

## **Liberty County Athletic Hall Of Fame by Laws**

### **Article 1**

**Purpose:** The Liberty County Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to recognized athletes, coaches and supporters who have made significant achievements or contributions to athletic endeavors in Liberty County. Recognition will be granted without regard to race, religion or gender.

### **Article 2**

#### **Composition of Board of Directors:**

2.1 The Liberty County athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors shall consist of no less than nine (9) and no greater than twenty (20) members. Members shall be chosen from throughout the community and from across social and cultural sectors.

2.2 Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**2.3 A Nominating committee shall make all nominations for the members of the Board of Directors, but any member may make additional nominations from the floor. Unless elected by acclamation, all officers and directors shall be elected by secret ballot, and a simple majority is needed for election. Each member of the board shall have one (1) vote. The President selects the nominating committee.**

2.4 Board and **Officers** terms are for five (5) years. There is no limit on the number of terms you may serve.

2.5 Terms shall be staggered in a manner determined by the Board of Directors. Terms begin and end the **Second** Monday in April, which is also, the annual meeting date. Four (4) board members shall be elected each year and four (4) will go off each year. Expiration will be determined alphabetically the first five (5) years and dates thereafter.

**2.6 Any Board member missing three (3) consecutive meetings without being excused by the President will automatically be dropped from the Board.**

### **Article 3**

**Actions by the Board of Directors:** For the board to conduct official business, a quorum of the existing board must be deemed to be in effect. A quorum will be considered to be a simple majority of the board of directors. Changes in by-laws or constitution can be made only by a two-thirds vote of the entire board of directors. The by-laws and constitution shall be reviewed annually for possible additions, corrections or deletions.

### **Article 4**

**Eligibility for induction into the Hall of Fame:** Athletes and coaches who are candidates for induction must be at least five (5) years removed from their highest level of competition achieved in Liberty County. Boosters, sponsors, game officials, supporters or other individuals who have promoted athletic endeavors in Liberty County may be considered for induction while still active in their roles. Athletes and coaches can be considered for induction for athletic achievements that did not occur while residing in Liberty County. Teams that competed in Liberty County can also be considered for nomination.

## Article 5

### Process of Nomination:

- 5.1 Nominees can be chosen by a Liberty County resident or by someone who has participated in athletics in Liberty County.
- 5.2 Achievements of a nominee should be listed at all levels of competition.
- 5.3 Those receiving the most votes will be chosen for induction, providing they receive Fifty percent of the Total ballots cast.**
  - a. If enough candidates do not receive the required votes that year's class will be Reduced to the number that qualified.**
  - b. In case of ties the Board of Directors will decide whether to take the Higher or Lower number.**
- 5.4 Nominees who do not earn enough votes for induction will be automatically nominated for the following year's class. Nominees will remain on the ballot for **three** years, at which point their names must be resubmitted for nomination.
- 5.5 Nominations will be taken six months before the induction ceremony (2nd Thursday in June) and decisions on inductees will be made no less than 3 months (2nd Thursday in September) before the induction ceremony.
- 5.6 Board members also are allowed to nominate potential inductees and there is no LIMIT to the number you may nominate.
- 5.7 The number of candidates a board member will vote will equal the number of inductees for that year's class.
- 5.8 All board members will be permitted to Vote either in person or absentee. All absentee Ballots MUST be in possession of the Club President no later than the Designated voting day.**

## Article 6

**Selection Procedure:** The inaugural class for the Liberty County Athletic Hall of Fame shall consist of twenty (20) candidates and ten (10) for the following year. Following classes shall be no fewer than three (3) and no greater than five (5) candidates on an annual basis until such time as the board of directors agrees to change the period of time for induction. The tabulations committee will make tabulations. Ballots will be turned into the club secretary and remain sealed until the **nomination** committee meets.

## Article 7

**Induction Ceremonies:** Induction ceremonies will be held the second Thursday in December. The date will remain the same unless otherwise agreed upon by two-thirds vote of the board of directors. Achievements of inductees shall be listed in the ceremony's program. Inductees will receive a plaque with their likeness, their year of induction and their reason for induction. A photograph of the inductee will remain with the Hall of Fame for display in a facility at the board of directors choosing and the inductees achievements will be recorded in the Hall of Fame journal. Team members whose team is recognized in the Hall of Fame are not considered members, unless otherwise inducted for their individual accomplishments. **All high school state championship teams will be inducted into the hall of fame.**

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