IWWF International
Hall of Fame
IHOF – International Hall of Fame
The IWWF International Hall of Fame
The Pinnacle of awards
The award recognises, appreciates, and understands the incredible contribution each recipient has made to their discipline, their community, their clubs, federations, confederations, the World and the IWWF.
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ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS INDUCTED IN PRIOR YEARS

1989
Andre Cantonato SUI
Willa Worthington McGuire USA
Alfredo Mendoza MEX

1991
Elizabeth Allan USA
William P. Barlow USA
Francisco Carrera ITA
Marina Dora SUI
Jean Muller FRA

1993
George Athans CAN
Alan Clark AUS
William D. Cliford USA
Mike Hazelwood GBR
Mike Synderhout USA

1995
Ivan Castañosene SUI
Carlos Suarez VEN
Cindy Todd USA
Roby Zucchi ITA

1996
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SELECTIONS
Peter Castelvetro ITA
Bruce Cockburn AUS
Roger Goddard CAN
Richard Cowell WBI
Rene Daumans MEX
Jean-Jacques Finsterwald SUI
Simon Kehury LEB
Betty Leighton AUS
David Natans GBR
Dick Pope Jr. USA
Geoff Wing AUS

1997
Ana Maria Curascio VEN
Geoff Carrington AUS
Sybella Chalmersman LUX
Neville May AUS
Karen Neville AUS

1999
Chantal Anzade-Scail FRA
Maria Victoria Curascio VEN
Ian Faulkner AUS
Renate Hausvinka AUT
Chuck Stearns USA

2001
Bruce Douglas NZL
Sammy Duval USA
Franz Kirsch GERM
Deena Maples AUS
Jean-Marie Muller FRA

2003
Bob Carson USA
Sylvie Maurial FRA
Ricky McCormick USA
Lieve Gheysen-Wood GBR
Glenn Thurlow AUS

2005
Wayne Grimditch USA
Max Kinowan OAM AUS
Helena Gjelsten SWE
Judy McCrindle-Messner CAN
Natalia Rojman-Bear RUS

ORDER OF MERIT
George Blair USA
Rolfe Melson USA

2007
Andrea Bulera COL
Bob LePain USA
Palmer Martin FRA
Bruce Neville AUS
Aubrey Sheen GBR

2009
Andrea Alessi ITA
Tony Baggiani USA
Suzi GrahamMcCormick CAN
Brett & Taryn Lensen USA
Kaye Thurlow Faulkner AUS

2011
William P. Barlow Jr USA
Kim Board (Lampard) AUS
Andy Maples GBR
Mick Neville AUS
Bib Olivera ESP

2013
IM Bowless USA
Ron Ferguson AUS
Lucky Low USA
Toni Neville AUS
Nordine de Villiers RSA

ORDER OF MERIT
Ian Birdsell GBR

2015
Jeffrey Armstrong USA
Mike Gjelsten SWE
Gary Marcus USA
Mike Seipel USA
Clint Ward CAN

2017
Agefi Andrijou GREE
Kylie LaPoint USA
Kristi Overton Johnson USA
Ron Scarpa USA

2019
Debbie Nordblad USA
Jennifer Coller Schwerk USA
Kuno Ritschard SUI
Jim Crew USA
Gary Barton AUS
The History of Past Recipients

- 73 Waterski
- 10 Barefoot
- 2 Disabled
- 1 Racing
- 0 Cableski
- 0 Cable Wakeboard
- 0 Wakeboard
- 0 Showski
SELECTION COMMITTEE DEFINITIONS
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SPORTS DIVISION SELECTION COMMITTEE (SDSC)
Each IWWF Sports Division World Council (SDWC) shall appoint a minimum of THREE selectors. Ideally (but it is not mandatory), one selector comes from each Confederation represented at that Sports Division's most recent World Championship, up to a maximum of FIVE SDSC members.
Each SDSC shall be elected by the relevant IWWF Sport Division World Council to serve a term of TWO selection cycles with a maximum of TWO consecutive terms.
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The Sports Division Council shall not elect a sitting member of their own council as SDSC member.
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**SDSC - Selectors**

SDSC members should have international experience, be or have been a member in good standing of their National Federation and have a thorough knowledge of their Sport Division and its history.

**SDSC Members**
Each SDSC shall elect one of their members to be their Sports Division Representative (SDR). This election shall be for a TWO selection-cycle term.
Each SDR shall automatically become a voting member of the IHOF Scrutiny Committee. (IHOFSC)
IWWF INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (IHOFSC)
The International Hall of Fame Scrutiny Committee shall be comprised of one SDR from each Sports Division SDSC and the Chair.
The Chair of the IWWF IHOFSC shall be appointed by the IWWF Executive Board to serve a TWO selection-cycle term.
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NOMINATION SCRUTINY PROCESS
Step one. Incoming Nominations
Nominations for the Sports Divisions shall be called for as follows

Nominations for: Waterski, Disabled, Racing and Wakeboard (Boat) will be called for in each even year, with nominations announced early in the following odd year.

Nominations for: Barefoot, Cable Ski, Cable Wakeboard, and Show Ski will be called for in each odd year, with nominations announced early in the following even year.
Each Sport Division shall be tasked with assembling a history of their Sports Division’s past international events to be available to facilitate the checking and corroboration of any candidates' qualifications.

This database shall also be readily available to the IHOFSC for any future nomination verification purposes that may be required.
IWWF members in good standing may nominate any athlete, official or pioneer that has met or exceeded the IHOF minimum requirements for induction.
Qualified candidates should be sought by the Sports Division World Council and the SDSC and assisted through the process of nomination by all SDS.
Incoming nominations must be submitted via the online IHOF Nomination Form to the appropriate SDSC.
Incoming nominations shall be automatically forwarded to each member of the appropriate SDSC only.
All incoming nominations shall be scrutinized by the SDSC, ensuring that all minimum requirements have been met and for any exemplary service that is above and beyond what is expected.
Each SDSC must ensure that every incoming nomination they approve has not been approved as a reward for long-time service or as a memorial; that the award is being given as our most prestigious award and in recognition of only the most outstanding commitment and service to our sport over a lifetime of participating and only after giving more than seems humanly possible, for far longer than seems humanly possible.
The SDSC shall scrutinize and distil their list of candidates for each selection cycle down to the TWO that will become the Sports Divisions outgoing nominations for that selection cycle.
SDSC may hold incoming nominations in abeyance for consideration in the next selection cycle.
Step two. Outgoing Nominations
Every SDSC doesn't need to submit nominations for every selection cycle. This should be a rare distinction offered as a tribute for only the most exceptional service to our sport.
Each SDSC is allowed to forward only TWO nominations to the IHOFSC Chairman per selection cycle.
In the case of an exceptional circumstance that prompts the induction of more than TWO from any Sports Division, with the approval of a minimum of 75% of the IHOFSC, any SDSC may submit THREE outgoing nominations for any selection cycle. Unanimous IHOFSC approval is required for any SDSC nominating numbers greater than THREE.
The SDSC must unanimously approve outgoing nominations before being forwarded to the IHOFSIC Chairman by each SDR.
Step Three. Scrutinizing the nominations from each Sports Division
The IHOFSC is tasked with upholding the prestige, dignity and esteem befitting of the IHOF.
Each SCR shall forward their nominations to the IHOFSC Chairman.
The IHOFSC Chairman shall then disseminate all nominations received to all members of the IHOFSC for their scrutiny.
After receiving the nominations, it is understood that the IHOFSC shall scrutinize all nominations to ensure they meet or exceed every minimum requirement, it must be stressed that IHOFSC members are not tasked with comparing or weighing the nominations between the Sports Divisions.
It is the burden of the Sports Division Selection Committee to only nominate the very best they have to offer. This should be held to be the rarest honour we bestow in our sport.
In pursuit of upholding the stature and high reputation of the IHOF, the IHOFSC has the duty to question and investigate the validity, accuracy and integrity of all nominations. They may request the SDSC to provide more information in support of their nomination. The IHOFSC holds the power to withhold approval of a nomination, but only for the strongest of reasons, which must be supplied to the nominating SCDSC.
The IHOFSC Chair is accountable to uphold the integrity of the award and to ensure that all SDSC members are fully aware of the importance of their nominations and approvals. The SDSC together with the IHOFSC are responsible for the future and the history of IHOF and the relevance and unique significance of IHOF award to future inductees, and that the rules for induction into this most elite club of our sport are not flexible.
The spirit of the awards is to grow all of the SDSC, strengthen the Sports Division reputation and history, and to honour those that truly earned and deserve the distinction of being a part of the IHOF.
GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA
There are three categories for Induction: –

a. ATHLETES: From all Disciplines

b. PIONEERS: From all Disciplines

c. OFFICIALS: From all Disciplines
No member of the International Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be eligible for election during his term on the Committee.

The SCR, the IWWF EB or the IHOFSC may propose an Order of Merit be awarded to an individual(s) who has made a significant contribution to our sport which does not generally fall within the guidelines for the three categories above. This proposal would be submitted to the IHOFSC and IWWF EB for approval by both.
ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES
A competitor must have competed in at least two World Championships at Open or equivalent Level in the discipline from which selected. Competition in Junior or Senior World Championships is not to be counted for this purpose.
A competitor must have been retired for a period of at least two World Championships at Open or equivalent level at the time of consideration for election to be eligible. The competitor may, continue to be active in Senior or other divisions or disciplines or as an official or may be otherwise involved in the sport.
The Committee will consider the following factors in voting: –
a. Major Factors

i. Open or equivalent competition achievements in World Championships and other major international tournaments including the World Cup, Multi-Sport and Olympic Games

ii. World records set where appropriate

iii. Sportsmanship, character and integrity
b. Minor Factors

i. Competitive record in World Junior or Senior Championships, Confederation and National Championships

ii. National records set where appropriate

iii. Service as a judge, driver, administrator or in the promotion of the sport

iv. Competitive record in other competitive disciplines
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ELIGIBILITY FOR PIONEERS
This category is neither defined nor definable but is intended for individuals whose significant contributions to the International aspect of our sport do not fall into the other categories.
ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICIALS
General Qualifications. It is not possible to lay down specific qualifications in a category as broad as that of officials. Generally, a candidate would be recognized for significant contributions to the sport over a considerable period of years. The election would not be based on an isolated outstanding contribution. At the same time, the mere length of service, however dedicated and generous, that cannot be said to have contributed significantly to the progress of the sport in one or more areas, is not sufficient. The emphasis will be on achievements, not on offices held or time served.
Type of Service. The term ‘official’ is intended to encompass a wide range of functions within the sport. The primary consideration should be given to contributions to the sport as an International judge, driver, scorer, IWWF officer, Executive Board member, or IWWF Council or Committee membership. Secondary consideration should be given to contributions in Confederation or National offices, tournament chairman of significant tournaments, tournament announcer at significant tournaments and writer or promoter. Concerning all of these functions the emphasis will be on contributions of worldwide significance – not just at Confederation or National level. Candidates are not generally to be judged on a single function, but rather on an accumulation of contributions in all the areas in which he/she was involved. It is expected that most of those inducted will have contributed in several areas, even though one may predominate.
**Length of Service.** Generally, it is expected that 15 years of service to the sport at National, Confederation or Worldwide levels would be required as a minimum for consideration. Exceptions may be necessary for extraordinary circumstances. Mere length of service, by itself, does not qualify an individual for consideration. Length of service is more a measure of the extent of the individual’s dedication to the sport.
**Retirement.** Retirement from active involvement in the sport is neither a requirement for Nomination nor is it to be encouraged. Generally, we do not want to recognize a candidate when there is still a great deal more he/she may contribute to the sport. At the same time, we must not wait for the candidate’s death or senility to recognize significant contributions to the sport. Generally, the minimum age at Induction of 50 would be required unless the candidate was retired before that time.
Conclusion. The selection of those inducted in the category of ‘official’ requires the Committee to exercise the greatest possible degree of judgement in both the selection of the candidates and the timing of their election.