

TRENTON SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME BY-LAWS

REVISED, APRIL 7, 2014

The purpose of the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame Organization is to acknowledge and honor those individuals who have excelled in various categories associated with the game of softball. These honorees are chosen through a voting process and are acknowledged annually at a formal awards dinner. The Organization will also provide local athletes, male and female, with scholarships to provide financial assistance to further their education after High School. These scholarship award winners are chosen through research and observation by the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame Scholarship Selection Committee. Also recognized is an Umpires category from which a nominee is selected by the Softball Umpires Association. There are also Sponsor and Player/Coach/Manager divisions. The Men's and Women's divisions include both the slow pitch and fast pitch categories. The Organization also recognizes on occasion, special categories of achievement for individuals who have excelled in areas associated with the game of softball.

I. GOVERNING OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A.** The Trenton Softball Hall of Fame became incorporated as of 6-13-2013. The organization is also a registered 501-C organization as of 2-12-2014.
- B.** The Softball Hall of Fame shall be governed by the following officers:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Trustees (3)
- C.** Terms of office shall be two (2) years.
- D.** Nomination of Officers:
 - Officers will be nominated at the first meeting in October, following the end of each two (2) year term.

E. Elections:

Elections shall take place at the first regularly scheduled meeting in January, of the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame Organization.

II. CANDIDATES FOR INDUCTION INTO THE SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

- A.** A Master List of potential candidates for the Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch categories is developed by recommendations of those individuals who serve on the committee each year. There is no prescribed number for this Master list.
- B.** A list of the Top Ten (10) candidates is developed through a voting process by members of the committee. A candidate will remain on the Top Ten (10) list for a five (5) year period before being removed.
- C.** Those individuals who are removed from the Top Ten (10) list of names will be placed on a Veterans List and remain eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame in any future year. A panel of members, to be appointed by the President, will elect a candidate annually.
- D.** A vote is taken on the Top Ten (10) candidates during a regularly scheduled meeting in which the honoree(s) are chosen for that given year.

III. CATEGORIES FOR SELECTION

A. The categories for the voting process are as follows:

- 1. Slow Pitch Softball - Men's Division
- 2. Fast Pitch Softball - Men's Division
- 3. Slow Pitch Softball - Women's Division
- 4. Fast Pitch Softball - Women's Division

B. The categories of Sponsor and Player/Coach/Manager, and special

achievement awards will be selected at the election meeting for the above mentioned inductees. These categories will be chosen by a ballot vote of those eligible voters present at this meeting. Nominees will be placed before the general committee from those present. Nominations will be closed and a formal vote will proceed. Should a tie vote result, additional votes will be taken until an individual or individuals are chosen.

IV. ELIGIBILITY FOR INDUCTION

- A.** Inductees must be fifty (50) years of age by the day of induction and may continue to actively participate in any form of organized softball.
- B.** Inductees must be officially retired (non-active) from any organized Softball league for two (2) full years prior to the age of fifty (50) and by the date of induction to the Softball Hall of Fame. The honor system will prevail on the legitimacy of the retirement date.
- C.** All candidates in order to be eligible for any category of the Softball Hall of Fame, must submit a resume to be considered for induction.

V. ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

- A.** In order for a committee member to be eligible to vote for candidates on the Top 10 list for the following year, he/she must have attended at least 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings, starting in October and ending in April. If any committee member shall become ineligible to vote due to illness or any excused absences, they shall be eligible to vote upon review and approval by the President.
- B.** New inductees shall have the right to vote for candidates on the Top Ten list as long as they have attended three (3) or more meetings prior to the election meeting.

- C. Absentee ballots are accepted; however, a request for an absentee ballot will be reviewed by a committee of three (3) appointed by the President for legitimacy and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

VI. TERMINATION OF THE SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

- A. Should the Softball Hall of Fame Organization disband or become dysfunctional, all existing funds and/or monetary assets will be dispensed by applying said funds to a college scholarship.
- B. One (1) or more high school students from Mercer County will be awarded a college scholarship and will be chosen by the existing officers of the Organization at the time of disbandment.

VII. FUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A. In order to provide funds to support the scholarships and to have the organization function on a sound financial basis, it is necessary to have periodic fundraisers. These funds are not only used to pay for the scholarships but also to provide funding for start-up costs each year.

VIII. BY-LAW CHANGES

- A. These by-laws provide a method to guide the Organization and are subject to change through recommendations by a member of the Softball Hall of Fame Committee.
- B. A review committee of five (5) members in good standing of the Softball Hall of Fame Organization, including at least one (1) officer, will be appointed by the President of the Organization to make recommendations on By-law changes. The President shall appoint one member to act as Chairman of the By-law committee.

- C. These recommendations will be voted on by the Softball Hall of Fame Committee at a scheduled meeting for adoption. A majority vote of the Committee will prevail.
- D. New By-law revisions shall take effect immediately following a vote of approval by the Softball Hall of Fame Committee.

The above By-laws of the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame were adopted by a majority vote of the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame Committee on April 7, 2014, and will become effective immediately upon passage.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN – Ed Fedorko -



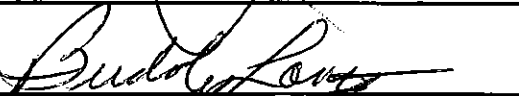
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