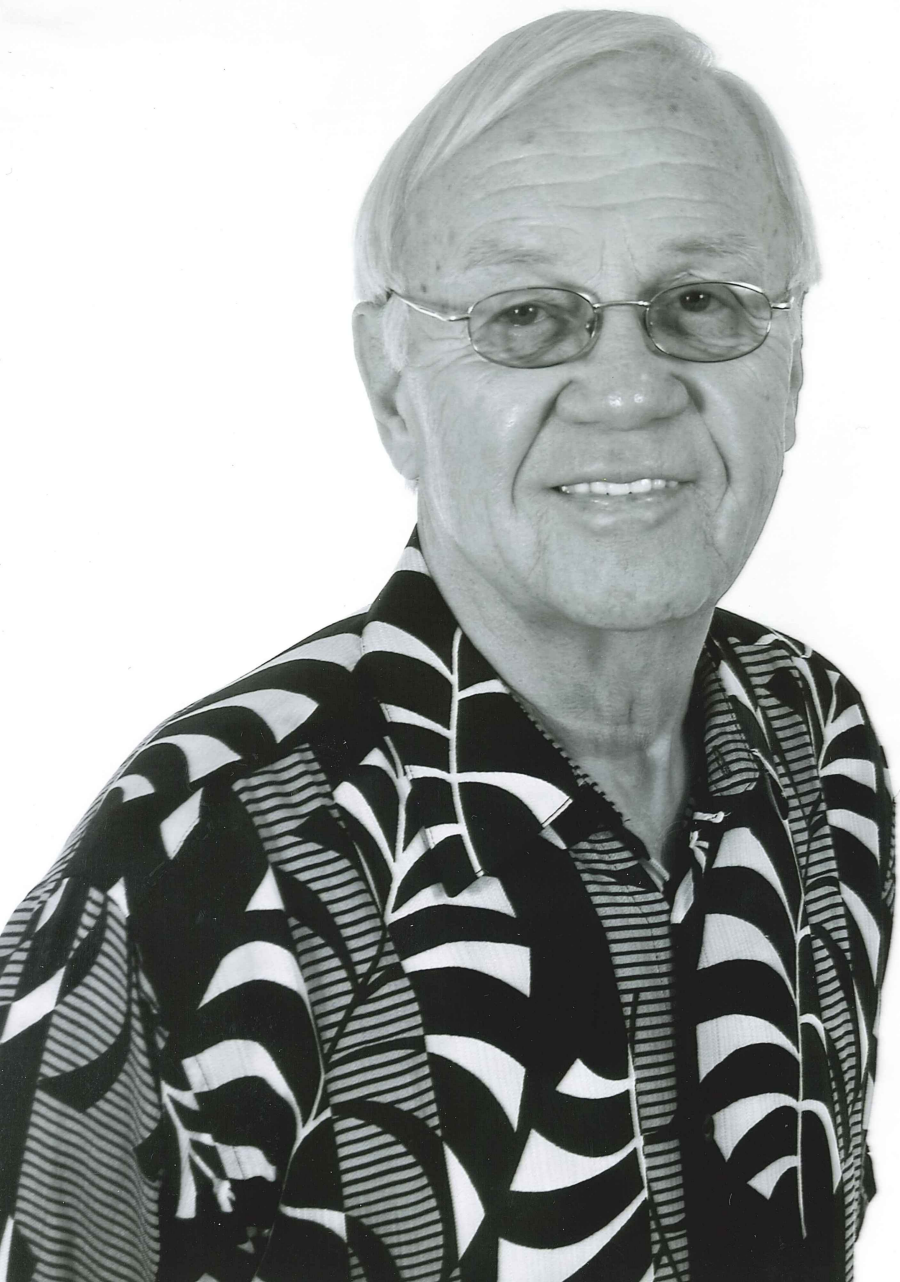


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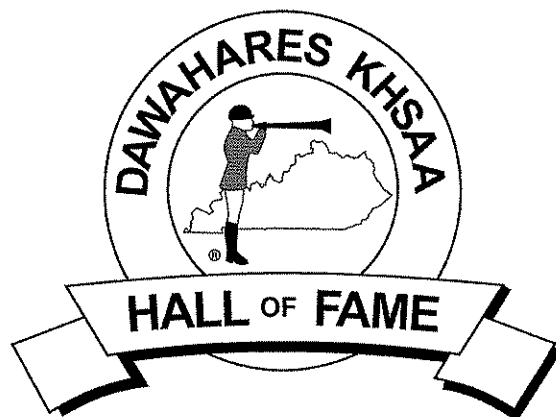
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## DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME

### NOMINATION FORM AND INFORMATION

#### Purpose

The Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports in Kentucky. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have had superb accomplishments in high school sports. The Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of statewide recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The Hall of Fame shall be governed by the KHSAA Board of Control in compliance with signed sponsorship agreements. The two-level selection process shall be governed and under the control of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

**ANNUAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 1**



The completed nomination form and support materials should be sent to:  
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
ATTN: Nominations  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky 40505



### **1. Nomination Categories**

Individuals may be nominated representing four categories. The categories of Athlete, Coach, Official and Contributor are included on the nomination form for expediency in understanding the primary area in which an individual is to be considered for one's achievements in interscholastic athletics. The grouping is for screening purposes to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required.

- a) **Athlete**: A former high school athlete whose achievements as a high school athlete were extraordinary and merit statewide recognition. Such athlete shall have completed high school eligibility in all sports at least ten years prior to being eligible for nomination. Athletes who are being nominated are to be considered solely for their achievements in interscholastic athletics in this state.
- b) **Coach**: A current (age 65 or over) coach whose accomplishments as a high school coach merit state recognition or former high school coach who has been inactive as a coach for a minimum of three school years whose accomplishments as a high school coach merit statewide recognition. Coaches would be considered on the merits of their high school coaching achievements alone.
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### **2. Desired Balance of Demographics in Selection Class**

In addition to the nomination criteria and classes listed in Section 1, the Board of Control has as a stated objective, other criteria to fulfill the desire of proper and adequate representation.

- a) **Senior**: An individual who is deceased, or at the time of consideration, has reached the age of 65 .
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- c) **Underrepresented Populations**: It shall be the objective of this project to seek to identify, nominate and select a balance of individuals including those from previously underrepresented populations. Such populations shall include female participants in all categories in Section 1 of this Article, minority (African American and others) participants in all categories in Section 1 of this Article, and an adequate number of Seniors as defined in this section.

### **3. Desired Size and Demographics of Induction Class**

The following class shall be selected each year by the Selection Committee beginning with the 2000 tabulation of ballots for the year 2001 Class of Inductees --

Each group of inductees must include at least:

- a) A selection class consisting of a minimum of twelve (12) inductees which shall be the pre-determined desired number each year.
- b) Two inductees who are either deceased or 65 years old or older.

- c) A minimum of one representative from each section as defined in Section 2 (b) of this Article.
- d) An appropriate demographic balance of all populations including those defined in Section 2 (c) with a minimum of two from each category.

### **Requirements for Nomination**

In order to maintain the integrity of the program, the following criteria are established for nominations.

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In addition to the Officials Nomination Form, the following materials should be submitted for an individual to be considered for induction.

    - Letters of Recommendation. A completed nomination form may be accompanied by letters of recommendation from the person making the nomination, and other letters of support from appropriate individuals from the nominee's related high school career.
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