

South Australian Masters Athletics Inc

Hall of Fame *Nomination Criteria*

General

Name

The name of the Hall of Fame shall be the *South Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame* (Hall of Fame)

Objective

The objective for establishing the Hall of Fame is to recognise those outstanding individuals that can be held up as role models for the sport of Masters Athletics in South Australia. Specifically:

- athletes who have demonstrated sustained performances at high levels in the sport of Masters Athletics; and
- administrators that have made an extraordinary, inspirational and dedicated personal contribution to Master Athletics and its development in South Australia and at an Australian level.

Scope

The Hall of Fame will be an elite body with a limited membership based on stringent criteria principally based on performances or activities at state, national and international levels. It will have a status above that of Life Member. The objective of the Hall of Fame is not to recognise longevity of participation or service.

Recognition of Inductees and Members

Inductees into the South Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame will be recognised at the SAMA AGM.

The Hall of Fame will be maintained on the SAMA website (it will not have a physical home).

The information to be provided in the Hall of Fame will be:

- The names of the individuals, the year of their induction and category under which they were inducted (athlete, administrator or athlete/administrator);
- The official SAMA citation to the Hall of Fame as a Virtual Plaque;
- Biographies, statistics and photographs.

Membership

Once accepted into the Hall of Fame inductees will remain members indefinitely, unless they are removed because of conduct prejudicial to the Hall of Fame and the good name of SAMA and the sport in general.

The removal of any inductee from the Hall of Fame shall be voted on by the SAMA Committee on the advice of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Process

Nomination Eligibility

Nominated individuals must be, or have been, active members of SAMA during the period of activity for which they are being considered.

Membership

There shall be three types of membership:

- Athlete
- Administrator
- Athlete/Administrator

Where a nominated individual has contributed to both athlete and administrator categories on a similar level they should be nominated as Athlete/Administrator. Where they have contributed in both areas, but unequally, they should be nominated in the category where their performance was most outstanding.

Nomination Details

To maximise the chance of a nomination for the Hall of Fame succeeding it is important that full documentation is provided, including:

- a completed nomination form addressing in detail all of the Hall of Fame criteria;
- an open athletics biography if appropriate;
- one or more good quality photos including a head shot and action shots of the nominated individual in their main event(s);
- supporting documentation and evidence, such as copies of newspaper articles, and where not readily available - record certificates, results booklets, membership records, testimonials etc.

Nomination can be by any member of SAMA other than the individual being nominated and it must be endorsed by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame will be called for by the SAMA Secretary annually, with submissions to be received for consideration prior to the AGM.

Nominations must be submitted electronically to the Hall of Fame Committee, however, additional supporting documentation may be handed in if unsuitable for scanning.

Consideration

Any nominations will be first considered by the Hall of Fame Committee and if supported shall be ratified by the SAMA Committee.

Once ratified, the Hall of Fame Committee will advise the inductee and organise for their induction at the AGM.

Any decision by the Hall of Fame Committee or the SAMA Committee in relation to nominations for Hall of Fame shall be final. Decisions of the Hall of Fame Committee and SAMA Committee will be based on a simple majority.

The Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of three members of which two including the chair must be members of the SAMA Committee. The other member may be co-opted from the membership of SAMA.

Inductees to the Hall of Fame

SAMA will:

- arrange for the production of a virtual plaque and produce a document of supporting information based on the nomination application;
- present, or arrange to present, the individual with the award at the AGM or at another appropriate occasion. The appointee will be presented with a framed certificate;
- maintain virtual plaques and supporting information for inductees to the Hall of Fame on the SAMA website;
- report new inductees in the SAMA Newsletter;

Limitation

Inductions will be based solely on merit alone. There should be no expectation that an individual will be inducted every year.

Criteria:

The record of a proposed inductee should be self-evident when reviewed in detail, but criteria have been established to guide nominations and their assessment.

AMA Hall of Fame

If a SAMA member is nominated and accepted into the AMA Hall of Fame, they will automatically qualify for the SAMA Hall of Fame if not previously inducted, providing substantial achievement has been in South Australia.

Length of Service

Nomination for the Hall of Fame is only available after a minimum of 12 years regular participation or involvement covering at least 3 age groups. For administrators, achievement from personal effort or initiative is essential, in particular significant contributions to the profile or development of the sport of Masters Athletics. Long-service is not sufficient in itself. The required length of involvement/service may be reduced where the career of the nominated individual was cut short by major injury, illness or death.

Current Status

Hall of Fame nominees may still be active in Masters Athletics, and do not have to be retired or deceased. However, all nominees must have been active in Masters Athletics during the period of under consideration.

Categories for Nomination

- Athlete
- Administrator
- Combined Athlete/Administrator

Athlete Nominees

Demonstrated ongoing achievements at a significant level in Masters Athletics is an

essential criterion for nominated athletes – this is principally through the setting of records at state, national and world levels, and medal placings (particularly winning) at the AMA, Oceania and World Championships. Medal performances at Australian Masters Games will be considered at a lower level. Performances and records may include those achieved as a member of relay teams. The assessment should consider an individual's ongoing dominance of an event or events, and isolated outstanding performances are not considered sufficient for acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

The hierarchy of the significance of accomplishments in order is as follows:

- numbers of individual World Masters Athletics outdoor records;
- numbers of individual World Master Athletics Championships outdoor medals, (gold, silver and bronze in that order);
- numbers of individual Australian Masters Athletics outdoor records;
- numbers of gold medal winning performances at AMA Championships;
- numbers of World Masters Athletics relay records;
- numbers of Australian Masters Athletics relay records;
- numbers of SAMA records held;
- numbers of gold medal winning performances at Oceania Masters Championships;
- numbers of individual World Masters Athletics indoor records;
- numbers of medal winning performances at World Masters Indoor Championships
- numbers of individual Australian Masters Athletics indoor records;
- numbers of gold medal winning performances at Australian Masters Games;
- outstanding performances at other athletic events.

The citation on the presented certificate shall read:

“For athletic achievements at a significant level in Masters Athletics through the setting of records at state, national and world levels, and medal placings at the AMA, Oceania and World Championships.”

Excluded Athlete Performances

Performances in open athletics prior to an athlete's involvement in Masters Athletics, or performances in regional or state-based Masters games or in other Masters sports will not be considered, but can be noted to provide a rounded picture of the individual in the sport. However, performances in open athletics while an athlete is engaged in Masters Athletics should be considered – i.e. a medal winning performance at state open titles.

Administrator Nominees

Substantial and outstanding contributions and achievements to the management and development of Masters Athletics as a result of exceptional personal effort and initiative are essential criteria for an administrator nominee to the Hall of Fame. Such contributions should principally be in South Australia however, contributions interstate and at national and international level of the sport would be a major bonus. It is important to note that long-service is not sufficient in itself, and also that any contributions do not have to be made in a continuous block of time.

The following is a guide for the assessment of administrator contributions and achievements:

- extraordinary, inspirational and dedicated personal contributions to Master Athletics and its development in South Australia and at a National level beyond that normally expected;
- outstanding contributions that have substantially grown the sport and SAMA and its professionalism at the state and national level;
- innovative or pioneering approaches to the organization and management of Masters Athletics;
- contributions that have substantially enhanced the reputation or profile of the sport and SAMA;
- contributions that have assisted the status of Masters Athletics in the sport of athletics more generally in South Australia.

The citation on the presented certificate shall read:

“For substantial and outstanding achievements and contributions to the management and development of Masters Athletics as a result of exceptional personal effort and initiative. “

Excluded Administrator Contributions

Contributions to the management of other athletics organisations prior to an administrator’s involvement in Masters athletics should not be considered but contributions to the management of Masters games or other Masters sports should be noted to provide a rounded picture of the individual in athletics and sport more generally.

Combined Athlete/Administrator Nominees

Where a nominee to the Hall of Fame has achieved significant athletic performances and made outstanding administrative contributions, the athlete may be nominated in the Athlete/Administrator category.

The citation on the presented certificate shall read:

For athletic achievements at a significant level in Masters Athletics through the setting of records at state, national and world levels, and medal placings at the AMA, Oceania and World Championships as well as substantial and outstanding achievements and contributions to the management and development of Masters Athletics as a result of exceptional personal effort and initiative.

Personal Qualities

This is an essential criterion for acceptance into the Hall of Fame, and individuals nominated for either athlete or administrator membership must have conducted themselves throughout their sporting career in a manner that brings credit to themselves and Masters athletics.

The range of personal qualities that should be exhibited by nominated individuals include:

- integrity;
- exemplary sportsmanship;

- affability;
- respect for others;
- support for the values of the sport and SAMA.

Individuals accepted into the SAMA Hall of Fame must be able to be held up as positive role models for the sport of Masters Athletics.

Conduct Unbecoming

Any person who has committed conduct prejudicial to the Hall of Fame and the good name of SAMA shall be ineligible for induction or shall be removed from the Hall. This shall include the taking of performance enhancing drugs that are not permitted under the World Masters Athletics Doping Code.

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Ratified by SAMA Committee