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**Operating Bylaws
Oneonta High School Athletic Hall of Fame**

I. PURPOSE

The Oneonta High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established to honor and memorialize individuals and/or teams that have distinguished themselves through athletic competition or who have supported, enhanced and created excellence within the Oneonta High School athletics program. The individuals, supporters and/or teams are those who have brought distinction, honor and recognition to the athletics program while participating or through their professional lives after graduation.

II. LOCATION

A public display of plaques honoring each of the inductees will be maintained on a wall within the Oneonta High School building. A web site will be designed to publicize the Oneonta High School Athletic Hall of Fame and each honoree.

III. INDUCTION CATEGORIES and CRITERIA for SELECTION

There will be four categories for consideration and selection for induction to the Oneonta High School Athletic Hall of Fame:

A) Student-Athlete

These individuals must have demonstrated superior athletic performance and represented the High School and the Athletic Department in an outstanding manner. To be eligible a student-athlete must be a graduate of Oneonta High School and becomes eligible for nomination five years from the date of their graduation.

B) Athletics Department Staff

Athletics Department individuals must have served a minimum of five years at the High School. They must have made a significant contribution to the Athletics Program and be worthy citizens who are a positive role model in their professional and personal life.

C) Athletics Program Patron/Supporter

- 1) The individual, or entities/organizations, must have made significant contributions to the enhancement of the Athletics Program at OHS over a period of time.
- 2) Individuals, or entities/organizations who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics that have brought great support and distinction to OHS because of their hard work, dedication and accomplishments.

D) Teams of Distinction

Teams that have attained the highest level of competition in place at the end of that achievement, i.e., sectional championship, league championship, New York State championship, will be recognized by the Committee. A team is eligible for consideration for induction as a Team of Distinction five years following the attainment of that achievement.

IV. TIMELINE for SELECTION and INDUCTION

The induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with, and as part of, the Oneonta High School Alumni Weekend, held during the last weekend in September or early October.

Each year, the Oneonta High School Alumni Association will solicit, through its NEWSLETTER, website or individual solicitation, nominations for individuals or teams to be considered for induction. Nominations will be sent directly to the Chair of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. A master list/ballot of nominees will be compiled and maintained by the Chair of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee or his/her designee. The full Committee will begin meeting in January and each month subsequent (or as business dictates), until a final vote is taken in April. Completed nomination forms for all nominated athletes or teams will be available to each Hall of Fame Committee member following the submission deadline date and up to the April meeting when the voting occurs.

The Hall of Fame Committee may, at its discretion, devise other methods of soliciting names of nominees for induction. Committee members themselves, may submit nominations for consideration. In addition, a website will be established for the purpose of soliciting nominations.

After the voting has been completed, the names of the inductees will be forwarded to the president of the Oneonta High School Alumni Association, and his/her designee, for contacting the individuals who have been selected for induction. NOTE: The president or his/her designee, must be able to contact and communicate with the individual nominated, or their representative, in order to ascertain their interest and commitment to being inducted into the Hall of Fame. The individual must also be able to attend the ceremony to be inducted, or send a representative to accept the award, unless, of course, they are being inducted posthumously.

V. SELECTION PROCESS

All nominees eligible for induction will have an equal opportunity to be selected through the voting procedure outlined below. All members of the Oneonta High School Hall of Fame Committee present at the voting meeting are eligible to vote, hence, serve as the selection Committee.

All nominees will remain on the master list/ballot for a period of five years before being removed. Names will also be removed from the master list/ballot if they receive no votes for three straight years. Once a name is removed it can be added back if that individual or team is re-nominated.

A) Voting Procedure

NOTE: Any candidate for induction who is a voting member of the Hall of Fame Committee will recuse themselves from the voting process.

1. Ballots will be compiled by the Chair of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, or his/her designee, to include all current nominees and all nominees carried over from previous years who remain eligible, as well as pertinent information available about each candidate being considered. Facts in the nomination form will be verified, if necessary, by the OHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.
2. The ballot will be reviewed the day of the vote and at that voting meeting a discussion of the nominees will take place.
3. First vote: Each committee member will mark up to 10 selections from the master list/ballot and those individuals or teams which receive three votes or more will advance to the second vote.
4. Second vote: Each committee member will mark up to 10 selections from the shortened list. Those individuals/teams receiving five votes or more will advance to the final vote.
5. Before the final vote takes place, the floor will be open for a final brief discussion on any of the nominees included on the final ballot.
6. Third vote: Each committee member will mark up to 5 votes from the final list. Those individuals who receive 70% of the votes will be inducted. The 70% is based on the number of committee members present at the voting meeting.

NOTE: Should there be an imposed limit on the number of inductees at any time, the HOF Selection Committee reserves the right to adjust the third vote procedures accordingly.

VI. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will include all members of the Oneonta High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. Members of this Committee shall be appointed by the officers and Directors of the local chapter of the Oneonta High School Alumni Association.

In addition to the above, the Selection Committee will consist of:

1. Oneonta High School Director of Athletics
2. One Oneonta High School Faculty Member
3. One Female Oneonta High School Athletic Alumnus
4. One Male Oneonta High School Athletic Alumnus
5. One present or former Female Oneonta High School Coach
6. One present or former Male Oneonta High School Coach
7. A local media representative if available
8. Hall of Fame members

Individuals listed in Nos. 2 to 7 above will be chosen by the Hall of Fame Committee and must be approved by the President of the Oneonta High School Alumni Association.

VII. BYLAW REVISION

Any section of these bylaws may be amended, or new bylaws may be added, with the approval of 2/3's of the voting members of the Oneonta High School Hall of Fame Committee and approval by majority of the officers and Directors of the local Oneonta High School Alumni Association.