



## Overview

The Baseball NSW Hall of Fame was launched in 2024 to recognise the achievements of those who have played a momentous role in shaping our great game in New South Wales with outstanding on-field contributions.

It is our goal to recognize and acknowledge a person who has contributed to the growth of NSW Baseball, (Men's and Women's) through outstanding and/or continued achievements within the sport as a player, coach, manager, administrator, umpire, scorer or volunteer who has provided continued support and/or outstanding service to their Club or State for Baseball NSW (BNSW), either via the BNSW Hall of Fame pathway, BNSW Life Membership or Distinguished Service. BNSW has a long and rich history and has significantly contributed to the development of the State of NSW and the game of Baseball.

**Our Charter** is to preserve and promote our heritage to those who laid the foundations for the game of Baseball as we know it today, because without those players we would not have the game that we have today. The standards for the establishment of a Hall of Fame, together with the criteria and standards for induction of members, were approved by the BNSW Board of Directors at their meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.

**The BNSW HOF will be for players, coaches, managers and umpires who have played at State level or above and have shown dominance in their era for on-field performance.**

A special MLB Excellence Section will be acknowledged within the BNSW HOF (albeit they will not automatically become members of the BNSW HOF unless they meet the required criteria and a nomination form has been submitted), who are the NSW players who started their careers in NSW and have played in the MLB in America.



The inaugural inductees to the BNSW HOF will include all the current NSW players/coaches who are in the Baseball Australia HOF, the NSW Claxton Shield All Star Team 1934-2009 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary members (who are not already in the BA HOF), the BNSW members of the 2004 Olympic Silver Medal Team members (who are not already in the BA HOF or 75<sup>th</sup> All Star Team) and 3 Umpires nominated by the BNSW HC, who meet all the required criteria – and they were all accepted on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024 by the BNSW Board of Directors, with additional inductions occurring yearly thereafter.

Our documented history dates back into the 1890's and there have been many characters and legends take to our diamonds over all of those years. We hosted Stanford University from the USA in 1928 and Multnomah Athletics in 1929. We have played fixtures against the US Navy ships and squadrons both prior to and after WWII. The game has developed from an amateur sport into a pathway career for our youth. So, it is now time to acknowledge those players and their peers for their efforts in establishing the ground rules for the great game that we all love. At the 1962 Claxton Shield the Helms Award, for the most outstanding player of the series, was awarded for the first time, and we can be proud to say that 2 NSW players won that award in the 1st 2 years – and they are part of the first inductees to be welcomed to the Hall of Fame.