

RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR
ELECTION TO THE CANADIAN LACROSSE HALL OF FAME



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1. RULES OF SELECTION ESTABLISHED

These Rules and Regulations are promulgated by the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Board of Governors (hereafter referred to as the “Governing Board”) established for the management and control of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. The Governing Board has the power to amend these Rules and Regulations and to interpret their provisions as final and binding.

The Rules and Regulations, adopted at the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Governing Board became effective for 2016 inductions and beyond.

Growth and rising importance of the field discipline including ‘Sixes’ resulted in a major rewrite of many sections including restructuring sections and presentations and some changes to the system of governance of the Nomination and Selection Process including adding an Official Category of Membership effective for 2022 inductions and beyond.

2. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

FIVE CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be five (5) Classes of Membership in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame:

- Player
- Veteran
- Builder
- Official
- Team

There shall be no distinction between box, field, or international disciplines including, but not limited to “Sixes,” in any of the five Classes of Membership in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, all shall be treated equally in terms or recognition and awards given as part of the Induction Process.

There shall be no distinction between box, field, or international disciplines nor men or women, in any of the five Classes of Membership in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, all shall be treated equally in terms or recognition and awards given as part of the Induction Process.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION

(A) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Any person who is, or has been, distinguished as a player, veteran, builder or official shall be eligible for election as an Honoured Member of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

(B) PLAYER CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Player candidates must have concluded their careers as “active players” (defined as a regular-roster player for any teams Lacrosse Canada defined senior elite leagues, professional leagues, Lacrosse Canada senior level national championships or International Championships or University Leagues) for a minimum of five (5) years to be eligible for election as an Honoured Member.

The Governing Board may waive this requirement in a given case at its sole discretion.

(C) VETERAN CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Veteran candidates must have concluded their careers as active players prior to 1965 to be eligible for election as an Honoured Member. For clarity, in the year 2005, eligibility was advanced to 1970 and, thereafter, was advanced in five year increments every fifth year. Thus, in 2015, eligible Veteran candidates must have concluded their careers in 1980 (or before) to be eligible for election.

There is a general agreement that many other former players deservedly belong in the Hall but, for one reason or another, they have been overlooked. As the years pass, 1997 is the 66th year that lacrosse moved from the field to an enclosed box, the greatness of the game's early stars fade from memory. To permit their contributions simply to vanish would be a disservice to Canada's National Summer Game. The Governing Committee of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, recognizing the need to preserve the lustre of yesteryear, established a Veterans Class in the Box lacrosse sector, but which now is open to players in either Field lacrosse or box lacrosse.

(D) BUILDER CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Builder candidates may be either active or inactive at the time of their election as an Honoured Member; there is no period of inactivity require for builder candidates.

An eligible builder inductee is any individual who has, in a non-player capacity, made a significant contribution to the sport of lacrosse. i.e., coach, administrator, support staff, member of the media, historian, or promoter, etc.

(E) OFFICIAL CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Official candidates must have concluded their careers as “active referees/officials” (defined as a being a game official for any teams in Lacrosse Canada Senior elite leagues, professional box or field leagues, Lacrosse Canada senior level national championships or International Championships or University Leagues) for a minimum of five (5) years to be eligible for election as an Honoured Member.

An eligible referee/official inductee is an individual who has, in the role of referee or official, merited being chosen on the basis of his or her officiating ability, sportsmanship, character and contributions to their organization(s) and to the disciplines of lacrosse in general.

(F) TEAM CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Team candidates may be elected each year based on outstanding achievement in a single season or domination over a specific period of time.

A Team may not be inducted twice by way of Induction for a single year plus Induction by way of inclusion in a span of years. (e.g., a team inducted for 1945-48 would preclude the 1945 Team later being inducted as a Single entity)

Similarly, if the 1945 Team was inducted as single entity first then the collective 1945-48 team could not be inducted although the 1946-48 would still be a possibility for nomination.

(G) BOARD AND SELECTION COMMITTEE ELIGIBILITY

While former members of the Governing Board and the Selection Committees are eligible for election as Honoured Members, members of these bodies are not eligible while serving in these positions. Honoured Members may serve on the board if their induction occurred prior to their position, or they are nominated by a different selection committee.

4. SELECTION COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

(A) SELECTION COMMITTEES

The Governing Board shall appoint three (3) Selection Committees, one in Eastern Canada (Ontario and east) and one in Western Canada (Manitoba and west) and one International in scope.

Each Selection Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and up to five (5) additional members

(B) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF SELECTION COMMITTEES

Each individual appointed to a Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall, in the opinion of the Governing Board of Directors be:

- Person of prestige, sound judgment, integrity and ability who will most likely ensure the fair and impartial assessment of the qualities of the candidates submitted for their consideration and to assure the maintenance of a high standard of excellence in the selections to be made by them.
- Knowledgeable of the game of lacrosse and its past and present players, builders, officials.

It is intended that the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Selection Committees:

- Generally, but not necessarily exclusively composed of former lacrosse players, former coaches of lacrosse teams, former officials of lacrosse leagues or associations, current or former senior executives of lacrosse teams or lacrosse leagues or associations, or former members of the media who cover or covered the game of lacrosse,
- Broadly represent areas (geographic, gender, and form of the game) that are within the domain of responsibility of the Selection Committee.
- Have among its membership individuals knowledgeable of the various player eras from which candidates may be nominated.
- Have among its membership an individual or individuals knowledgeable of international lacrosse.
- Appointees to the International Selection Committee will bring in-depth knowledge of the field, box, indoor, University Lacrosse or International Lacrosse disciplines, including but not limited to, “Sixes.”
- This process is adopted to ensure that candidates who played or provided service to the field game, “Sixes”, or other International Discipline, or who split careers between east and west Canada and thus might not raise to standard or recognition of either of the East or West committees but who, when their career is examined in total, should be considered for Induction have a route for appropriate recognition by the Hall of Fame.

Members who are knowledgeable in the history, traditions and skills of lacrosse and whose prestige, judgement, and integrity are most likely to ensure the fair and impartial assessment of the qualities of the candidates submitted for their consideration and to assure the maintenance of a high standard of excellence in the selections to be made by them.

Where a Selection Committee, or the Governing Board of Directors at its sole discretion, determines that the committee does not have the requisite variety or expertise to address a particular class of nominee the responsibility for selection of this class will be moved, for as long as required, to the International Selection Committee.

(C) APPOINTMENT TERM

Appointments to the Selection Committees shall be made for three (3) year terms and shall be confirmed by the Governing Board on an annual basis but they should be made with the object of securing maximum continuity of composition of the particular Selection Committee.

A maximum of 4 terms (3 x 4 = 12 years of service) is recommended.

(D) APPROVAL OF MEMBERS BY BOARD

Appointments and renewals of appointments of members is the responsibility of the Governing Board.

(E) VACANCIES IN THE SELECTION COMMITTEES

Appointments to the Selection Committees may be made at any time to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation or unavailability.

An appointment made to fill a serve vacancy be until the end of the expected term of the incumbent and, if renewed at that time, be for a 3-year term to ensure the continuity of staggered terms sequence.

In the event that a member of the particular Selection Committee is temporarily unavailable, a substitute may be appointed by the Governing Board on an ad hoc basis.

5. BASIS OF SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- a. Candidates for election to the Canadian Hall of Fame shall be chosen on the basis of ability, sportsmanship, character, contribution to their team, organisation and/or to the game of lacrosse in general.
- b. All candidates will receive equitable treatment in the selection process in all of the five classes of membership in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
- c. Areas of evaluation used to determine character beyond reproach shall include:
 - Practice and perpetuation of positive sportsmanship on and off the field
 - Positive relations with peers, opponents, subordinates, and supervisors within the game
 - Service within lacrosse development initiatives
 - Service within civic, community, national and international communities
 - Publicly known conviction of any Indictable or Hybrid offence

6. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

(A) NOMINATIONS TO BE IN WRITING

Nominations for election as Honoured Members shall be made in writing and must be filed with the Executive Director, by no later than January 15th of the current year.

(B) NOMINATIONS TO BE COMPLETE REPRESENTATION OF MERITS

Nominations for election shall contain the fullest possible data concerning the record and the merits of each candidate nominated.

The Executive Director shall oversee a vetting of the nomination for both supporting or missing or incorrect facts that add false support for the nomination. Such information will be included in the transmission to the nomination to the appropriate Selection Committee. The vetting process will be as defined in Section 11 of these Rules and Regulations.

(C) NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Nominations for candidates of all Classes shall be made by persons other than the balloting Selection Committee members or Members of the Governing Board by complying with the provisions of this Regulation.

(F) SECRETARY TO SEND SELECTION COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Executive Director shall, not later than March 15, send to each Member of the Selection Committees, and to the Chair of the Governing Board, a copy of each nomination received and all supporting material, together with the names of their respective nominators as outlined in Section 11 (f) Honours Committee.

(G) CHAIRS MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL NOMINEE VETTING

The Chairs of the Selection Committees and the Chair of the Governing Board may request a secondary and further investigation by the Honours Committee to report on any candidate nominated, which information shall be made known to the other Members of the particular Selection Committee before election proceedings take place.

7. METHOD OF ELECTION

A. PLAYER CANDIDATES

- a. The election of player candidates shall take place prior to April 30th of the current year.
- b. The quota of player candidates to be elected each year shall be two (2) from each Selection Committee unless otherwise directed from the Governing Board.
- c. A player nominated may be considered for a period of three years. If unsuccessful he/she may be re-nominated after a period of 3 or more years has lapsed since removal from the election ballot. Such renomination would follow the same process and rules as a new nomination. A player unsuccessful in two complete cycles will not be eligible for re-nomination in the player category through this method of election but may be considered as candidate in the Veterans Category if eligibility criteria for that category are met.
- d. A maximum of 15 player candidates per selection committee shall be considered in the current year.
- e. The Governing Board Chair, or designate or vice chair, shall preside at the election of candidates and the following order of business will be observed so far as possible:
 - i) Announcement of quota of candidates to be elected.
 - ii) Submission of roster of candidates certified by the Executive Director as having been duly nominated in accordance with Section 6 of these Regulations, and that they are eligible for election under Section 3 of these Regulations. No other candidates shall be considered without the unanimous consent of the Governing Board.

iii) The Governing Board Chair will report any objection filed to any candidate by the Governing Board or any Member thereof.

iv) The Governing Board will give due consideration of candidates and supporting material as provided by the Selection Committees.

(v) Selection Committee Balloting: secret ballot shall be used. Nominees for election shall be rated in order of preference from one to fifteen.

Example: First choice receives vote 1. Second choice receives vote 2. Third and successive choices receive vote 3 - 15. The nominees receiving the best rating (the lowest number) shall be deemed to be elected as per the quota of candidates. In the event of a tie, a run-off election between the tied candidates will be held with the winners declared by simple majority.

(vi) The Governing Board will confirm the elections of the Selection Committees subject to any significant concerns in the nominee.

B. VETERANS CANDIDATES

- a. A Veterans Class was initially restricted to election of players who participated in box lacrosse between 1932 and 1965. The 1960 eligibility proviso advanced to 1970 in the year 2005, and so on.

Starting	Eligibility Proviso
initial	1932 - 1965
2005	1932 - 1970
2010	1932 - 1975
2015	1932 - 1980
2020	1932 - 1985
2022	1867 - 1990

- b. One player from each selection committee may be elected for induction into the Veterans Class each year.
- c. A Veteran candidate's name will remain on the eligibility list for 3 years.
- d. Selection Committee Balloting shall be by secret ballot and nominees for election shall be rated in order of preference from one to five. (Example) First choice receives 1, second choice receives 2, third and successive choices receive 3 to 5. The nominee receiving the best rating (the lowest number) shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off election between the tied candidates will be held, vote for one only and the winner will be declared by simple majority.
- e. The Governing Board will confirm the elections of the Selection Committees subject to any significant concerns in the nominee.

C. BUILDER CANDIDATES

- a. The election of one (1) builder candidates may be made by each Selection Committee in the Builder Class each year.
- b. Selection Committee Balloting shall be by secret ballot and nominees shall be rated in order of preference from one to five. (Example) First choice receives 1, second choice receives 2, third and successive choices receive 3 to 5. The nominee receiving the best rating (the lowest number) shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off election between the tied candidates will be held, vote for one only and the winner will be declared by simple majority.
- c. The Governing Board will confirm the election of the Selection Committees subject to any significant concerns in the nominee.
- d. A builder candidate's name will remain on the eligibility list for 3 years.

D. REFEREE/OFFICIAL CANDIDATES

- a. The election of one (1) Official candidate may be made by each Selection Committee in the Official Class each year.
- b. Selection Committee Balloting shall be by secret ballot and nominees shall be rated in order of preference from one to five. (Example) First choice receives 1, second choice receives 2, third and successive choices receive 3 to 5. The nominee receiving the best rating (the lowest number) shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off election between the tied candidates will be held, vote for one only and the winner will be declared by simple majority.
- c. The Governing Board will confirm the election of the Selection Committees subject to any significant concerns in the nominee.
- d. An Official candidate's name will remain on the eligibility list for 3 years

E. TEAM CANDIDATES

- a. Election of a team(s) for induction into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame may be made each year by the International Selection Committee.
- b. The Team(s) so honoured must have attained a high level of achievement and brought recognition to the sport of lacrosse at the national or international levels.
- c. The Team(s) so honoured could represent any of the recognized disciplines of lacrosse.
- d. The Team(s) so honoured would be recognized for outstanding achievement in a single year or may be chosen for its contribution and/or domination of the sport over a specific stated period of time.
- e. While a team is composed of many members it is the Team as an entity that is Inducted; the members of that team are not individually Honoured Inductees of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame
- f. Consideration will be extended to teams at the Senior or Junior levels of Field and Box Lacrosse, and to teams (U19 and above) representing Canada in International competition.

8. CERTIFICATION

- a. When a person or team is elected as an Honoured Member of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the name of such person or team shall be duly certified by the Chair of the Governing Board for official enrolment in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. All necessary actions shall be taken for inclusion of the records, souvenirs or other mementos concerning such elected candidates for display in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

9. PUBLICATION OF ELECTIONS

Only the Chair of the Governing Board, or his/her designate, shall contact the members-elect and inform said persons, and only the Chair of the Governing Board shall release the election results for general publication.

10. PROCEEDINGS CONFIDENTIAL

No Member of the Governing Board, or Member of the Selection Committees, shall divulge or disclose the results or other particulars of the balloting in advance of the official release provided in Section 9, nor shall he/she disclose the vote of any Member at any time.

11. HONOURS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

- (a) A nomination vetting process is to be performed under the auspices of the Executive Director and such volunteer support enlisted for this committee. The Committee will consist of individuals not involved in the Selection Committee process and, when possible, include one or more CLHOF Historian(s).
- (b) Lacrosse Canada will be approached to confirm that the nominee is not under suspension by that organisation and it will also be approached as a source of confirmation of character as part of the vetting process.
- (c) A search of publicly available records will be performed to ensure completeness of information vouching for confirmation of character and/or relevant information concerning civic service at any level.
- (d) A review of the CLHOF “Power’s Bible of Lacrosse” web site will be performed for each nomination received and relevant information added as addendum by the vetting committee. Any errors or other inconsistencies in the nomination as received will be included in the submission of the nomination to the appropriate Selection Committee.
- (e) Items to be confirmed to the extent possible will include years of participation, records and stats during the years of participation, trophies, awards received and other matters of record cited in the nomination form.

- (f) The Honours Committee shall send the vetted nomination form and documents to the appropriate Selection Committee for processing through the selection steps as outlined in these rules and regulations.
1. Nominees with predominantly Eastern lacrosse careers shall be sent to the Western Selection Committee for the ballot process
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 3. Nominees with lacrosse careers fitting the criteria set out in the definition of the International Selection Committee shall be sent to that committee.

12. ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

- a. An independent body of review, the Adjudication Committee, shall be established to review material complaints about process, procedures and claimed cases of injustice in the application of Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame induction processes. This Committee will also be the prime investigative body in cases involving removal from the Class of Honoured Members of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame
- b. The Executive Committee, working with the Executive Director will be responsible for bringing forward a slate of candidates each January for members of the Adjudication Committee.
- c. The slate should consist of a minimum of 6 members of which 3 would be selected for any single review to ensure that a panel could be formed if some members potential members would have a conflict of interest in a case brought forward.
- d. No set term limits would be set for members of the committee, but a request to renew the appointment of incumbents would, if appropriate, be made each year.
- e. Members of the Committee should be knowledgeable in the history and traditions of lacrosse and whose prestige, judgement, and integrity are most likely to ensure the fair and impartial assessment of merits of the cases submitted for their consideration.

13. REMOVAL OF AN HONOURED MEMBER

A. REMOVAL OF HONOURED MEMBER

Honoured Members of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame may have their membership revoked if it is determined that a member's actions have brought dishonour to the organisation. This decision is based on evidence and guided by the principle of fairness and shall only be made after the Adjudication Committee has ascertained the relevant facts relating to the case under consideration

B. DECISION AUTHORITY

The decision to remove an Honoured Member from the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame shall be made by the Governing Board after considering the recommendation of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Adjudication Committee made to the Governing Board.

C. DUE PROCESS

The recommendation of the Adjudication Committee shall be based on evidence and guided by the principle of fairness and shall only be made after the Committee has ascertained the relevant facts relating to the case under consideration.

D. CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL

The Adjudication Committee shall consider the removal of an Honoured Member if:

- a. the person has been convicted of an indictable only offence; or
- b. the conduct of the person
 - i. Constitutes a significant departure from generally recognized standards of public behaviour which is seen to undermine the credibility, integrity, or relevance of The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, or detracts from the original grounds upon which the induction was based; or
 - ii. Has been subject to official sanction by an adjudicating body of national professional association.

The removal of an Honoured Member is the sole sanction for a person appointed to The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

E. REMOVAL PROCEDURE

The removal procedure will proceed in the following stages:

- a. A request to consider the removal of an Honoured Member may be made by any person in writing to the Executive Director of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame..
- b. If the Executive Director, in consultation with the Governing Board Chair, determines that there may be reasonable grounds for removal of the Honoured Member, the request will be forwarded to the Adjudication Committee for its consideration.
- c. The Adjudication Committee will conduct an investigation of the request including reviewing the validity of information submitted in the request.
- d. If the Adjudication Committee determines that there may be reasonable grounds for removal of the Hall of Famer, the request will be subject to the remainder of the removal process.
- e. The Chair of the Governing Board will send, by registered mail, a written notice advising the person, on the basis of the allegations of fact set out in the notice, that the removal of his/her membership is under consideration. The notice will advise the person that, within the time prescribed in the notice, he or she may
 - a. resign from Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame (see f); or
 - b. makes representations respecting the matter under consideration or any allegation of fact set out in the notice.

The notice will also indicate that the removal process will continue, even if the person omits to reply within the prescribed tie.

- f. If the person chooses to resign from The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the person shall notify the Chair of the Board of Governors in writing of that fact within the time prescribed in the notice. After the acceptance of the person's resignation by the Board of Governors, the person's name will be struck from any list held by The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the person must return the Certificate and/or Awards to The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
- g. If the person elects to make representations respecting the matter under consideration or any allegation of fact set out in the notice, the person or his/ her representative may, within the time prescribed in the notice or as otherwise authorized by the Governing Board, make representations in writing.
- h. If, within the time prescribed in the notice or authorized by the Governing Board, the person fails to reply to the notice, the Governing Board to review the case in accordance with the procedures provided for in (i)
- i. If the person has made representations, all relevant documentation will be sent to the Governing Board for its consideration. After due consideration and consultation with the Adjudication Committee, the Governing Board will produce a report that contains its findings and recommendations with respect to whether or not to remove the person's membership.
- j. The Governing Board will pass a resolution, in accordance with the recommendation of the report,
 - i. to either advise the person in question that he or she remains in Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in good standing; or
 - ii. to remove the person's appointment to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

F. PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of the removal of the person's appointment to Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame shall be published as appropriate.