



USBC Guidelines for Establishing a Hall of Fame

A hall of fame is an excellent means of honoring and recognizing past and present association members who have excelled on the lanes and/or made valuable contributions in the way of service to the association.

There are no specific USBC rules and regulations governing the creation of a hall of fame.

The association should consider several points:

Is the association ready for a hall of fame? Has the association been in existence long enough to determine a pattern of outstanding performance or service?

Is there funding available?

A task force should be appointed by the president and approved by the board. The task force should:

- Define the purpose of the hall of fame.
- Recommend induction categories (e.g. meritorious service and superior performance, bowler of the year, sponsor of the year, etc.).
- Suggest who will be appointed to future Hall of Fame committees.
- Recommend induction criteria.
- Suggest nomination process and the deadline for nominations.
- Propose selection method. For example:
 - Will recommendations come from the Hall of Fame committee for approval by the board? Or, will the board give the authority to select inductees to the committee?
 - Will there be a limited number of inductees each year?
 - Determine the percentage of votes necessary for nomination and induction (e.g. two-thirds vote).
- Recommend awards to be presented and when inductions will take place. The association may want to induct individuals at a special dinner or banquet, during the annual or fall membership meetings, or at the association tournament.
- Suggest a suitable place for a permanent display of hall of fame members' photos, etc. Possible display sites are community centers, bowling centers, an association office, etc.
- After the task force completes these items, they must be presented to the board for approval and implementation.

Hall of Fame Committee Procedures

The following procedures are suggested and each association may modify them to suit its needs. When the board of directors approves these procedures they must be placed in the association's operations manual.

- The purpose of the Hall of Fame committee shall be to perpetuate the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the sport of American Tenpins and/or have contributed meritorious service to the reputation and progress of bowling in the area served by the _____ USBC Association.
- The hall of fame shall be an official function of the _____ USBC Association, and membership in the hall of fame shall be determined by annual election.
- The Hall of Fame committee is appointed by the president with approval of the board, and should consist of the following:
 - a. Two members of the board of the _____ USBC Association.
 - b. Two life members of the _____ USBC Association (if the association has life members).
 - c. Two hall of fame members (after hall of fame members have been elected).
 - d. Two members of the media (newspaper, radio or television). (This provides non-biased input and could result in promotional ideas.)
 - e. The association president is an ex-officio member of the Hall of Fame committee.
- Candidate Qualifications:

A point system will be used to avoid making a selection based on bias or without supporting documentation. An individual must accumulate _____ points to qualify for induction.

Bowling Achievement

- a. Participated in _____ association tournaments. (____ point each)
- b. Number of seasons with a 200 or above average. _____. (____ point each)
- c. Number of 700 series _____. (____ point each)
- d. Number of association championships:
 - _____ Team (____ point each)
 - _____ Doubles (____ point each)
 - _____ Singles (____ point each)
 - _____ All-Events (____ point each)



Meritorious Service

Number of years as:

- _____ Director (___points per year)
- _____ President (___points per year)
- _____ Vice President (___points per year)
- _____ Association Manager (___points per year)
- _____ League Secretary (___points per year)
- _____ Committee Chair (___points per year)
- _____ Tournament Manager (___points per year)

- Nominations:
 - a. Any member of the _____ USBC Association may submit nominations, along with the nominee's qualifications and achievements (it is suggested that the association have a nomination form to complete so that information is provided uniformly), to the association president or association manager for referral to the Hall of Fame committee.
 - b. Nominations for any year should be presented to the Hall of Fame committee at least _____ days before the meeting at which nominees will be inducted.
- Nominees for the hall of fame may be selected from living members or may be made posthumously.
- Method of Selection:
 - a. The names of nominees should remain anonymous when conducting a ballot vote (i.e. candidate No. 1, candidate No. 2). Only qualifications should be provided to voters. Members of the committee will cast a secret ballot for no more than _____ nominees. It will require two-thirds of the votes cast to present a nominee to the board.
 - b. Final selection of hall of fame inductees shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the association board, based on the recommendation of the Hall of Fame committee. (Or the board could authorize the Hall of Fame committee to make the final selections.)
 - c. The selections shall consist of no more than _____ nominees per year. However, during the first two years of the hall of fame, the committee may select up to _____ per year.
 - d. Nominees not selected in a given year are not automatically included in the next year's selection process. A new resume must be completed if someone wishes to nominate them again.
- _____ (Suitable awards, such as plaques, jackets, etc.) shall be presented to persons inducted into the hall of fame, and these awards shall be presented at _____ (a ceremony such as a dinner, banquet, annual meeting, association tournament, etc.). The board, based on the recommendation of the Hall of Fame committee, or the Hall of Fame committee if given this authority, will decide upon the event. In the case of posthumous awards, they will be presented to a family member of the deceased.
- A quorum at all meetings of the Hall of Fame committee shall be a majority of the committee members.
- These procedures may be amended by the association board (or Hall of Fame committee, if granted this authority by the board) by a two-thirds vote.
- The expense of operating the hall of fame shall be borne by the _____ USBC Association.



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NOTE: Certificates for inductees are available from USBC Headquarters after an association has established its hall of fame. A special hall of fame certificate can be found in the “Forms and Manuals” section of bowl.com, complete the form with the appropriate information, print and present.

NOTE: The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame has an Honor Certificate and computerized display that honors state and local hall of fame inductees. To order/register, go to bowlingmuseum.com, click on “Museum Store,” click on “Search,” and enter hall of fame or complete the form that is printed with the USBC Hall of Fame Certificate and mail to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.