

OKLAHOMA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Oklahoma Soccer Hall of Fame Award

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

NAME: Oklahoma Soccer Hall of Fame Award

SPONSOR: Oklahoma Soccer Association, Inc. (OSA) and its member divisions

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

FREQUENCY: Annually, unless the OSA 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 Oklahoma 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 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 Oklahoma, or on those engaged in it. The accomplishments in 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 Oklahoma.
2. A relevancy between the achievement being recognized and participation in an Oklahoma-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 nomination achievement is based. This retirement requirement excludes: (a) Over-30 and Old-Timer players, (b) posthumous nominations, or (c) coach(es) whose nomination is primarily based on coaching achievement or service.

C. Lifetime Achievement:

1. A nominee must have been a member for not less than ten years of an organized soccer program, or programs, who's institutional and program base is, or was, in the state of Oklahoma.

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

D. Waiver of Eligibility Requirement(s):

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

OSA HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE:

1. An "OSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee" shall be appointed no later than January 31st of each year by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma 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 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Soccer Association, Inc. at the same time.
2. The Committee named shall come from those Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma Soccer Hall of Fame Award and the incumbents of the following OSA positions, selected as needed in the following order to make up a Committee not to exceed five for that year: Chairman of the Board of Directors, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of Directors.
4. The OSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall function to: (a) conduct the nomination and selection process for the awards(s) to be made at the following year's OSA Annual Meeting or other designated OSA awards event; (b) recommend and oversee the OSA approved planning and arrangements for the award(s) and award(s) ceremony; (c) to conduct the presentation of the award(s) at the OSA Annual Meeting; (d) to recommend and oversee the OSA-approved Hall of Fame display area; (e) to recommend, conduct, 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 June of each year.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

1. Nomination must be made in writing to the OSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee and should address all the pertinent achievements on which the nomination is based.
2. Nominations for the award must be received by not later than September 1st of the year in the year it is to be considered.
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 OSA Board to obtain their comments no later than October 15th in the year they are to be considered.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

1. All nominations shall then be reviewed and judged by the OSA 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 OSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee members.
5. The Committee will present its selection(s) no later than the November meeting of the OSA Executive Board for their approval.

INDUCTION PROCESS:

1. Elected nominees or their representatives will be notified by the Chairman of the OSA Hall of Fame Selection Committee and invited to attend (along with a chosen guest), the OSA Annual General Meeting or other designated OSA awards event (usually the following January) to receive the award.

AWARD:

1. The award will be a suitably executed plaque, similar in form, size, and wording to the plaques awarded to previous inductees. The award will be given to the awardee(s) or their representative(s) for permanent retention. The awardee(s) will be added to the Hall of Fame page of the OSA website.

2. Other accompanying symbols of the award, as developed by the Selection Committee and approved by the OSA Board (e.g.: certificates, blazer with embroidered badge, lifetime OSA 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 OSA 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 requiring that the nomination be resubmitted for future consideration.