



## OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame

### Selection Procedure

#### I. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

##### **A. Official or Administrator**

A nominee must be either an interscholastic sports official or an administrator (i.e. Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Administrator, League Commissioner) involved in officiating administration. A nominee must have made a significant contribution to OHSAA interscholastic officiating.

##### **B. Years of Service**

###### **1. Retired Classification**

A nominee must be retired for at least two years after a minimum of 15 years of experience in officiating or officiating administration with a significant contribution to OHSAA interscholastic officiating.

###### **2. Active Classification**

A nominee must have at least 25 years of experience in officiating or officiating administration with a significant contribution to OHSAA interscholastic officiating.

#### II. Nomination and Selection Process

##### **A. Nomination by Local Officials Association**

Each OHSAA local officials association may nominate a maximum of two individuals annually. The nomination application shall be completed and forwarded to the District Administrator (DA), no later than June 1 of each year. Applications may be obtained from the OHSAA website. ([Nomination Application](#))

##### **B. Nomination by Registered OHSAA Officials**

When there is no local officials association representing that sport in the district where the nominee resides, a registered OHSAA official may nominate one individual. The nomination application shall be completed and forwarded to the DA, no later than June 1 of each year. Submit the nomination application to the DA. Applications may be obtained from the OHSAA website. ([Nomination Application](#))

##### **C. Nomination by Officials Hall of Fame Committee**

The HOF Committee may nominate individuals who might have been overlooked by the aforementioned groups and individuals.

##### **D. Action by the District Administrator**

The DA shall invite the District Hall of Fame Committee Representative to the summer district secretaries meeting in order to review the nomination procedure and answer questions. The DA shall provide an opportunity for discussion about each nominee.

All D.A.-certified nominees shall be voted on by secret ballot and up to four shall be the district's nominees for the upcoming Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame applications for those nominees not selected shall be returned to the nominator. If circumstances dictate a D.A. may conduct its voting at an earlier meeting. Also, a D.A. may conduct the Hall of Fame vote electronically if necessary.

The DA shall forward the completed nomination application, three supporting documents, (i.e. letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, etc.) and one 5" x 7" photograph to the OHSAA,

4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214. **The application packet must be received in the OHSAA Office by December 1.**

**E. Action by the OHSAA Hall of Fame Committee**

The voting members of the Hall of Fame Committee may select from the D.A.A. nominees, a maximum of 14 individuals for induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee may select one additional inductee from persons nominated by committee members. This selection shall be a separate vote from the selection from the district nominees. Selections shall be based on the nominee's career and contributions to Ohio interscholastic sports officiating. A vote by secret ballot, which requires a majority vote of the HOF Committee members present, shall determine the Hall of Fame Inductees. Hall of Fame Applications for those nominees not selected shall be returned.

III. **Officials Hall of Fame Committee**

**A. Duties of the Committee**

The Officials Hall of Fame Committee will serve to advise the Executive Director and Board of Directors relative to matters pertaining to the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame. In addition, the Hall of Fame Committee will annually elect up to 14 individuals for induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee may select one additional inductee from persons nominated by committee members. The HOF Committee will assist in conducting the HOF Banquet.

**B. Membership**

The Officials Hall of Fame Committee will consist of 13 voting members; a representative official from each district, the six OHSAA District Administrators, and the OHSAA Administrator responsible for the Officiating program. Committee members shall be appointed by the Executive Director. The term to be served by the appointed members shall be three years and an individual may not serve successive terms.

<b><u>2024-25 Hall of Fame Committee</u></b>	
<b><u>Director of Officiating and Sport Management</u></b>	
Beau Rugg, Chair	
<b><u>District Administrator (DA)</u></b>	<b><u>Athletic District</u></b>
Malt Brown	Central
Matt Abbott	East
Pat Montana	Northeast
Ken Myers	Northwest
Wayne Horsley	Southeast
Jerry Fick	Southwest
<b><u>District Representative</u></b>	<b><u>District (Expiration of Term)</u></b>
Greg Ryder	Central (2027)
Gene Bess	East (2026)
April Largent	Northeast (2027)
Steven Trout	Northwest (2026)
Rick Merb	Southeast (2025)
Monique Huffman	Southwest (2025)