

**INDIANA NSA/BPA HALL of FAME BY-LAWS**  
**Established 2011/Amended November 11, 2017**

Purpose: To recognize major contributions to the NSA/BPA programs in Indiana. The long term purpose of this committee is to provide possible candidates for consideration to the NSA/BPA National Hall of Fame. This committee will also host the annual Indiana Hall of Fame Banquet and recognize outstanding achievements by other teams and individuals for that season.

The **INDIANA NSA/BPA HALL of FAME** Committee will consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) members.

- I. Permanent members will be:
  - A. Indiana Slow Pitch State Director or designee
  - B. Indiana Slow Pitch Umpire in Chief or designee
  - C. Assistant State Director from Slow Pitch or designee
  - D. Indiana Fast Pitch State Director or designee
  - E. Assistant State Director from Fast Pitch or designee
  - F. Indiana BPA State Director or designee
  - G. Assistant State Director from Baseball or designee
  - H. Indiana State Fast Pitch UIC or designee
  - I. Indiana BPA State UIC or designee
- II. All remaining four (4) members (At-Large) may serve up to two consecutive, three year terms, if voted in by a majority vote.
- III. Nominations to the Board must be submitted at the annual meeting, by current Board Members.
- IV. The office of HOF President and HOF Treasurer shall be held by one of the permanent members. These offices will be retained for two (2) years and voted on by the Committee.
- V. The office of Vice President and Secretary will be voted on by the Committee every 2 years, at the annual meeting.
- VI. Members **MUST** attend the meeting that is held prior to the banquet.
- VII. All members are required to participate in other meetings/ conference calls. No more than one of these meetings can be missed in a calendar year. A member that misses the required meetings, can be removed by a majority vote.

Hall of Fame Guidelines: The following criterion was established for the select categories. Once inducted into the Indiana Hall of Fame, a person may be nominated for another category, but will not be issued a ring unless purchased at their own expense.

**I. Adult Player**

- A. Actively participated in the program for a minimum of seven (7) years and have participated in at least 5 NSA State events, 4 World Series events and 3 Super World Series (or equivalent) events.
- B. Other outstanding performances should be noted in order to generate favorable consideration by the committee.
- C. There will be no Class “E” or “Bronze” players considered.
- D. Shown exemplary sportsmanship on and off the field, and served as a role model to his/her peers and players.
- E. Individuals may be considered by the committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA program.

**II. Youth Player**

- A. Actively participated in the program for a minimum of five (5) years, and have participated in at least (4) NSA/BPA State events and (3) World Series events.
- B. Other outstanding performances should be noted in order to generate favorable consideration by the Committee.
- C. Shown exemplary sportsmanship on and off the field, and served as a role model to his/her peers and players.
- D. Individuals may be considered by the Committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA/BPA program.

**III. Coach (Adult)**

- A. Actively participated in the program for a minimum of seven (7) years and have coached in at least five 5 adult NSA state events.
- B. Shown exemplary sportsmanship on and off the field and served as a role model to his / her peers and players.
- C. Individuals may be considered by the committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA program.

**IV. Coach (Youth)**

- A. Actively participated as a coach in the NSA/BPA program for a minimum of Five (5) years, and have coached in at least (4) NSA/BPA State events and (3) World Series.
- B. Shown exemplary sportsmanship and leadership to the participants, on and off the field and has served as a role model to his/her players and peers.
- C. Individuals may be considered by the Committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA/BPA Youth Programs.

**V. Umpire**

- A. Actively participated in the program for a minimum of seven (7) years and have umpired in at least five (5) NSA/BPA state events.

- B. Received accolades for outstanding umpire work such as, but not limited to:
  - i. Umpired in the Championship Game of a State Tournament or World Series event.
  - ii. Special consideration will be given if the umpire has received State and/or National NSA/BPA Awards of accomplishment.
- C. Shown exemplary leadership to his/her peers and served as a role model to fellow directors
- D. Individuals may be considered by the committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA/BPA programs.

**VI. Director**

- A. Actively participated in the program for a minimum of seven years.
- B. Accomplished growth in their respective program.
- C. Chosen to work and coordinate in one or more prestigious NSA/BPA events such as, but not limited to:
  - i. World Series as a Director
  - ii. State Tournament as a Director
  - iii. World Series site Director
- D. Shown exemplary leadership to his/her peers and served as a role model to fellow directors
- E. Previous recognition for outstanding performance as a Director is preferred.
- F. Individuals may be considered by the committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA/BPA programs.
- G. Participated in Zone & National conventions.

**VII. Meritorious**

- A. Contributions to the NSA/BPA programs outside of the normal NSA/BPA hierarchy.
- B. Continually worked with the NSA/BPA staff to make events successful.
- C. Individuals may be considered by the committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA/BPA programs.

**VIII. Park**

- A. Must be an active NSA/BPA Park for a minimum of seven years.
- B. Contributions to the NSA/BPA program outside of the normal NSA/BPA hierarchy.
- C. Participated in Zone & National Convention
- D. Previous recognition for outstanding park award

**IX. Sponsor**

- A. Must be an active sponsor of an NSA/BPA team for a minimum of seven years.
- B. Contributions to the NSA/BPA program outside the normal NSA/BPA hierarchy.

- C. Individuals may be considered by the committee based on contributions to the success of the NSA/BPA programs.

**Timelines:**

1. All nominations must be submitted by the online form, and forwarded to the HOF Secretary, no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. This allows all nominations to be sent to all members to review at a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting.
2. Voting by the committee shall take place at the annual meeting, prior to the INDIANA NSA/BPA HALL of FAME Awards Banquet. Those inductee(s) will be announced at the HOF Award Banquet. These selections will remain confidential until announced at the Hall of Fame Banquet.
3. All board members must vote. There will be no proxy voting.
4. The inductee(s) shall select a speaker and advise the Secretary no later than 6/1 for the upcoming induction.
5. The HOF Secretary shall be responsible to obtain the ring size of all inductees and shall work with the President of the HOF to order the ring(s) no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, and other awards.
6. The names of the incoming inductees must be listed on all 3 program websites.
7. An announcement will be sent to all incoming inductees, by the HOF Secretary, no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

**Voting, selections and nominations:**

1. Anyone can submit a candidate for consideration to the committee through the HOF Secretary.
2. Nomination forms will be available on the NSA Indiana web site, the Indiana BPA website and the Indiana Fast Pitch website. All completed nominations must be received by the HOF Secretary on or before 10/1, and forwarded to all members no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> of that year.
3. All candidates will remain on the list for consideration for a maximum of five years and can be resubmitted at the end of that timeframe.
4. All candidates must reside in Indiana, played on a team from Indiana, or were sanctioned in Indiana. The committee will review nominations for criteria met and vote each year at the annual meeting.
5. There will be no more than ten (10) inductees per year, with the exception of the initial year where National Members will be inducted.
6. A category may be passed for any given year, and consideration for more than one inductee from another category could be considered.
7. A majority vote will be needed to carry a nomination.

**Awards:**

1. Any person selected in the Player, Coach, Director or Umpire category will receive a Hall of Fame Ring and a commemorative award.
2. Any person / group selected via the meritorious, park or sponsor category will receive a commemorative award recognizing their outstanding contributions. A ring may be awarded, if a majority vote dictates. This will be discussed during voting.
3. All team of the year selections MUST be determined by September 1<sup>st</sup>, for youth teams and at the completion of the Super Worlds for the adult teams. It is the responsibility of each respective State Director to notify their teams immediately. It is the responsibility of each State Director to purchase the awards for the players and coaches for each team of the year selection, in which those Directors will present at the banquet.
4. If a team of the year is unable to attend, it is the Director's responsibility to present those awards at an agreed upon location and date.

**Banquet function and expenses:**

1. The INDIANA NSA/BPA HALL of FAME Banquet shall be held on a weekend in November, or an agreed upon date by the Board, on an annual basis. The committee will select the location based on finances and other variables.
2. The committee will cover the following expenses for the Hall of Fame Inductees:
  - a. Banquet meal and fees for the inductee and one guest
3. In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, the banquet will honor and recognize individuals for outstanding contributions through the year. This may include player(s) of the year, umpire of the year, State, Regional, World, Super World Championship teams.

**Adoptions to the By-Laws**

1. By-Laws may be changed during a meeting with a majority vote. All requested changes and additions must be submitted to all members of the Committee 72 hours before the meeting.