



National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Nomination & Selection Process

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Goal: To select the absolute best of the best within the context of an individual's era of participation.

Character Beyond Reproach

The following are possible areas of evaluation used to determine character beyond reproach:

- Practice and perpetuation of positive sportsmanship on and off the field
- Positive relations with peers, opponents, subordinates, and supervisors within the game
- Service within lacrosse development initiatives
- Graduation rate (coaches)
- Service and honors within civic, community, and military community
 - o Note: Service, not honors, are better at determining character
- Publicly known conviction of any crimes/felonies
 - o Only nominees that satisfy the minimum criteria and undergo a criminal background check can be officially elected

National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Structure and Process

Overview: The National Lacrosse Hall of Fame (HOF) Selection process is managed and maintained by the Men's and Women's Games Administration Staff (USL Staff), in conjunction with the US Lacrosse Athlete Experience Committee (AEC). There are three groups of individuals that are formed and participate in the process annually:

- The Ballot Development Leadership Group (BDLG) provides oversight and direction to the BDG and reviews the voting results before submission to the BOD.
- The Ballot Development Groups (BDG) creates a 12-person game-specific ballot to vote on and
- The Voting Groups (VG) review the individuals on the ballot, and each member submits a ranked order of individuals who are most worthy to least worthy in the context of the current ballot.

These Men's Game and Women's Game ballot development and voting groups are annually convened by USL Staff. The game-specific chair of each group is identified in December of each year and submitted for approval through the EC of the Board. Once the chairperson for each game is approved, they will work with USL Staff and the BDLG to form the BDG and VG, who will participate in the processes listed below. The work of the HOF Process will be concluded by April of each year, and the BDG and VG will be dissolved at the end of their work. The HOF Classes are announced by US Lacrosse by Memorial Day weekend each year.

Ballot Development Leadership Group (BDLG)

Composition: 8 Members: (2 from the USL BOD, 2 from the USL Foundation Board, 2 Games Administration Staff, 2 Game-Specific Chairs)

Length of Service: One Year/One Process

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Ballot Development Groups (BDG)

Composition: 8 Members: (1 Chairperson, 1 Game Administration Staff, 1 USL Board Member, 1 Foundation Board Member, 1 Coach Representative, 1 Official Representative, 1 Administrator Representative, 1 Player Representative)

The BDG should have strong representation from current or past US National Teams and/or members of the Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Members should represent diverse backgrounds, experiences, geographical representation, and school affiliations. Individuals should have a significant amount of time involved with the sport, twenty (20) years or more, and possess the utmost historical and current knowledge of the game. Active participation in all meetings, calls, and emails is required of all members.

Length of Service: One Year/One Process

Purpose: The BDG performs a comprehensive evaluation of all eligible candidates via an in-person meeting and/or by virtual meeting(s) and identify those individuals that are to be included on the 12-person National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Ballot. Each ballot must represent more than one category. To be included on the ballot, each nominee must receive a minimum of 75% vote of approval from the members of the ballot development group. The ballot development group deems all individuals on the ballot worthy of induction into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Once completed, the ballot will be accompanied by the biographical and accomplishment information for each candidate.

Voting Groups (VG)

Composition: 13 Members (8 members of the Ballot Development Group and 5 Additional Voters).

The 8 members of the group that developed the ballot shall populate the first nine positions on the Hall of Fame Voting Group. Additional Voting Group members should be comprised of members of the Hall of Fame, current or former US National Team players, and coaches, elite level high school or college coaches, elite members of the officiating community that have officiated or assigned at the Division 1 level, or individuals that have contributed to the growth of the sport on a national or international level. Active participation in all calls and emails is expected of all voting group members.

Length of Service: One Year/One Process

Purpose: Members of the Ballot Voting Group must thoroughly review and rank the 12 candidates that appear on the ballot 1-12, 1 being their top choice/most qualified candidate, and 12 being the last choice/least qualified candidate.

Vote Value: The voters shall have point values based on the following scale:

Vote Rank	Vote Value
1	12
2	11
3	10
4	9
5	8
6	7
7	6
8	5
9	4
10	3
11	2
12	1

Tallying Votes: All ballots shall be signed and returned by the date specified by US Lacrosse Staff. Ballot results are compiled anonymously. The 8 members of the Ballot Development Group shall have a weighted vote value of 1.5 compared to the other 5 additional voters who will have a vote value of 1.

Induction Criteria

Once all votes are tallied, the total number of points is generated for each candidate. Those candidates receiving the 4 highest rankings are to be elected into the HOF. Based on this system, a maximum of 4 individuals per ballot/ per game, for a class of 8 in total, can be elected annually.

In each class, the inductees cannot all be from the same category (player, coach, official, and contributor). Every category must have a worthy individual inducted, at least one time, every three years.

All members who have been elected into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame are subject to the approval by the US Lacrosse Board of Directors Executive Committee and are required to complete a background check through US Lacrosse.

Hall of Fame Process Review Timeline

To ensure that the Hall of Fame process and criteria are providing opportunities for candidates of the highest caliber in the men's and women's games to be considered for induction, US Lacrosse will formally review and, if necessary, propose changes to the process every three years. The HOF process will be up for its next formal review in 2023.

Minimum Criteria and Induction Categories

Category: Player

Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must be retired* from playing the game for at least ten (10) years OR must have had at least fifteen (15) years lapse from a scheduled college graduation year and be retired* from the game. (Note: College attendance is not a prerequisite for consideration)
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame. The exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame is established and active.
- Must have played collegiate lacrosse in the United States of America
- Must have character beyond reproach

*retired = not participating at the level of play for which candidate is being evaluated for induction

Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category, all nominees must have achieved at least one of the following criteria in collegiate, international, or professional play:

- Collegiate (one of the following)
 - 2-time 1st Team Collegiate All-American
 - 3-time combination of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Team Collegiate All American
 - 2-time USILA or IWLCA award winner as either:
 - Player of the Year
 - Attacker of the Year
 - Midfielder of the Year
 - Defender of the Year
 - Goalie of the Year
- International (one of the following)
 - 2-time US Senior Team member (Men-World Championship Team, Women-World Cup Team)
 - 1-time US Senior Team member (Men-World Championship team, Women-World Cup team), with ILF, IFWLA, or FIL International playing honors as:
 - Member of an All-World Team
 - World Championship/Cup Tournament MVP
 - World Championship/Cup Offensive MVP
 - World Championship/Cup Defensive MVP
 - 3-time US Touring Team member
- Professional (one of the following)
 - 2-time All-Pro (MLL, PLL, WPLL, UWLX, or NLL)
 - 3-time combination of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Team All-Pro
 - 2-time Professional Player of the Year

Category: Coach

Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must be at least five years retired* or at least twenty years active as a head lacrosse coach at the high school, collegiate, international, and/or professional level.
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame. The exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse local or affiliated, Hall of Fame is established and active
- Must have character beyond reproach

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Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category, all nominees must have achieved at least one of the following criteria in either high school, collegiate, international.

- High School Head Coach
 - o 350 wins or greater
 - o Career winning percentage of 65% or better
- Collegiate Head Coach (one of the following)
 - o 250 wins or greater
 - o Accumulated a career winning percentage of 65% or greater
 - o 2-time NCAA Coach of the Year
- International Head Coach
 - o Team USA Head Coach and substantial coaching achievements within college or HS ranks

Category: Official

Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must be at least five years retired* or at least twenty years as an active official/umpire
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame. The exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame is established and active.
- Must have character beyond reproach

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Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category, all nominees must have achieved at least one of the following criteria:

- Collegiate Officiating (one of the following)
 - Officiate 3 Collegiate Division I National Championships
 - Officiate 6 Collegiate Division I Final Four tournament games
- International Officiating
 - Officiate an international competition (Men World Championship, Women World Cup) and one of the following
 - 1 Collegiate Division I National Championships
 - 2 Collegiate Division I Final Four tournament games
- Professional Officiating
 - Officiate a Professional Championship (MLL, PLL, WPLL, UWLX) and one of the following
 - 1 Collegiate Division I National Championships
 - 2 Collegiate Division I Final Four Tournament games

Category: Contributor – Administrator or Developer

Minimum Criteria for Men and Women

- Must have demonstrated long, dedicated, and exceptional service and contributions to the game
- A Contributor must be at least 20 years active with the sport of lacrosse in one or more capacities
- Must be inducted into at least one US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame. The exception noted where greatest lacrosse achievements and contributions occurred in an area where no US Lacrosse, local or affiliated, Hall of Fame is established and active
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Accomplishment Criteria for Men and Women

To be eligible in this category, all nominees must have achieved at least two of the following criteria:

- Serve in a national leadership position for development, management, or governance of the game for at least ten years (not consecutive)
- Serve on a national lacrosse committee or council for at least ten years (not consecutive)
- Serve in a regional leadership position for development, management, or governance of the game for at least ten years (not consecutive)
- Create or establish a recognizable and tangible contribution to the game that has fundamentally positively impacted lacrosse. To include, but not be limited to processes, a system of play, evaluation methods and industry achievement

Additional Honors and Awards

Identification/Selection Process

- It is the responsibility of the Ballot Development Group to identify individuals for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Team Distinction Award. Once identified, there is a required 75% approval from the members of the Ballot Development Group to select either award.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and honors the lifetime accomplishments, impact, and/or contributions of an individual to the sport of lacrosse.

Criteria:

1. Outstanding accomplishment as a player, administrator or official in connection with participation and leadership activities in local, regional and national lacrosse organizations expanding over a career
2. Demonstrate a commitment to the sport of lacrosse that exceeds the norm
3. Demonstrate a passion and vision for the sport of lacrosse through action
4. Character beyond approach

The Lifetime Achievement Award does not constitute election into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. These awards shall be presented at an event during the year of selection. Each Ballot Development Group shall be entitled to elect one (1) individual to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award every odd year, but neither Ballot Development Group is required to confer these awards. An individual must earn a vote of 75% percent or more by the Ballot Development Group to be selected.

Past Winners:

Men's Game

1. Mat Levine - 2015
2. Warren Kimber - 2017
3. Tom Flatley - 2019

Women's Game

1. Jackie Pitts - 2015
2. Elaine Knobloch – 2017
3. Agnes "Aggie" Stegmuller - 2019

TEAM DISTINCTION AWARD

The Team Distinction Award recognizes and honors the accomplishments, impact, and/or contributions of an entire team achieved during a specific era of participation.

Criteria:

1. Impact/contribution to the game
2. Extraordinary win streak
3. National Championship or World Lacrosse Championship/ Lacrosse World Cup

The Team Distinction Award does not constitute election into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. These awards shall be presented at an event in the year of selection. Each Ballot Development Group shall be entitled to elect one (1) team to receive the Team Distinction Award every even year, but neither Ballot Development Group is required to confer these awards. A team must earn a vote of 75% percent or more by the Ballot Development Group to be selected.

Past Winners

Men's Game

1. 1950 John Hopkins University Men's Team - 2016
2. 1965 United States Naval Academy Men's Team - 2018

Women's Game

1. 1969 United States Women's Touring Team - 2016
2. 1976 United States Women's Touring Team - 2018