

# Tantasqua Warrior Hall of Fame

## Policy and Procedures

### Purpose

The Tantasqua Warrior Hall of Fame Committee was established as a method of acknowledging outstanding athletic abilities and contributions to the proud Tantasqua community. The Hall of Fame Committee will look to induct members, if possible, each year.

Inductions at this time may take place at the following venues:

- Prior to the Thanksgiving Day home football game, a recognition ceremony will be held to honor the inductees and their families. Before the coin toss, the inductees will also be introduced and escorted to mid-field.
- Prior to a date in which a double-header boy/girl basketball game is scheduled, a recognition ceremony will be held to honor the inductees and their families. Between games of the double-header, the inductees will be introduced and escorted to mid-court.

### Hall of Fame Foyer

A permanent display has been established in the athletic foyer to recognize those enshrined in the Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame. This public display will serve as a way to educate the student body, parents and visitors about the individuals and teams who helped build the Warrior tradition. It also serves as a goal setting standard for our student athletes.

Teams inducted into the Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame will be honored as one.

## **Hall of Fame Committee Membership & Operation**

### Membership

The Hall of Fame will consist of permanent and ad hoc members as follows:

- Permanent standing committee members
  - Current Principal of TRHS or their representative
  - Current Athletic Director of THRS or their representative
  - Current Booster Club President or their representative
  - HOF Chairperson
- Ad hoc members: current and/or former coaches, teachers, administrators, TRHS graduates

There is no limit to committee enrollment. However, discretion should be used in an effort to maintain a group that is able to meet, vote and otherwise function as a committee.

### Operation

All committee members have full voting privileges. A proxy vote may be submitted by submitting a written letter, email, voicemail or text message to any permanent member of the Hall of Fame Committee that can be shared during a Hall of Fame Committee meeting.

Appointment terms to the Hall of Fame Committee are unlimited.

To conduct business, a minimum of 6 members must be present. To change By-Laws and other items set forth in this document will require a vote of at least 2/3 majority.

### **Qualifications for election to the Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame**

The Tantasqua Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame shall have four (4) categories as follows:

- Individual Student-Athlete: Student athletes must have earned a varsity letter in at least two (2) different school years. They must have been selected to an All-League, All-Conference or All-State team. The individual must have graduated from TRHS. No individual will be inducted until they are 7 years removed from graduation. In circumstances where a student athlete does not meet the aforementioned criteria but is a TRHS graduate (7 years removed), has earned at least two (2) varsity letters and has made a professional career in athletics, their nomination will be accepted for consideration.
- Administrator/Friend/Contributor: An individual who has given meritorious service (over and above) to the Tantasqua Athletic programs.
- Coach: Coaches must have a minimum of seven (7) years coaching experience (at any level) at Tantasqua to be considered. This nomination is reserved for coaches that have given meritorious service over and above stated expectations. Coaches must be at least (1) year removed from coaching.
- Team: Any team that wins an MIAA championship will receive automatic induction to the Tantasqua Athletic Hall of Fame.

Other team nominations will be considered based on specific achievements in their sport.

Criteria and qualifications will be primarily based upon accomplishments as part of Tantasqua Athletics. However, applicable achievements after graduating or otherwise leaving Tantasqua may be important for consideration.

### **Selection process and recognition**

Names for nomination may be submitted to the committee at any time via email or US mail. *There will be no induction without a nomination.* Nominations will be accepted throughout the year. The HOF Committee will hold quarterly or trimester meetings to review candidates and conduct other business.

- Email submissions can be sent to the current Athletic Director (see TRHS athletics section the school website: <http://www.tantasqua.org/thhs/>)
- US mail submissions can be sent to:

Tantasqua Regional High School  
c/o Athletic Director  
319 Brookfield Road  
Fiskdale, MA 01518

Nominations must be submitted using the appropriate nomination form as located on the Tantasqua Athletic Website:

- Student-Athletic Nomination Form
- Administrator/Friend/Contributor Form
- Coach Nomination Form
- Team Form

Nomination papers should include as much factual, substantiated data and other supporting information as possible. Acceptable documentation includes newspaper articles, box scores, scorebooks, programs and the like. Nominations will be collected by the HOF Committee. The HOF Chairperson will present nominations during a HOF Committee meeting. A minimum of six (6) members must be present to vote on enshrinement. A minimum vote of 70% (rounded up) must be achieved for any individual, administrator/friend/contributor, coach or team to be inducted into the Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame.

Examples of voting requirements:

- If six members are present to vote, the 70% requirement is 5 votes ( $6 \times 70\% = 4.2$ , rounded to 5).
- If eight members are present to vote, the 70% requirement is 6 votes ( $8 \times 70\% = 5.6$ , rounded to 6).

Voting is done anonymously via ballot and tabulated by a member of the HOF Committee who is present at the voting. If a nominee does not achieve the necessary number of votes, a second and final ballot may occur. If a family member of a HOF Committee member has been nominated, that HOF Committee member may NOT cast a vote for that individual or team (only in the case where the family member is the head coach).

Inductees will be contacted by the HOF Chairperson via letter (either email or US Mail) and be notified as to the details regarding their particular induction ceremony. This notification may also be conducted by other means whereas notification by the HOF Chairperson is not possible or otherwise appropriate.

Individual inductees will be provided a gift from the HOF Committee:

- HOF Ring
- HOF Watch
- HOF Plaque (the same plaque that will hang in the HOF Foyer)

***NOTE: Individual members of a team induction will receive a certificate acknowledging their team's enshrinement.***