

IWWF INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME RULES

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1. ELECTION COMMITTEE DEFINITIONS

1.1. SPORTS DIVISION SELECTION COMMITTEE (SDSC)

Each IWWF Sports Division World Council 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 IWWF World Championship. There can be 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.

The Sports Division Council shall not elect a sitting member of their council as SDSC member.

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.

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)

Vacancies occurring during the term of any member of the SDSC shall be filled by the Confederation involved for the balance of the unexpired term.

1.2. IWWF INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (IHOFSC)

The IWWF International Hall of Fame Scrutiny Committee shall be comprised of one SDR from each 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. There shall be no limitation on the total number of terms a Chair may serve, but the Chair may only serve a maximum of TWO CONSECUTIVE terms.

The Chairman's position is a non-voting one when it comes to the selection process.

2. NOMINATION SCRUTINY PROCESS

2.1. Step one - Incoming Nominations

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.

2.2. Step Two - Outgoing 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 Showski will be called for in each odd year, with nominations announced early in the following even year.

Each SDSC is not required nor expected 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 may submit up to 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 IHOFSC Chairman by each SDR.

2.3. 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 only to 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 SDSC.

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 genuinely earned and deserve the distinction of being a part of the IHOF.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IWWF INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME

GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. There are three categories for Induction:
 - a. ATHLETES: from all Disciplines
 - b. PIONEERS: from all Disciplines
 - c. OFFICIALS: from all Disciplines
2. No Selection Committee member shall be eligible for election during his term on the Committee.
3. 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

1. A competitor must have competed in at least two IWWF World Championships at Open or equivalent Level in the discipline from which selected. Competition in IWWF Junior or IWWF Senior World Championships is not to be counted for this purpose.

2. A competitor must have been retired for a period of at least two IWWF World Championships at Open or equivalent level at the time of consideration for election to be eligible. The competitor may, however, continue to be active in Senior or other divisions or disciplines or as an official or may be otherwise involved in the sport.

3. The Committee will consider the following factors in voting:

Major Factors

i. Results in IWWF World Open Championships and other major international tournaments including the IWWF World Cup, Multi-Sport and Olympic Games.

ii. IWWF World records set

iii. Sportsmanship, character and integrity

Minor Factors

i. Results in IWWF World Junior or IWWF World U21, and IWWF Confederation Open Championships Confederation records set where appropriate

ii. Service as a tournament official, administrator or in the promotion of the sport

iii. Competitive record in other disciplines

ELIGIBILITY FOR PIONEERS

1. This category is neither defined nor definable but is intended for individuals whose major contributions to the International aspect of our sport do not fall into the other categories.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICIALS

1. 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 major 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.

2. 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 a qualified official, IWWF officer or Executive Board, Council or Committee member. Secondary consideration should be given to contributions as, tournament chair or announcer at major tournaments, writer or promoter, and similar positions. With respect to all of these

functions, the emphasis will be on contributions of worldwide significance – not just at Confederation 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 they were involved. It is expected that most of those inducted will have contributed in several areas, even though one may predominate.

3. Length of Service.

Generally, it is expected that 15 years of service to the sport at Confederation or worldwide levels would be required as a minimum for consideration. Exceptions may be made in extraordinary circumstances. Mere length of service, by itself, does not qualify an individual for consideration.

4. Retirement.

Retirement from active involvement in the sport is neither a requirement for nomination nor to be encouraged. Generally, we do not want to recognize a candidate when there is still a great deal more that person 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 clearly 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.

PRESENTING OF THE IHOF AWARD

Each discipline will determine the location and event at which their recipient will be presented with their IWWF International Hall of Fame award.