



Holton Athletic Hall of Fame Honoring Tradition and Athletic Excellence

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HOLTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE:

Holton High School's Athletic Hall of Fame is being proposed with the intention of providing a manner in which to honor former Holton athletes, athletic teams, as well as individuals who have served the athletic department in a distinguished manner. In addition, the Holton High School Athletic Hall of Fame is intended to honor the rich heritage and tradition of the great teams, individuals, and contributors to Holton athletics throughout the years.

The Athletic Hall of Fame will recognize men and women who have distinguished themselves by virtue of their performance as members of Holton High School athletic teams or by service to the athletic department.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors / Selection Committee will determine policy and elect honorees for induction into the Athletic Hall Of Fame. The Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors / Selection Committee shall be comprised of constituents representing both gender and era. The Superintendent of Holton Public Schools (or designee), the Holton High School Principal, and the Holton High School Athletic Director shall be permanent members of the Board of Directors. The Superintendent of Holton Public Schools, or his or her designee, will serve as Chairperson during his or her tenure, unless otherwise agreed to by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The initial selection of members of the Board of Directors / Selection Committee will be appointed by the Superintendent of Holton Public Schools for a term of three (3) years. A member's term may be extended at the request of the Board member and approval of the chairperson. Representatives other than the Superintendent (or designee), High School Principal (or designee), and Athletic Director will be on a staggered three (3) year rotation. Replacement appointments will be the sole responsibility of those members remaining on the Board of Directors / Selection Committee. New members to the Board of Directors / Selection Committee must receive a unanimous vote of the remaining Board members.

Board members usually are not eligible for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame during their tenure on the Board of Directors / Selection Committee; however, if a Board member is nominated, a 2/3 majority vote by the Board must be received for the member to be placed on the final ballot to be considered by the Board of Directors / Selection Committee.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS / SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Initial members of the Board of Directors / Selection Committee shall be solicited by the chairperson of the Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors / Selection Committee, and approved by the Holton High School Principal and Athletic Director. The membership shall consist of:

- The Holton High School Athletic Director;
- The Holton High School Principal, or designee;
- The Superintendent of Holton Public Schools, or designee;
- At least two (2) members of the Holton High School athletic department coaching staff, past or present. By a draw of lots, one member will serve two (2) years and the second member will serve three (3) years;
- At least one (1) individual who has graduated from Holton High School, or has been affiliated with Holton Public Schools within the past 30 years, who has connection and knowledge pertaining to the athletic history of Holton High School;
- At least two (2) individuals who serve as members of the Holton Athletic Booster Club. The President of the Holton Athletic Booster Club will automatically be selected for representation on this committee, and will have authority to select one (1) or more additional Athletic Booster Club members to serve on the Board of Directors / Selection Committee.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

ATHLETES:

- An athlete will be eligible for nomination into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame five (5) years after graduation, and must have earned a minimum of two (2) varsity letters in one (1) sport, or one (1) letter in two different sports while an athlete at Holton High School to be eligible for nomination.
- Recognition at the state, county, and league levels will be considered in addition to any post high school accomplishments such as collegiate or professional athletic success.



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- An athlete must have made a direct and significant impact on Holton High School athletics. He or she must have had an outstanding athletic career, have demonstrated good character, and have achieved acceptable academic standards.

INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED THE HOLTON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

- An individual, athletic administrator, coach, or staff member must have served Holton High School within the field of athletics for five (5) years to be eligible for consideration.
- An individual, athletic administrator, coach, or staff member must have made a direct and significant impact on Holton High School Athletics. He or she must have had an outstanding career, while setting high professional and personal standards.
- An athletic administrator, coach, or staff member becomes eligible for the Athletic Hall of Fame five (5) years after leaving Holton High School, or removing him or herself from the Holton High School Athletic Department for reasons other than retirement. If an individual retires, he or she becomes eligible for nomination one (1) year from the date of retirement.

TEAMS:

- A team will be eligible for nomination into the Athletic Hall of Fame five (5) years after the completion of the season in which the honor by the team worthy of nomination for induction was earned.
- Recognition at the state, regional, district, county, and conference levels will be considered. Other criteria such as an undefeated season, conference championship(s), and MHSAA Tournament success will also be considered.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- Anyone may submit a nomination to the Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Nomination forms will be available on the Holton Public Schools' website or in the Administration Office at the District Services Building. While anyone may submit a nomination to the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, someone may not nominate him or herself.
- Nominations should be made on an official nomination form, entitled "Holton High School Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form". All "candidate" forms should be accompanied, whenever possible, by documents supporting the nomination such as team summaries, newspaper clippings, supporting letters, etc.



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- Nomination forms should be accompanied by a photograph of the nominee. Although a photograph of the nominee from the era of his/her contribution is desirable, a current photograph may be acceptable.
- Nominations for the upcoming year must be made prior to September 1st. All nominations will then be used to develop the Athletic Hall of Fame ballot. Members from the Selection Committee and Board of Directors will then vote on the final ballot, selecting the candidates eligible for induction, not to exceed the maximum number of individuals, as outlined below.
- The Board of Directors and Selection Committee will evaluate those nominees selected by vote on the final ballot by October 1st of each year. Final selection and approval of the final candidates for induction to the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors / Selection Committee.
- The Chairperson of the Board of Directors / Selection Committee will notify the selected nominees of their selection to the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame.
 - For the initial induction in November of 2015, the Board of Directors shall select no more than five (5) athletes, two (2) staff members, one (1) accomplished athletic team, and one (1) Distinguished Service Award. At any time, the Board of Directors / Selection Committee may select a lesser number of individuals for induction into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame than specified.
 - After the initial year, the Board of Directors / Selection Committee shall select no more than four (4) athletes, one (1) staff member, one (1) accomplished athletic team, and one (1) Distinguished Service Award into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame each year.
 - The Board of Directors may present a Distinguished Service Award to individuals who have contributed to the Holton High School Athletic Department other than an athlete or staff member.
- Names of nominees not selected will be kept on file for consideration each year. There shall be no limit to the number of times an individual may be considered by the Board of Directors / Selection Committee.

ALL-STATE ATHLETES:



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- By virtue of having been selected to a First Team All-State athletic team, while participating as a Holton High School athlete, the athlete will earn the right to have a photograph and plaque placed on the Wall of Fame at Holton High School. This honor is separate from induction into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame, but is meant as an honor to recognize athletic excellence for those athletes who have attained an individual athlete's highest honor and achievement in at least one (1) sport.
- Athletes who have earned all-state recognition, and who have graduated from Holton High School, will be honored at the next Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony immediately following the completion of the athlete's senior year of high school.
- For the initial induction ceremony in November of 2015, athletes who graduated from Holton High School in 2015, and who have earned all-state honors in one (1) or more sports will be honored. Every effort will be made to honor former athletes who have attained all-state status in their career while at Holton High School.

REMOVAL FROM THE HALL OF FAME:

- The Board of Directors / Selection Committee shall reserve the right to remove any inductee from the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame due to conduct that is determined to be detrimental to the character and reputation of Holton High School, Holton Public Schools, and / or the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame. Removal from the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame shall require a 2/3 majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors / Selection Committee.

BY LAW AMENDMENT PROCEDURE:

- Any change in the existing by-laws requires the approval of a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors.



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Class of 2015 Induction Proposed Timeline:

- Committee Meeting – Review Bylaws, Timeline, and Nominees for Induction; Discuss Dinner Banquet Location and Cost of Tickets – Tuesday, August 25, 2015
- Develop Nominations List for Induction - To be completed by September 11, 2015.
- Develop Final Ballot – To be completed by Friday, September 18, 2015
- Final Selection of Inductees by Ballot Vote of Committee – Friday, September 25, 2015
- Press Release Introducing Inductees – Friday, October 2, 2015
- Inductee Information to Source One Digital – Friday, October 2, 2015
- Induction Ceremony and Dinner Banquet – Friday, November 20, 2015