HISTORY

The Husson University Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1985 to honor outstanding athletes, athletic administrators and coaches for their athletic performances, leadership, and contributions to their teams while at Husson University. The University had a long standing membership with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and at times had dual membership with the NAIA and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III of the NCAA. Since 2003 the University has solely competed as a member in Division III of the NCAA. Student Athletes have been selected to the Sports Hall of Fame on their successes while participating under these two national associations.

Over time the University has also changed its criteria for entrance into the Sports Hall of Fame to include individuals who lettered in a sport at Husson and after graduation made a significant contribution in the area of athletics. The 2011 Sports Hall of Fame Committee has decided to also induct outstanding teams that have accomplished special results.

As a result of the University evolving in its thinking, the following criteria will be the standard for entrance into the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Husson University Sports Hall of Fame under the direction of the Athletic Department will select and honor athletes who have demonstrated outstanding athletic accomplishments, leadership, and character (while at the University or in the future) as well as other people who have contributed significantly to the development and success of the athletes and athletic programs, and teams whose records and achievements on the playing field have provided the University with lasting recognition and honors.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1. Individual Membership
2. Athletic Administrator or Coach
3. Honorary Membership
4. Team Membership
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ELIGIBILITY and SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **Individual Membership**

   a. **Eligibility**
      1. Nominees must be a Husson University graduate
      2. Nominees must have graduated at least five years prior to induction
      3. Nominees must have lettered\(^1\) in at least one varsity sport

   b. **Selection Criteria for Consideration by Committee**
      1. Nominees who demonstrated outstanding athletic accomplishments (e.g. All American; ECAC All Star; All star / MVP for the Region and/or the Conference; all tourney team selection; record holder such as leading scorer, etc.)
      2. Nominees who demonstrated outstanding leadership, character and courage which the University seeks to develop in its athletic programs (e.g. team captain, academic honors, member of other University committees and organizations, community service, etc.)
      3. Nominees who continued after graduation to demonstrate outstanding athletic accomplishments, leadership and character to sports related organizations (e.g. successful coaching career, commissioner of a league, etc.)

2. **Athletic Administrator or Coach**

   a. **Eligibility**
      1. Nominees must have at least five years of service to the University

   b. **Selection Criteria for Consideration by Committee**
      1. Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the University’s Athletic program success
      2. Individuals who have significantly contributed to the development of student athletes who qualify for regular membership

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\(^1\) Husson historically has not bestowed athletic letters. In 2011 Husson started issuing seniors a framed letter. Lettered will indicate nominees played in at least one-half of all games.
3. **Honorary Membership**
   
   a. **Eligibility**
      
      1. Nominees must have at least five years of service to the University
   
   b. **Selection Criteria for Consideration by Committee**
      
      1. Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the University’s athletic program success (e.g. public address announcer, etc.)
      
      2. Individuals who have contributed significantly to the development and success of University athletes and programs (e.g. athletic trainer, team managers, advisors, etc.)

4. **Team Membership**

   a. **Eligibility**
      
      1. Team nominees are eligible for selection five years after the team participation

   b. **Selection Criteria for Consideration by Committee**
      
      1. Teams who have distinguished themselves on the playing field (e.g. outstanding win/loss record, conference champions, NCAA / ECAC tournament participation)
      
      2. Teams who have brought lasting recognition and honor to the University through their athletic success, leadership and character

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

1. Individuals will be eligible for selection anytime after their 5\(^{th}\) graduation anniversary

2. Administrators, coaches and honorary individuals are eligible with a minimum of five years of service to the University

3. Teams will be eligible for selection anytime after their 5\(^{th}\) anniversary of team participation

4. Any Husson alumni, faculty, staff, friend, or selection committee member may nominate individuals or teams for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame

5. No individual may self-nominate although an individual may nominate a team of which they were a member
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6. Nominations to be solicited via the Husson Ledger, coaches year-end athlete report, and the Athletic Department website link found at http://athletics.husson.edu

7. Nominations must be submitted on the proforma Nomination Form provided at the Athletic Department Sports Hall of Fame link found at http://athletics.husson.edu/forms/hall_of_fame/index

8. Nominations must specify the membership category for the nominee

9. All individual and team nomination forms submitted must be accompanied by documentation (win/loss records, statistics, awards won, news articles, occupational information, etc.) to support the nomination

10. Individuals or teams who are nominated but not selected will automatically be re-nominated by the selection committee on a yearly basis for a maximum of three years.

11. Nominations must be made no later than March 1 for induction in the hall of fame at the annual athletic awards banquet held in December

SELECTION COMMITTEE (description)

1. The committee will be known as the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame Committee

2. The committee will be comprised of nine members as follows:
   a. The Husson University Athletic Director
   b. The Director of the Husson University’s Eagles Club
   c. The Chairperson (as appointed by the AD)
   d. Six Hall of Fame Members (three women and three men)

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT’S SUPPORTING ROLE

1. At the end of each academic year, he Athletic Director’s office will solicit from the coaches a profile of student athletes and/or a team whom both the Athletic Director and coaching staff agree has achieved a “Sports Hall of Fame” career that meet the criteria for nomination and would be eligible in future years. The profile should include the individual’s athletic accomplishments as well as any non-sport committees, organizations or academic honors as well as timely supporting documentation that will assist the committee in validating and evaluating future nominees

2. The Athletic Director’s Office will provide to each committee member the list of nominees and supporting documentation for review and selection of inductees

3. Budget and administrative support will be provided by the athletic director’s office
TIMELINE FOR SPORTS HALL OF FAME PROCESS

March 1 – Due date for all nominations and supporting documentation
First week of April – Distribution of nominations material to committee members
First week of May – Selection of nominees by the Committee via a conference call
First week of June – Committee meeting to finalize inductees’ awards and banquet
First week of December – Inductee banquet and other weekend events

SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Selections will be made once a year by the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame Committee
2. Selections will be based upon the documentation provided to the committee and any other supporting information the committee may have (such as University records, newspaper or other written articles, year book data, etc.)
3. Nominations must receive a majority (2/3) of the committee’s vote for selection

YEARLY NUMBER OF SELECTEES

1. Not more than four to six (4-6) nominees per year for the individual categories
2. Not more than one team per year
3. Maximum number to be selected per year is six (6)

INDUCTION CEREMONY

1. The induction ceremony date will be established by the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame Committee
2. Nominees selected for induction shall be present at the ceremony
3. Inductees will have their name displayed in the Husson University Athletic Facility
4. Inductees will receive a plaque at the time of induction
5. Team members will receive a Hall of Fame Certificate
6. A Hall of Fame Banquet Program will be developed recognizing the accomplishments of all inductees