

Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame



Nomination & Application Packet

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Nomination & Voting Procedures



- Prospective candidates should fill out a (HOF) Nomination Application (Can be found on the HOF web site) along with a short bio sheet as described on the HOF web site under Players Track, Management Track, & Special Award Track. **When submitting your nomination, you must select the one category that you want to be considered. The HOF has the right to change it to benefit your opportunity to earn an honor. You can only win in one category. That doesn't mean in your biography that you won't be acknowledged for other attributes or contributions to the sport.** These two forms along with a clear picture (size 3" X 5" or larger) should be sent to the President of the Hall of Fame. He will then assign it to the proper track chairman. **(All nomination forms and bios must be submitted in a Word Format. The picture must be submitted as a JPEG. A PDF format will not be accepted for the nomination form, bio, or picture)**
- Each Track committee chairman will review all the applications and will select those applicants who fit the criteria set forth by the Board of Directors of the HOF. **Applications received after November 15, 2024, will be put into the review case and will not be eligible for induction until the following year 2025.** A list will then be presented to the Board of Directors for review. A list of no more than ten candidates per category will be selected for placement on the HOF ballot **(Players Track for Women and Men, and Management and Umpire Tracks Only) for the upcoming year. Veterans and all Special Awards are sent to their respected committee.**
- Each Track committee chairman will then take the list back to his or her committee for a vote. The voting members of the committee will then use a ranking system to determine the committee's choices for the candidates who they feel should be inducted into the HOF. The ranking system works as follows: The number of names on the ballot will determine the highest points that can be given to the first choice, (10 points) then the second

choice would then receive the second highest point total (9 points) and so on. If the number of candidates is less than 10 then the highest point would be the same number as the total candidates on the ballot for that Track. (Example, if there were 7 candidates the 7 points would be awarded to the highest vote getter.)

- The track committee vote will count for **35%** of the vote total.
- The votes for each track will be tallied and the results will be sent or brought to the President of the HOF before the next board meeting. Only the final tallies will be sent. None of the individual voting member's votes will be shared.
- The President will collect all the mailed in votes and all the internet votes and tally them for review by the entire board. All these votes will carry the weight of **10%** of the total overall vote.
- Ballots from any former inductees of the Hall of Famer will be counted separately. All these votes will carry the weight of **15%** of the total overall vote.
- The President will bring to the Board meeting all the votes and tallies from both the track chairs and the public vote. The Board will review all the totals and will add their input into the selection of the candidates. (All board members will assign a ranking to all candidates of each committee. There will be no zeroes) The Boards vote will carry the weight of **40%** of the final vote to make the total of 100%. **A Candidate must receive more than 74% of the total vote to be considered for induction.**
- Once both the Board of Directors and the Track Committee's along with the past inductees and the public vote is considered the final selection of the candidates for this year's HOF inductees will be made. **All results will be final and the winning candidate's will be removed from any future HOF awards or honors.**
- The HOF President will then notify the new inductees and any Special Award winners of their selection into the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame.

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Players Track Selection Criteria

1. A minimum of **10** years of playing experience at the major level with at least **5** years as a starter at the major level.
2. At least **50** years of age or better for men and **45** years of age or better for women.
3. A minimum of **5** years of playing as a starter at the major level and be considered to have made a major impact on the game **as a player**
4. A minimum of at least **5** years as a starter in ASA, USSSA, NSA, or SSA National tournaments/Qualifiers or other major tournaments which could include the following:
5. His or hers teams had to have finished among the top **10** teams in one of the Major 16 inch Nationals at least **3** years (**throughout their career**)
6. **The applicant must have been a first or second team All American at a national tournament.**
7. **The applicant must be in good standing with all the softball associations and the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame**

Men

- a. Chicagoland Classic
- b. North South Tournament
- c. Westchester Spring Classic (**Tournament of Champions**)
- d. Forest Park No Glove Invitational
- e. Grant Park Major Tournament
- f. **ASA Major National Tournament**
- g. **SSA Major National Tournament**

Women

- Grant Park
Mather Park
Clarendon Park
River Park
Raul Revere

Burbank Park
Oak Lawn
Tinley Park
ASA Women's Nationals
SSA Women's Nationals

8. A minimum of 5 years as a starter in one of the following Major leagues:

Men

- a. Forest Park Major
- b. Melrose Park Major
- c. Mt Prospect Classic
- d. Westchester/Hodgkins
- e. Clyde Park
- f. Super 16" Pro League
- g. Washington Park Sunday Best League or Wednesday, Friday League
- h. Blue Island Major

Women

- Blue Island Park Hawthorn
- Calumet Park
- Calumet City
- Touhy Park
- Wells Park
- Clyde Park

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Iowa Players Track Selection Criteria

1. A minimum of **10** years of playing experience at the Major level with at least 5 years as a starter at the major level.
- a. **Or:** At least **50** years of age or better for men and **45** years of age or better for women.
2. Needs to have been elected to the Iowa Softball Hall of Fame
3. A minimum of at least **10** years of playing at one of the Major Nationals **5** years as a starter. ASA Major 16 inch, or the SSA 16 inch Men’s Major National tournament.
4. Needed to have been on a team that finished in the top **8** at a 16 inch Major National Tournament at least **2** years.
5. Needed to have been selected to the 1st or 2nd All-American Team at a Major 16 inch National Tournament at least **5** times. (or your team finished in the top 4 at major nationals or Forest Park No Glove nationals)
6. Had to have played on a team that played in either The Chicagoland Classic Tournament, the North/South Tournament, or The Forest Park No-Glove Nationals a minimum **5** times.
7. **The applicant must be in good standing with all the softball associations and the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame**

Iowa Men’s 16 inch Leagues

- a. Marshalltown (Thursday Nights)
- b. Cedars Rapides (Thursday Nights)
- c. Urbandale (Friday Nights)

Iowa Men’s 16 inch Tournaments

- a. Clincher Classic
- b. Marshalltown Bud Open
- c. Iowa 16” State Tournament
- d. Cedar Rapids Hall of Fame

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Umpire Selection Criteria

1. A minimum of **10** years of umpiring experience at the Major/A levels. (can be a combination of the two) Must have umpired in at least three of the Parks listed below.
2. Out of the game for at least **3** years **Or: 55** years of age or better
3. A minimum of at least **5** years' experience as an umpire in a ASA, USSSA, NSA, or SSA National tournament and Qualifiers.
4. Must be in good standing with all the softball associations.

Tournaments and Qualifiers:

Men

- a. Chicagoland Classic
- b. North South Tournament
- c. Westchester Spring Classic
- d. Forest Park Invitational
- e. Grant Park Major Tournament
- f. Brookfield Tournament
- g. James Park in Evanston
- h. City of Chicago Tournament
- i. Andy Frain Tournament
- j. Berwyn Tournament

Women

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|----------------|---------------|
| Grant Park | Dunbar Park |
| Mather Park | James Park |
| Clarendon Park | Clyde Park PK |
| River Park | Hawthorn PK |
| Raul Revere | Hollywood PK |
| Indian Road | |
| Normandy Park | |
| Burbank Park | |
| Oak Lawn | |
| Tinley Park | |

Major and A Leagues:

Men

- i. Forest Park Major
- j. Melrose Park
- k. Windy City
- l. Westchester/Hodgkins
- m. Mt Prospect Classic
- n. Super 16" Pro League
- o. Washington Park Sunday Best League or Wednesday, Friday League

Women

- Hawthorn

If the Candidate Meets the Criteria

Please follow the instruction listed below

Fill out the official HOF Application along with a short bio:

Please write (not more than 500 words type preferred) stating **only** your softball information: (Please be especially detailed in your bios) The HOF Board retains the right to request more information or documentation on any candidate or organization.

1. **As a Major Player**, in what leagues and tournaments did you participate in as a starter and player? And for how long did you play, etc. (Please list all and what year. **You must provide at least 10 years of major experience as noted on the application. Be specific by the year and the team**)
2. What teams did you play and start for and when? (Please list all and what year)
3. What Track do you feel you belong in? **(Select One Only on the application)**
4. A little bit about yourself
5. Name, home address, phone numbers (home, cell and work) and your email address
6. **As a manager, organizer or a candidate for any special awards given out by the HOF**, please list what softball teams or organizations that you belong to. When and where, as a manager or organizer did you participate with these teams? What leagues or tournaments did you play in or organize that would help you meet the criteria to be considered a Hall of Fame nominee.
7. Name, home address, phone numbers (home, cell and work) and your e-mail address
8. **Please provide a Minimum of a 3" X 5" photo of yourself either as a player, manager, or organizer. (Preferred in action)**

(All nomination forms and bios must be submitted in a Word Format. The picture must be submitted as a JPEG. A PDF format will not be accepted for the nomination form, bio, or picture)

Please Mail the application along with your bio and your photo to:

Paul Rowan, HOF President

7501 West Harrison Street,

Forest Park, IL 60130

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Special Awards



Franck C. Holan Award

Frank C. Holan was a long-time manager to many of the great teams in our game. He was always striving to promote the game and to make it the very best game in the world. Frank dedicated his life to 16" Softball.

Holan Award - This award is given in his honor to an individual who has demonstrated over the years his or her passion and love for the game not as a player, spectator, coach, scorekeeper, planner, or someone who promotes the game from a spot not always noticed.

Richard J. Daley Award

Richard J. Daley served as mayor of the City of Chicago for over 25 years and was a big fan of 16" softball. Mayor Daley felt 16" softball was a major part of the makeup of this great city and to help promote it throughout the city.

Daley Award - This award is given in his honor to an individual who has demonstrated over the years his or her passion and love for the game not as a player, sponsor, business owner, politician, or a leader in the community. Through their passion they have helped advance the game of 16" softball.

Wall of Fame

The Wall of Fame Award was designed to honor those in the game who may not have had the opportunity to play, **manage, or umpire**, at the major level or to win any ASA, SSA or USSSA national tournaments, yet still play, **manage, or umpire**, for the pure love of the game. These individuals, many of whom may have played, **managed, or umpired**, their entire careers in local parks with friends and families, yet have a love for the game that demonstrates their true passion for the game. **Must be 55 years of age or older for the men and 40 Years or older for the women. They must have played or been involved in 16-inch softball for a minimum of 20 years for men, and 15 years for women, and considered a good teammate, strong competitor, and a staunch advocate of the game.**

Field of Dreams Award

This award was designed to honor those parks, park districts, and recreation departments who have over the past 125 years provided the players with quality fields and leagues to play our great game. Without the parks and their fields, leagues, and tournaments, we would not have the game.

Team Honors

Each year the Hall of Fame will **Honor** a number of teams who have demonstrated over the years their love of the game through great play on the diamond, and a great commitment to the game through their longevity as a team. Teams have had to show a great passion for our game, and through this passion they promote the game itself. A Team must have been together a minimum of 10 years with its basic core of players. **This is a Team Honor and is not an induction into the Hall of Fame.**

Presidential Service Award

From time to time the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame will award a special award to an individual or organization that over the past year has gone far and beyond what is expected to help the Hall of Fame in its efforts to promote the game and the Hall of Fame. This award is not an award that will be presented on a yearly basis, but on a as needed basis only.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Hall of Fame will honor an organization or individual that has made a significant impact on the sport for over 4-5 decades. Examples include organizing leagues, tournaments, or seminars, and an individual that has mentored or provided a service that benefited the sports teams, players, or organizations.