

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Nominee:

Protocol for Nominating

- BNSW Hall of Fame 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.
- Nominees must have had a prolonged impact in the game of Baseball within NSW and played Club, State, National or International for a minimum of 5 years.
- Nominees must be Australian citizens, and either a current or past financial member with BNSW and have been deemed not to have brought the game of Baseball into disrepute by inappropriate behaviour either on or off the field.
- Nominees may be nominated posthumously.
- State League Clubs, SWBL Clubs, Women's League Clubs, BNSW Umpires Association, Sydney Blue Sox, BNSW Board of Directors, Regional Country Associations and the BNSW HC are the eligible entities allowed to nominate, as per the Nomination by Era below.

Criteria for Nominating

- Induction into the BNSW HOF is based upon on-field excellence, as opposed to long and loyal service to the game, which falls under the "Life Membership" category of BNSW.
- The Criteria for Nomination and Nomination by Era, and the eligible entities who may nominate are listed at the bottom of this Nomination Form.

Submission Process for Nominating

- Nominations must be submitted on the form which can be found on the BNSW website (or a copy can be requested from the Chairperson of the BNSW HC) and signed by the nominator and seconded – a nominee cannot nominate themselves.
- Nominations will open 1 month after the Hall of Fame Presentation event each year and close on the 31st of December that year. All other information is contained in the Criteria and Nomination by Era below.
- All completed nominations are to be forwarded to the BNSW HC by the closing date and via email to BNSW CEO Matt Rippon at matt@baseballnsw.com.au for submission and consideration.
- To complete the nomination form just type after the "headings": and the form will allow you to enter your information – for extended information, just keep typing and the line will open up automatically and allow you to continue to add information.

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Personal Details of the Nominee

The following personal details of the nominee are required to be provided in full so that a clear and concise identification of the nominee can be made. These details are also required for the purpose of contacting the nominee should the nomination be successful.

Name:
Date of Nomination:
Club/Association:
Date of Birth:
Email Address:
Contact Phone Number:
Postal Address:
Category – Player, Coach, Manager, Umpire:

Nominees' Next of Kin if the nomination is posthumously.
Name:
Relationship:
Email Address:
Contact Phone Number:
Postal Address:
Any Additional Details:

Baseball NSW State History & Achievements

List the impacts, and importantly the dates, of achievements the nominee has had on the game of baseball within NSW. Each line can be typed in separately to distinguish different events, i.e. different Clubs played at – Schoolboy teams – Junior Rep Teams – achievements in certain years etc., similar to a "dot point" summary.

Club Achievements:

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State Achievements:

National Achievements:

International Achievements:

Baseball Awards – Trophies – Recognition Received:

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Summary of Nominee:

Nominator & Secunder

Nominator Name:
Club/Association:
Email Address:
Contact Phone Number:
Postal Address:
Secunder Name:
Email Address:
Contact Phone Number:

Criteria for Nomination

Entities considering nominating a player, coach, manager or umpire to the BNSW HOF should ensure their respective candidate meets the following criteria:

- Induction into the BNSW HOF is based upon on-field excellence, as opposed to long and loyal service to the game, which falls under Life Membership to BNSW or Distinguished Service. Excellence and impact will be evidenced by regular and outstanding representation at State, National or International levels, individual awards, and/or outstanding success and achievement on the international stage, professional baseball or achieved records that have stood the test of time. The bar for selection is intentionally set very high. The BNSW HOF is only for the best and most dominant participants, regardless of their era.
- In recognition of the importance of statistics to the history of baseball, statistical evidence of outstanding performance, applicable to playing, coaching, managing or umpiring must be provided as supporting evidence for BNSW HOF nomination.
- In the absence of available statistical evidence, nominations should be supported through written testimonials and/or oral histories (documented) from multiple sources.
- Nominees must have participated in a competition, league or team as a registered player, coach, manager or umpire of a BNSW Club, State Team, Sydney Blue Sox, Hunter Eagles or NSW Country (ABL Teams) for a minimum period of 5 years (seasons) combined and represented NSW on at least 5 occasions at Senior level, as per Nominations by Era.
- Nominees must be an Australian Citizen and be either a current or previous financial BNSW member – and nominees may be nominated posthumously.
- On-field personnel will only be considered for nomination if they have been retired from their on-field roles for 3 years. On-field personnel are considered as “retired” if they have not played State League 1st Grade (or above level) for 3 or more years, as per the eligible entities in the Nominations by Era.
- Inductees must meet acceptable standards of integrity, character and sportsmanship, and must not have brought the sport of baseball into disrepute.
- The BNSW HC reserves the right to crosscheck information provided in support of nominees at its discretion as part of the validation process.

Nominations by Era

The history of baseball is categorized into distinctive eras; this work was completed in 2005 by the Baseball Australia Heritage Committee. These same eras are used by the BNSW HOF in alignment with the National HOF – **chronologically, these eras include:**

- Pre-1900
- 1900 – 1918 (rapid expansion of the game and regular interstate competitions)
- 1919 – 1946 (the start of Claxton Shield and beginning of American influence and regular interstate competitions)
- 1947 – 1967 (Claxton Shield and post war American influence, Chrysler Cup and regular interstate competitions)

Nominees from the above era will be assessed solely by the BNSW HOFC. Nominees who participated in the post 1967 eras defined below, will be assessed by the BNSW HC and, if approved, will be included on the ballot to be distributed to the BNSW HOFC (Voting Panel).

- 1968 - 1988 (Claxton Shield, Olympic Games and Asian influence)
- 1989 – 1999 (ABL and Olympic Games)
- 2000 – 2009 (IBLA, Claxton Shield and Olympic Games)
- 2010 – present (Modern era, World Baseball Classic, new ABL from 2010)

The following entities are eligible to nominate candidates:

- The current State League Clubs, the SWBL Clubs, NSW Women's League Clubs, and Regional Country Associations can nominate up to 2 candidates for the post 1967 era and 1 candidate for the pre 1968 era.
- The Umpires Association can nominate 1 umpire.
- The Sydney Blue Sox can nominate 1 candidate.
- The BNSW HC can nominate up to 2 candidates.
- The BNSW Board of Directors can nominate 1 candidate.

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Each entity should carefully consider the Criteria for Nomination prior to preparing and making a submission.

- Nominations must be submitted to the BNSW HC in a word document format, or similar, no handwritten submissions, with attachments if required. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the required timelines and deadlines established by the BNSW HC which will be published on the BNSW website and updated annually. All nominations must have a signed nominee and seconder from an eligible entity and nominations will not be accepted from individuals (unless they are from a Club that no longer exists), nor self-nominations.

Attachments

It is highly recommended that you include attachments (if available). These should include 3 photos (if available), any editorials, documents, paper clippings, testimonials or digital/media information.

Heritage Committee Nomination Endorsement or Rejection

The BNSW HC upon authenticating and validating the nomination details and merit, may conclude the nomination as sufficient for endorsement or insufficient which will result in a rejection. The BNSW HC will submit their decisions to the BNSW Board of Directors for ratification. The BNSW HC will notify the Nominator if the nomination is rejected and the reasons for the rejection or resubmission. Should the Nominator wish to dispute the rejection, there is an "Appeals Process" available. The Nominator may lodge an appeal to the BNSW Board of Directors under the normal Australian Baseball Members Protection appeal guidelines.

Additional Criteria Relative to the Nomination

On-field personnel will only be considered for nomination if they have been retired from their on-field roles for 3 years. On-field personnel are considered as "retired" if they have not played State League 1st Grade (or above level) for 3 or more years.

All nominations not accepted in this year's induction, and the BNSW HC believe they are a worthy nominee, will be held over for the next 4 years. If the nominee is not inducted after 5 years, their nomination will have to be completed again if they wish to be considered.

Only nominations by the BNSW HC and BNSW Board of Directors can be received after the due date. All nominations received after the closing date from the eligible entities listed to nominate, will be held over into the following year.