



DELAWARE SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME (DSHOF) BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

- 1.1 To honor the players, coaches or managers, and umpires who have had outstanding careers and proved through statistics and ability to be superior in the game on the playing field.
- 1.2 To honor teams that have a history of winning through either championship or league play.
- 1.3 To honor contributors who have played a major role in the growth and development of softball in the state of Delaware.
- 1.4 To help bring to the attention of the public the widespread value of, and interest in, the game of softball through the Delaware Softball Hall of Fame.

ARTICLE 2 – NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION

- 2.1 Nominations to the DSHOF can be made through a Hall of Fame committee or voting member. Completed applications must be submitted by June 1st of each year with a resume that includes the accomplishments of the nominee. The written resume may include press clippings, and/or pictures but must list the candidate's accomplishments in a logical order. Once submitted, the resume and application and all other attachments become the property of the DSHOF.
- 2.2 Elections of a nominee to the DSHOF will be managed by the DSHOF Executive Committee. The electors will include the DSHOF Executive Committee and the Voting Members of the DSHOF.
- 2.3 Elections will occur every two years and the candidate must receive a vote from at least three fourths (3/4) of the majority of participating voters on the ballot.
- 2.4 Candidates that fail to attain the three fourth (3/4) majority may reapply after a one year waiting period by filing a new application.
- 2.5 Voting can occur by paper ballot or electronically.

ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Nominees must be 40 years of age by January 1 of the induction year.
- 3.2 Disabled or deceased players will be considered at any age.
- 3.3 The Executive Committee will consider special circumstances that may waive the age requirement.

ARTICLE 4 - NOMINATION CATEGORIES

- 4.1 To be eligible for the DSHOF, a nominee must be included in one or more of the following categories. Player, umpire, manager, coach, team, meritorious service, contributor/sponsor, and honorary. The definitions and required years of service are listed below.
 - A. Player: Players must distinguish themselves in championship play or higher. High school/college players would include letters/awards in their resumes.
 - B. Umpire: Umpires must have a minimum of twelve (12) years of service with championship play experience.
 - C. Manager: Managers must have a minimum of twelve (12) years of service.
 - D. Coach: Must have served twenty years at any level. Lifelong contributions to the sport.
 - E. Team: Teams must have been a softball team for a minimum of eight (8) years.
 - F. Meritorious Service: A category for nominees that do not qualify in any other category.
 - G. Contributor/Sponsor: For individuals who have contributed and helped the sport grow.

H. Honorary: For nominees that have aided the growth of softball (sports writer, organizer, etc.)

4.2 A nominee can be selected for any or all of the categories

4.3 The names of the candidates shall remain confidential except to the Executive Committee and voting members until the inductees have been notified by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE 5 – CHARTER MEMBERS

5.1 The first inductees into the Hall of Fame were those persons chosen based on their many years of meritorious service and worthy contributions. This group will be known as the Charter Members.

ARTICLE 6 – AWARDS

6.1 A plaque will be given to all nominees elected to the Delaware Softball Hall of Fame.

ARTICLE 7 – PRESENTATION

7.1 A formal presentation of the plaque to the newly elected member(s) of the Delaware Softball Hall of Fame will occur in a ceremony that will be held once every two years.

7.2 Introduction of the newly elected members will occur in a roll call at the beginning of the ceremony.

7.3 Accomplishments of the newly elected members to the Delaware Softball Hall of Fame will be printed in a program at the ceremony.

ARTICLE 8 - HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

8.1 The Delaware Softball Hall of Fame Committee exists as four members of the Executive Committee and at least seven but up to ten Voting Members. All current members of the Executive Committee are volunteers. Voting members will be nominated and elected by the Executive Committee.

8.2 The four members of the Executive Committee are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Communications Chairperson. The duties and responsibilities of each office are listed below.

Chairperson: The Chairperson will preside over all Delaware Softball Hall of Fame meetings. This position will also serve as the primary contact for nominees to the DSHOF. He/She will be the de facto Chair of Fund Raising. He/She will have voting rights for by-law changes, appointing voting members, and DSHOF nominee elections.

Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson will assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence and assist the Executive Committee as needed. He/She will have voting rights for by-law changes, appointing voting members, and DSHOF nominee elections.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will maintain the budget of the DSHOF. He/She will provide a financial report of the status of the treasury when requested, will be responsible for filing taxes annually, and maintaining the 501c3 status of the organization. He/She will have voting rights for by-law changes, appointing voting members, and DSHOF nominee elections.

Communications Chairperson: The Communications Chairperson will be the point person in all of the notices and advertising to members. He/She will maintain the DSHOF Facebook page and provide press releases when applicable. He/She will have voting rights for by-law changes, appointing voting members, and DSHOF nominee elections.

8.3 The Voting Members of the DSHOF are appointed from recommendations from the Executive Committee. The sole responsibility of a Voting Member is to vote for candidates for induction into the DSHOF.

ARTICLE 9 – FINANCES

9.1 Donations, fundraising, and banquet revenue for the DSHOF can be deposited either directly into the DSHOF account or into the Fund Raising Account.

9.2 The purpose of the Fund Raising Account is to provide for a more accessible and liquid monetary flow for fund raising activities.

9.3 The Executive Committee Members are authorized to execute withdrawals and deposits.

9.4 Annual tax responsibility and audits will be performed by a contracted agency.

ARTICLE 10 – GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

10.1 Changes to the By-laws of the DSHOF must have at least a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the Executive Committee.

10.2 DSHOF meetings will follow Roberts Rules of Order.