



# **AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

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Hall of Fame Selection Committee

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## **AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE LSU HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE**

These Amended and Restated Constitution and Bylaws (the "Bylaws") govern the affairs of the LSU Hall of Fame Selection Committee. These Bylaws amend and restate, in its entirety, the previous bylaws (as amended) and set forth the governing principles for the conduct of the affairs of the LSU Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

### **ARTICLE 1 MISSION & PURPOSE**

To preserve and enhance the athletic traditions of Louisiana State University, the LSU Athletics Hall of Fame (Baton Rouge Campus) has been established. The objective of the Hall of Fame is to provide suitable recognition for those participants who have brought distinction to themselves and to the University in the field of athletics, and to emphasize good character and successful community living. Selection is to be limited to those varsity letter winners who have demonstrated superior ability, dedication, and performance; and to other athletic department personnel who have gained comparable distinction in their respective roles for LSU Athletics.

### **ARTICLE 2 ELECTION BOARD**

#### **2.1 Members**

The Election Board shall be constituted as follows and the Chair of the Athletics Council shall serve as Chair of the Election Board.

- a) Chair of the Athletics Council
- b) Executive Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs or designee
- c) Director of Athletics or designee
- d) LSU Alumni Association representative
- e) National "L" Club President or designee
- f) Student Government President or designee
- g) Six members of the Hall of Fame

The L Club Executive Director, hereinafter referred to as Executive Director, shall serve as a non-voting member of the Election Board. He or she shall be responsible for all records and correspondence, and shall be the official custodian of any public display commemorating achievements of the recipients.

#### **2.2 Appointment and Terms**

The Hall of Fame members of the Election Board are to be appointed by the Athletic Director in consultation with the LSU President. Appointees should represent different sports and different periods of active athletic participation. The Hall of Fame Election

Board members will serve a four-year term. All other Election Board members will serve a term of office appointment.

### **2.3 Meetings of the Board.**

- A. *Place.*** Meetings of the Board shall be held at such place as designated by the Executive Director.
- B. *Regular Meetings.*** The Board shall hold at least two (2) meetings per election year, the dates of which should be set by the Executive Director and Chair of the Election Board.
- C. *Special Meetings.*** Special Meetings of the Board may be called by the Athletic Director/designee and Chair of the Election Board. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the special meeting, a notice shall be sent to the Board that sets forth the date, time, and location of the meeting being called, as well as the reason for calling such meeting and the business to be transacted at such meeting. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting. In lieu of a special meeting, the Board may make decisions by e-mail vote after a request from the Chair of the Election Board
- D. *Telephone/Video Meetings.*** The Board may hold a meeting by means of telephone, video conferencing, or similar communications equipment, provided that all members participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except where a member participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.
- E. *Agenda.*** The Executive Director will, in consultation with the Chair of the Election Board, set the agenda for all meetings. The agenda shall be provided to all members of the committee at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
- F. *Quorum.*** A quorum of the Election Board shall consist of no fewer than seven of the members.
- G. *Rules of Order.*** All matters not otherwise provided for herein shall be governed by Robert's Rule of Order (Newly Revised). Other rules may be adopted as needed provided they are calculated to ensure fairness. Any exceptions to the criteria/processes outlined in each Article must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Athletic Council.

## **ARTICLE 3 HALL OF FAME**

### **3.1 Eligibility.**

To become eligible for election to the Hall of Fame, a person must satisfy all of the criteria listed below. No athlete may become a nominee for the recognition until three years or more

have elapsed since the conferring of his or her degree. No other person may become nominee for the recognition until five years or more have lapsed since retiring from his or her profession.

***A. Athletes.***

- (1) have been granted an earned baccalaureate, professional or graduate degree by Louisiana State University or by some other regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
- (2) have earned one or more letters in a varsity sport at Louisiana State University;
- (3) have gained national distinction through superlative performance as an athlete;
- (4) have established a personal reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon the University.

***B. Others.***

- (1) have been granted an earned baccalaureate, professional or graduate degree by Louisiana State University or by some other regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
- (2) have made significant contributions to LSU athletics in a capacity other than that of an athlete (i.e., coach, trainer, etc.);
- (3) have gained national distinction through exceptional accomplishments in support of athletics;
- (4) have established a personal reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon the University.

**3.2 Categories and Criteria.**

There are two categories in the LSU Athletics Hall of Fame:

- (1) Athlete*
- (2) Coach/Administrator*

Election into the LSU Athletics Hall of Fame can be achieved on the basis of the following:

- (1) Athletic Achievement*
  - a. All-American Honoree
  - b. Record Holder (SEC, National, Institutional)
  - c. Conference Champion

- d. National Distinction (Pro Sports Hall of Fame Member, National Awards, etc.)

### 3.3 Election Process.

**A. Election Meeting.** The Board shall consider all nominees for the Hall of Fame at the election meeting. The election meeting date (which should occur at least once every two years) shall be set by the Executive Director and shall be given wide publicity. There will be NO proxies for Board members that cannot attend.

**B. Nominations.** The Election Board shall review all nominations and elect recipients at the next election meeting from the nominations which have been submitted. Nominees shall remain on the eligible list for two additional election meetings after being passed over.

**C. Voting.** The Hall of Fame voting process will take place in three steps.

(1) Nomination Review

- a. The selection committee will review all of the nominations.

(2) Establish the Ballot

- a. Each voting member of the selection committee will rank all nominees.
- b. Points will be awarded based on ranking order to score each nominee.
- c. All nominees will be ranked in order of votes received and a distinct separation based on ranked voting will produce the voting ballot (no less than 5 individuals). For example, if 3 nominees are tied for 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 individuals will appear on the ballot.

(3) Voting

- a. In order to be inducted in to the Hall of Fame nominees must have support of 80% of the voting members of the selection committee. Voting will occur one time unless special circumstances exist and it is approved by the Athletics Director/designee or Chair of the Election Board.

### 3.4 Awards.

**A. Awards.** Those elected to the Hall of Fame shall be presented with an appropriate award. The award shall be made at an appropriate time to be designated by the Executive Director.

**B. Awards Ceremony.** An appropriate public display commemorating the achievements of the recipients shall be prepared by the Executive Director and located at a site approved by the Athletic Director/designee. The Athletic Department shall defray expenses related to providing appropriate awards and to arranging for the public display commemorating the achievements of recipients.

## **ARTICLE 4 DISTINGUISHED HONOR RECOGNITION**

### **4.1 Criteria.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete or coach/administrator to be recognized with a Distinguished Honor, the following criteria must be met:

- (1) Contributed to the advancement and growth of the Sport at LSU
- (2) Laid a path or advanced opportunities for LSU Student Athletes

### **4.2 Process.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete or coach/administrator to be recognized with a Distinguished Honor, the following process must be followed:

- (1) A Hall of Fame nomination must be submitted.
- (2) Hall of Fame voting process will be followed (article 3.3 D)
- (3) A maximum of 2 individuals will be recognized with a Distinguished Honor per election year.

### **4.3 Awards.**

Those granted Distinguished Honor Recognition shall be presented with an appropriate award. The award shall be made at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

## **ARTICLE 5 STATUES**

### **5.1 Criteria.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete to be recognized by a life-sized statue on the LSU campus, the following criteria must be met:

- (1) The former student-athlete must have earned at least two (2) varsity letters in her/his sport at LSU.
- (2) The former student-athlete must have been granted an earned baccalaureate, professional or graduate degree by LSU, or by some other regionally accredited institution of higher learning.
- (3) The former student-athlete must have completed intercollegiate competition for LSU a minimum of ten (10) years prior to nomination. Exceptions may be recommended by the Athletics Director and approved by President.
- (4) The former student-athlete must have earned the highest collegiate award given in his/her sport as indicated below:

a. Baseball

Golden Spikes Award

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| b. Basketball (Men)      | Naismith Trophy; Rupp Award; Helms Award    |
| c. Basketball (Women)    | Wade Trophy; Naismith Trophy; Honda Award   |
| d. Football              | Heisman Trophy                              |
| e. Golf (Men)            | Ben Hogan Award                             |
| f. Golf (Women)          | Dina Shore Award; GolfStat Cup; Honda Award |
| g. Gymnastics            | Honda Award                                 |
| h. Softball              | USA Softball Player of Year; Honda Award    |
| i. Soccer                | Hermann Trophy                              |
| j. Swim/Diving (Men)     | NCAA Swimmer of Year; NCAA Diver of Year    |
| k. Swim/Diving (Women)   | Honda Award                                 |
| l. Tennis (Men)          | NCAA Singles Champion                       |
| m. Tennis (Women)        | NCAA Singles Champion; Honda Award          |
| n. Track & Field (Men)   | Bowerman Award                              |
| o. Track & Field (Women) | Bowerman Award; Honda Award                 |
| p. Volleyball            | Honda Award                                 |
- (5) The former student-athlete should have made significant accomplishments in her/his sport outside of her/his career at LSU to include major awards in professional sports and/or international competition.
  - (6) The former student-athlete must have established a personal reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon the University and must have earned distinction in her/his post-LSU career.
  - (7) Should a former student-athlete fail to meet one of the above criteria (except for Item 2), he or she may be considered for such recognition if he or she has achieved a lifetime of exemplary and singular accomplishments.
  - (8) Under no circumstances may financial donations be a consideration.

## **5.2 Process.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete to be recognized by a life-sized statue on the LSU campus, the following process must be followed:

- (1) Recommendations for recognition by statue may come from current head coaches, previous head coaches, or any interested parties. An application form should be submitted to the Director of Athletics prior to submission to the LSU Hall of Fame Election Board and must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.



- (2) Nominees must have support of 80% of the voting members of the selection committee. The vote will be by secret ballot.
- (3) Location of the statue will be determined by the Director of Athletics with approval by the President.

## **ARTICLE 6 RETIRED JERSEYS**

### **6.1 Criteria.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete to be recognized by a retired Jersey, the following criteria must be met:

- (1) The athlete will have completed intercollegiate competition for LSU a minimum of five (5) years prior to nomination.
- (2) Athletes must have demonstrated truly unusual and outstanding accomplishments, exceeding and in addition to all criteria used for Hall of Fame selection.
- (3) The athletic performance should be considered unique, such as winning of a Heisman Trophy or National Player of the Year award, and should be based on the total LSU career.
- (4) Athletes may also be considered for making dramatic impact on the popularity of his/her sport or for significant participation in positive change in LSU Athletics.

### **6.2 Process.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete to be recognized with a retired Jersey, the following process must be followed:

- (1) An application form should be submitted to the Athletic Director prior to submission to the Hall of Fame election board and must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.
- (2) Recommendations for the retiring of jerseys may come from current head coaches, previous head coaches, or any interested parties.
- (3) A nominee may be considered for election up to three (3) times.
- (4) Nominees must have support of 80% of the voting members of the selection committee. The vote will be by secret ballot.

## **ARTICLE 7 NAMING IN RECOGNITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL**

### **7.1 Criteria.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete or Coach to be recognized by naming of a field, court, street, etc. on the LSU campus, the following criteria must be met:

***A. Athletes.***

- (1) The athlete will have completed intercollegiate competition for LSU a minimum of ten (10) years prior to nomination.
- (2) have been granted an earned baccalaureate, professional or graduate degree by Louisiana State University or by some other regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
- (3) have earned two or more letters in a varsity sport at Louisiana State University;
- (4) have gained national distinction through superlative performance as an athlete;
- (5) have established a personal reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon the University.
- (6) The athletic performance should be considered unique, such as winning of a Heisman Trophy or National Player of the Year award, and should be based on the total LSU career.
- (7) The former student-athlete should have made significant accomplishments in her/his sport outside of her/his career at LSU to include major awards in professional sports and/or international competition.
- (8) Athletes may also be considered for making dramatic impact on the popularity of his/her sport or for significant participation in positive change in LSU Athletics.
- (9) Should a former student-athlete fail to meet one of the above criteria (except for Item 2), he or she may be considered for such recognition if he or she has achieved a lifetime of exemplary and singular accomplishments.

***B. Others.***

- (1) have been granted an earned baccalaureate, professional or graduate degree by Louisiana State University or by some other regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
- (2) have made significant contributions to LSU athletics in a capacity other than that of an athlete (i.e., coach, trainer, etc.);
- (3) have gained national distinction through exceptional accomplishments in support of athletics;

- (4) have established a personal reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon the University.

Under no circumstances may financial donations be a consideration.

## **7.2 Process.**

In order for a former LSU student-athlete or Coach to be recognized with a court/field naming, the following process must be followed:

- (1) A recommendation must be submitted to the Athletic Director prior to submission to the Hall of Fame election board.
- (2) Nominees must have support of 80% of the voting members of the selection committee. The vote will be by secret ballot.
- (3) After the vote passes approval of the Athletics Council and Board of Supervisors is required.

## **ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution can be amended by the Athletics Director and approved by the Athletics Council at a regular meeting, the proposed changes having been introduced at a preceding meeting.

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