



## City of Stratford SPORTS WALL OF FAME

### OBJECTIVE:

To honour and perpetuate the names and deeds of those individuals whose athletic abilities have brought fame to themselves and their community and of those individuals whose interest in and work for sport has resulted in a climate which benefited athletes and athletics.

### 1. CRITERIA:

1. Individuals must either be a Stratford and area native with roots in the Stratford sporting community, or an individual or team representing Stratford. This individual is not required to currently reside locally.
  - **Athletes – open category** to be considered for admission to the Sports Wall of Fame must have been outstanding in their athletic field of endeavour or must have achieved better than average proficiency in a number of sports, even if not reaching the absolute top level in any one, in competition against peer athletes. This involves those competing on a strictly local level and those going on to district, provincial, national and international events, as well as those who enter professional sports.
  - Any athlete nominated to the Stratford Sports Wall of Fame must have been retired from active field participation in the sport (s) for which he/she is nominated for a period of not less than three years (dating from the end of the season of the sport (s) for which he/she has been nominated). An athlete may be nominated even though he/she has not been retired for the mandatory three years if he/she has reached the age of fifty years. The above restrictions, of course, do not apply in the case of any automatic nominees as determined by the constitution.
  - **Teams** will usually have won a Provincial, National or International competition or another significant achievement because of a landmark result or an equivalent accomplishment such as winning a "Silver Stick" in hockey. A "team" for Wall purposes is defined as "any group of two or more athletes engaged in the same sport who work together as a unit in that sport". The team may be made up of members of the same sex or the team may be intermixed. A figure skating pair, tennis doubles, curling team, cross country running team, etc. is defined as teams for our purposes.
  - **Builder of Sport** are defined as officials, individual sponsors, executives, trainers, coaches, etc. whose work for sport over an extended period of time has been outstanding, whether it be in the organization of leagues and facilities, achieving a high degree of success in coaching teams and/or individuals, keeping a league or team active, providing services of a consistently high level over an extended period of time. The individual (s), organization or association usually will have contributed to this community in a significant manner related to sport and sport development. This could include the development, administration, officiating, on-going operations, and/or the development of youth in a positive and productive manner.

## **2. DEFINITIONS:**

**City of Stratford Athlete** – for the purposes of the Stratford Sports Wall of Fame, a Stratford athlete shall be:

- a) Anyone born in Stratford who spends his/her formative years here and continues to reside in the City.
- b) Anyone who is not born here, but who comes to this City and over an extensive period of time, proves his/her worth in an athletic sense in Stratford. Said athlete may be considered even if he/she eventually moves away from Stratford.
- c) Anyone in (A) or (B) who, after a local amateur career, moves into professional, university or amateur sports elsewhere and who is deemed worthy of inclusion.
- d) Individuals must either be a Stratford and area native with roots in the Stratford sporting community, or an individual or team representing Stratford. This individual is not required to currently reside locally.

**City of Stratford Builder** – for the purposes of the Stratford Sports Wall of Fame, a Stratford builder shall be as above – Sections A, B, C, D. The definition of Builder shall include all above sections involving coaching, officiating, sponsoring, training, even if not involved in an active, on the field role.

## **3. AUTOMATIC SELECTION:** Athletes and teams must be nominated to be considered.

- a) Any Stratford athlete or team who wins an Olympic medal (gold, silver, bronze).
- b) Any Stratford athlete or team who finishes first, second or third in any international championship sanctioned by the I.A.F. (International Athletic Federation) and/or is considered acceptable by the Sports Wall of Fame Committee.
- c) Any Stratford athlete who wins a Canadian championship in a non-team discipline, in an unrestricted age category, and sanctioned by a governing body affiliated with Sport Canada and/or is considered authentic by the Sports Wall of Fame Committee.

### Clarification:

- The Stratford athlete, team or builder must have been a resident of Stratford at the time of his/her feat to be considered qualified for "Automatic Selection". An athlete who performs his/her feat while temporarily outside of Stratford is considered to still be a resident of Stratford, providing his/her "home" residence is still this City.
- Provided the above and other restrictions are met, the Sports Wall of Fame Committee shall vote as to whether the credentials, research, etc. presented are factual proof of the feat.

## **4. AWARDS:**

Commemoration on the Sports Wall of Fame shall take place as follows:

- a) For each inductee (athlete, team or builder) a plaque with a photograph will be displayed on the Sports Wall of Fame. A condensed biography of individuals and teams awarded recognition will be placed on the plaque.

- b) Each living inductee to the Sports Wall of Fame will receive a keeper plaque. In the case of deceased inductees, the keeper plaque will be provided to their family.
- c) The name of each team accorded recognition shall be inscribed on a plaque. Team member names may be listed at the discretion of the Sports Wall of Fame Committee. Each team member, where applicable, will receive a certificate.

## **6. ORGANIZATION OF RULING BODY OF STRATFORD SPORTS WALL OF FAME:**

There shall be no annual election of officers for the Stratford Sports Wall of Fame. The original Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council. It is of the utmost importance that there be a continuation of the aims and desires of the Wall. If any member of the Committee resigns or retires for any reason, the remaining members of the Committee shall discuss the names of possible successors who shall be approached.

The person's name shall be brought before the Committee for ratification by simple majority. Anyone wishing to volunteer on the Stratford Sports Wall of Committee may write the Committee c/o Community Services Department, PO Box 874, Stratford ON N5A 6W3.

## **7. COMMITTEE:**

- a) Sports Wall of Fame Committee – shall consist of 7 voting members. The Committee shall include the Honorary Chairperson – Mayor, Community Services Committee Chairperson (or alternate), President of the Minor Sports Council and four members of the public.
- b) Committee Chairperson – The Chair of the Sports Wall of Fame shall be the present Chairperson of City Council's Community Services Committee or alternate. Announcements regarding the Sports Wall of Fame are made by the Honorary Chairperson as presented to him/her by the Committee Chairperson.
- c) Community Services Department Staff Resources– Shall include the Director of Community Services (or alternate) and the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Community Services. In charge of correspondence, minutes of meetings & photographs. He/she shall keep a file on each nominee with any documentary evidence. Press releases shall only come from the Sports Wall of Fame Committee.

## **8. NOMINATIONS:**

Nomination forms can be obtained through the City of Stratford website or through the Community Services Department. Completed nominations are then to be returned to the Community Services Department along with supporting evidence.



**City of Stratford  
SPORTS WALL OF FAME  
NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATING CATEGORY (check appropriate box)**

- Athlete
- Team
- Builder

Please attach the following for all nominations:

- ✓ A 5 x7 black and white or colour photograph must be included with the nomination.
- ✓ Photocopies of clippings or articles referring to the nominee.
- ✓ Nominations may include letters of support and copies of awards, certificates, citations, etc.
- ✓ A complete summary of the achievements of the person or team nominated, using the following guidelines:
  - For all nominees specify the level and classification of competition (i.e Olympic, World, Commonwealth, International, National, Maritime, Regional, Provincial, Open, Invitational, Masters, etc.)
  - Describe, including dates and relevant information, medals, trophies, MVP awards, all-star selections, records and special recognitions achieved by the nominee.
  - Provide information to illustrate the dedication and perseverance of the nominee, including training practices, unusual or difficult circumstances encountered, the number and quality of other competitors involved, and other pertinent points about the difficulties encountered by the nominee in the achievement of success.
  - Provide information to illustrate the nominee's ability to attain top performance over a number of years.
  - Provide information on the nominee's leadership skills, character, sportsmanship, and contributions to sport and the community.