



## Columbus Indiana Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame Guidelines (Updated & Approved 10/10/2023)



### 1. Purpose of Columbus Indiana Slow-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame:

The purpose of the Columbus Indiana Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame is to recognize outstanding achievements of any Columbus Indiana Slow Pitch Softball (players, coaches, Umpires, Directors and secondary staff (administrators and other staff members) and other supporters.”

### 2. Categories of Nominees:

**Players:** This category is for those players who have participated in slow pitch softball in Columbus, Indiana and who (through their outstanding contributions) created, supported and has helped to build and establish Slow Pitch Softball in Columbus, Indiana.

**Administrative:** Coaches, Administrators, Umpires, Scorekeepers, Directors and Staff, who have by a measurable standard been exemplary in their work, and who have exhibited an extremely positive influence in developing, maintaining and promoting Slow Pitch Softball in Columbus, Indiana.

**Outstanding Community Supporters of Columbus Indiana Slow Pitch softball:** Persons by their generosity, effort, or both have helped create a better environment for our players and added to the pride and tradition of Columbus Indiana Slow Pitch Softball.

### 3. Criteria for a valid nomination:

- a. Nominees must be persons who have participated in Slow Pitch Softball in Columbus, Indiana or former staff members or supporters.
- b. Nominees must have played or participated in Slow Pitch Softball in Columbus, Indiana for more than ten (10) years for men and (5) years for women, prior to their nomination. They must have retired or left the sport at least (3) years prior to their nomination or are over the age of 50.
- c. In order for a team to be nominated, they must have played together for a minimum of 3 years.
- d. Any adult can submit a nomination, including their own.
- e. The Nomination Form for valid nominees ***must be complete*** and kept on file for review upon request.
- f. Character counts for nomination to the CISSHOF just as it does in other Halls of Fame, as in life in general. There should be no questions, doubts, or reservations from a majority of Screening Committee members about a nominee’s character.
- g. Nominations must be based on ***“exemplary achievement that brings positive recognition and /or honor to slow pitch softball.”*** Achievements should be objective and verifiable, not subjective and based on popularity, or sympathy.

h. ***Anyone Nominated, who is currently a Member of a Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame, will automatically be Inducted into our Hall of Fame.***

i. The following examples illustrate valid rationale to support a nomination to the Hall of Fame:

1. He/She was a great softball player. He/She was a member of 1980 ASA State Championship team and also MVP of that tournament. He/She won several State tournaments on Co-Ed and Class A teams from 1975 thru 1998. He/She was MVP of Kings of Slow Pitch tournament in North Vernon in 1974. He/She has 7 National Championships as a Senior player with 5 All-Star awards affiliated with those tournaments. He/She was National MVP as a senior player in Champaign Illinois.
2. She was one of Columbus's finest female slow pitch softball players in the 80's & 90's. She was All-Tournament in many State and National softball tournaments receiving MVP honors 3 times during her career.
3. She/he was universally recognized as a great teacher not only by her/his peers, but also by her/his players. Three times voted as "Coach of the Year" and she/he has been nominated twice at the state level.
4. He was instrumental in establishing women's slow pitch softball in Columbus, Indiana as a coach, an administrator and a sponsor, but his finest accomplishments came in sharing his love for the game through his contributions.

#### **4. Nomination Process;**

- a. All nominations must be completed using the official nomination form adopted by the BOD (a sample of the nomination form which is attached to this document). A detailed explanation of the reason for nominating an individual must be attached to the nomination form.
- b. The deadline for nomination forms is **May 1st** of each calendar year beginning in 2023. (Banquet will be held 1<sup>st</sup> weekend (Friday & Saturday) November of each calendar year).

#### **5. Screening Process:**

A screening committee composed of the CISSHOF Board of Directors (Chairman-Jerry Cox), shall meet by **May 7** of each year to review and pre-screen nomination forms that have been submitted.

- a. The screening committee shall forward nominations forms of valid nominees (i.e. those candidates that meet the criteria established by the guidelines) to the Selection Committee by **May 14th** of each calendar year.

**6. Screening Criteria:**

- a. The Screening Committee (i.e. Chairman of the Board) will utilize the criteria listed under “Criteria for valid nomination) to pre-screen candidates prior to submission to the Selection Committee.
- b. For any nominee to be eligible for the HOF all criteria must be met to the satisfaction of the Screening Committee.
- c. *The CISSHOF Chairman of the Board, shall notify any person who completed a nomination form that does not meet all criteria for valid nomination. A person may resubmit a nomination form supplying any missing criteria items.*

**7. Selection Committee:**

- a. Shall be appointed by the BOD. The committee shall consist of ALL CISSHOF Committee members and include members of the BOD one of which would be the chairman (preferably).

**8. Induction Process:**

- a. The Selection Committee shall select current-year Inductees to the HOF from the pool of valid nominees (previously submitted by the Screening Committee) at their **June Inductee Selection Meeting** each year.
- b. Current year inductees will be notified, both verbally and in writing, no later than *3<sup>rd</sup> week in June* each year and be invited to the HOF Banquet (to be inducted).
- c. All valid nomination forms for persons not selected shall be placed on file for future consideration and will be *held for 3 years*.
- d. After a nominee has been dropped (they weren't selected to induct for 3 years), they must be re-nominated and a new nomination form submitted. Any cumulative votes will be erased and reset to “0”.