the form of a suitably executed plaque, similar in form, size, and wording to the plaques awarded to previous inductees. One copy of the award will be given to the awardee(s) or their representative(s) for permanent retention. The other copy will be for display in the GSSA Hall of Fame site.

2. Other accompanying symbols of the award, as developed by the Selection Committee and approved by the GSSA Board (e.g., certificates, blazer with embroidered badge, lifetime GSSA event pass) may also be given to the awardee or their designated representative.

3. The presentation of the award to any awardee or chosen representative who fails to attend the awards ceremony unless prior unanimous approval has been granted by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and the GSSA Board of Directors in response to the medical evidence of the awardee being unfit to attend, shall be deferred until the next annual award presentation. Failure to attend the award ceremony for three successive years will result in the award being withdrawn, and require that the nomination be resubmitted for future consideration.