North County Senior Softball-Competitive Division
HOF Guideline: Feb 11, 2026

Hall of Fame Induction Policy

Purpose

The North County Senior Softball-Competitive Division (NCSS-CD) Hall of Fame recognizes and honors individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the success, stability, and legacy of the league. Through exceptional performance, leadership, sportsmanship, and service, these individuals have elevated the quality and integrity of NCSS-CD over its more than 30 years of existence.

General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for induction into the NCSS-CD Hall of Fame, candidates must:

1. Have at least **10 years of involvement** in the NCSS organization (need not be consecutive).
2. Have been a **member in good standing** during their period of active participation.
3. Have made **significant contributions** to the league through one or more of the following:
    - Playing excellence, including overall impact on team success
    - Leadership as a manager
    - Administrative or operational service
    - Promotion and growth of the league
4. A candidate may be nominated in **more than one category**.

Exception:
The HOF Committee may place a candidate on the Hall of Fame ballot if the individual does not meet the 10-year requirement but would have clearly qualified had they not passed away or become incapacitated.

Categories of Induction

Meeting the minimum eligibility criteria does not automatically qualify a candidate for induction; each nominee will be evaluated on their overall body of work, impact on the league, and standing among their peers.

1. Legacy Category

Reserved for:

- Founders of the league, and/or
- Individuals who played a major role in establishing or sustaining NCSS during its formative years.

Legacy candidates must:

- Meet the General Eligibility Criteria, and
- Have contributed substantially to the long-term survival, structure, or culture of the league.

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Because NCSS-CD has more than 30 years of history, legacy induction shall occur in structured phases:

Initial Legacy Groups

- An initial group of up to **five (5)** legacy members may be inducted when the Hall of Fame is established.
- Those inducted in this initial group shall collectively nominate up to **ten (10)** additional individuals who:
    - Were founders and/or
    - Participated significantly in the league's first 30 years and
    - Are no longer active in the organization.

Ongoing Legacy Evaluation

- Legacy candidates shall continue to be evaluated beyond the initial two groups.
- No more than **one (1) new legacy member** may be inducted per season thereafter.

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2. Player Category

Candidates in the Player category must demonstrate sustained excellence and be widely recognized as an **impact player**.

An **impact player** is defined as a player who, for a sustained period during their NCSS-CD playing tenure, performed at a level consistent with the **top 15% of players in the league**.

A candidate need not have remained in this upper echelon for their entire career, recognizing that player skills may naturally decline over time.

Evaluation shall consider:

- Offensive performance (as supported by available statistics)
- Defensive skill and reliability
- Overall game knowledge and situational play
- Sportsmanship and leadership
- Reputation among peers and managers

NCSS-CD does not operate as a draft league. While subjective player ratings are used to assist in forming balanced teams each season, these ratings:

- Are intended only as general indicators of ability
- Are inherently subjective
- Have evolved over time

Accordingly, **no rating or statistical metric shall be used as the sole qualifying standard** for Hall of Fame consideration.

3. Manager Category

Candidates in the Manager category must:

- Have managed for at least **10 seasons (not years)** in NCSS-CD.
- Demonstrate sustained success and leadership through:
  - Competitive performance
  - Player development
  - Team stability
  - Sportsmanship

Base competitive criteria shall include a minimum combination of **four (4) total championships**, where:

- A **full win** is credited for a regular season championship, and
- Half credit is given for winning the season-ending tournament.

Championships and win–loss records may be considered but shall not be the sole determining factor.

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4. Administrative / Service Category

Candidates must:

- Have served NCSS-CD in an operational or organizational role (e.g., Commissioner, board officer, player representative or similar).
- Have contributed at least **7 years of service**, or demonstrated extraordinary impact over a shorter period.
- Be recognized for strengthening league structure, continuity, and culture.

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5. Honorary Category

Reserved for individuals who:

- Have provided exceptional long-term service outside of playing or managing, and
- Have materially advanced the league's mission, stability, or reputation.

Hall of Fame Committee

The HOF Committee is comprised of the current and active team managers or as otherwise appointed by the HOF Committee Chairman. The NCSS-CD League Commissioner shall serve as **Hall of Fame Committee Chairman** or may delegate this responsibility.

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The Hall of Fame Committee shall:

- Administer the nomination and voting process
- Validate eligibility
- Coordinate voting
- Oversee induction procedures

The Hall of Fame Committee Chairman shall determine:

- When and how elected candidates are notified
- The method and timing of public announcements

Nomination Process

Eligibility to Nominate:
Nominations may be submitted by any player, manager, or administrator with at least **three (3) years** of involvement in NCSS-CD.

Number of Nominations:
There is **no limit** to the number of nominees submitted in a given season.

Candidates who are not elected:

- Shall remain eligible for **carryover consideration for up to three (3) seasons** without requiring re-nomination.

Annual Limits (excluding Legacy Category):

- No more than **two (2)** inductees may be selected per season.
- No more than **five (5)** inductees may be selected per calendar year.

Nomination Deadline:
Nominations must be submitted **no later than 30 days prior to the last scheduled regular season game**.

Voting Timeline:
Voting shall take place within **one week of the nomination deadline** to allow time for awards to be ordered.

Nomination Form:
Nominations must be submitted using the official NCSS-CD Hall of Fame Nomination Form, documenting:

- Candidate's years of service
- Category of nomination
- Summary of contributions and achievements
- Supporting information or testimony

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Voting Process

Eligible Voters:
The voting body shall consist of:

- Current Board members (managers and officers)
- Previous Hall of Fame inductees
- Founding members (if applicable)

Quorum Requirement:
At least **75% of eligible voters** must participate for the vote to be valid.

Vote Threshold:
A candidate must receive affirmative votes from at least **75% of all eligible voters**.

Induction and Recognition

Inductees shall receive:

- A commemorative plaque or suitable award
- Permanent recognition on official NCSS-CD materials
- Public acknowledgment

Induction Presentation:
Presentations shall occur at the **season-ending tournament**, or at another time as proposed by the Hall of Fame Committee Chairman.

Service Recognition (Loyalty Award)

Separate from Hall of Fame induction, NCSS-CD may recognize individuals who have contributed **15 years or more** to the league in any capacity.

These individuals:

- Must have been members in good standing
- Will be recognized for loyalty and long-term dedication
- Shall be listed separately from Hall of Fame inductees