



## **ABBOTSFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

“A Celebration of Excellence”

Mission: To honour athletes, coaches, builders and teams from the City of Abbotsford for their outstanding contribution or achievement in sport.

### **A. SELECTION PROCESS:**

- There are four main categories for the Hall of Fame: athlete, team, coach/builder and community sports builder.
- The nomination deadline shall be November 30 of each year.
- Any individual or association may submit a nomination.
- Nominees must have been involved with a sport that:
  1. Is physical, competitive and adheres to a specific set of standard rules.
  2. Has affiliation with a provincial or national sport federation.
  3. Is included in multi-sport events (i.e. Olympics, Pan American Games, Canada Games, Provincial Games, etc.)
- A review of all nominations will be completed in January, successful nominees will be contacted in February and the Awards Banquet will be held in April.
- Successful nominees will require a 5x7 head and shoulder photograph of the nominee. (Photographs will not be returned.)

### **B. CATEGORIES:**

1. ATHLETE
  - The nominee must have attained excellence at a National or International level of senior competition in a sport(s) specified in the selection process. The nominee must have performed in a

manner to bring special honour and recognition to the City of Abbotsford.

- The nominee must be an individual with substantial connections to Abbotsford for a minimum of eight years.

## 2. TEAM

- Abbotsford teams winning an Open National, International, or World Championship, or reaching the ultimate level of achievement in their sport are eligible for induction into the Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame.
- Note that in a sport where athletes compete in individual events, the team will not be eligible for a team induction.
- A team is not a team if the team result is derived on the basis of a calculation of individual scores.
- Teams are selected for their achievements in one year, not an era.

## 3. COACH/BUILDER

- The nominee must have attained excellence at a National or International level of senior competition and performed in a manner to bring special honour and recognition to the City of Abbotsford.
- The category of Coach/Builder shall include coaches, officials, administrators, patrons, media (journalists/broadcasters) and sports medicine practitioners.
- The nominee must have served sport for a period of years, but not necessarily consecutive.
- The nominee must be an individual with substantial connections to Abbotsford for a minimum of eight years.
- The individual inducted as an athlete who then goes on to become an administrator in the same sport shall not be inducted as a Coach/Builder in the same sport.

## 4. COMMUNITY SPORTS BUILDER

- The category of Community Sports Builder shall include coaches, officials, administrators, patrons, media (journalists/broadcasters) and sports medicine practitioners, not necessarily at the National level.
- The nominee must have served Abbotsford sport for a significant number of years, not necessarily consecutively. (Usually over twenty years.)
- The nominee must have had a career which will be a credit to the Hall and have made outstanding contributions to the sport or development of sport facilities in Abbotsford.

- The nominee must have attained a continued excellence at the local level in developing athletes and/or facilities which have greatly enhanced the sport's availability, recognition, access or visibility within the City of Abbotsford.

### **C. WAITING PERIOD:**

- Athletes and teams shall generally not be inducted for at least three (3) years after they have finished competing (retired). Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors in the case of success at the Olympics, Pan-American Games, Commonwealth Games, and World Championships or in the case of terminal illness or death.
- The three year term would not generally apply to Coach/Builders or Community Sport Builders.
- Teams comprised of the same personnel must wait three (3) years before they are eligible for induction.
- If the person or team is not inducted into the Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame when they are first nominated, their name(s) will be put forward for up to two years after the person or team has been nominated. If, after this period, the person or team has not been inducted, then the name(s) goes into dormancy for at least two years. After this period of time, the person or team can be nominated again.