

**Bylaws  
of the  
North Carolina Water Ski Hall of Fame**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Article I. Purpose**

*Section 1.01 The purpose is to elect a person who has contributed to the growth, betterment, vitality, and achievements to, and in, the sport of water skiing with regard to the state of North Carolina.*

**Article II. Selection Process**

*Section 2.01 Hall of Fame Categories*

- (a) North Carolina competitive 3 event water skiers
- (b) North Carolina water skiing pioneers
- (c) North Carolina water skiing officials

*Section 2.02 Hall of Fame Eligibility*

- (a) Competitive Skiers
  - i) It is the responsibility of the Hall of Fame Committee to ensure candidates fulfill the purpose of the NC Hall of Fame as stated above
  - ii) One, two, and three event skiers are eligible.
  - iii) The Committee will consider the following factors in voting on competitive skiers:
    - a. Sportsmanship, character, and integrity
    - b. State, Regional, National, and World Records set
    - c. Skiing record and placement in the International, Nationals, Regionals, and North Carolina State Championships
    - d. State, Regional, National, and international titles held
    - e. Service as an official, in addition to their athletic endeavors, should be a minor consideration in this category as well.
- (b) Pioneers
  - i) This category is neither defined or definable, but is intended for people whose contributions to the sport do not fall into other categories. Those whose principal contributions are as water skiing officials should not be considered as pioneers. Individuals whose qualifications relate to the development of a specific discipline should be considered based on the importance of their contributions to the sport of water skiing as a whole.
- (c) Officials
  - i) Candidates should be considered for major contributions over an extended period of time. They should not be voted based solely on isolated outstanding contribution. Also, mere length of service should not be a single factor in this category. The emphasis is on achievements, not of offices held or time served.

- ii) The term “official” should cover judges, drivers, scorers, NCWSA officers, Regional councilpersons, tournament chairman of major tournaments, tournament announcers, and water skiing writer or promoter. The main emphasis on all of these positions is the contributions to North Carolina skiing. Candidates are not generally judged on a single function, but rather an accumulation of contributions in all the areas in which they served.
- iii) Generally, 15 years of service should be required as a minimum for consideration. However, length of service should never qualify anyone for induction, this is merely a show of dedication to the sport.
- iv) Generally, a minimum age of 50 should be used. However, in the case that someone retires prior to that age they should be considered at an earlier time.

#### *Section 2.03 Award of Distinction Eligibility*

- (a) This award was created in 2019 to recognize the individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to our sport. They may include tournament skiers, riders, innovators, industry leaders, officials and others responsible for landmark achievements in the development of water skiing & wake sports as well as those whose long periods of dedicated and generous service deserve special recognition. Even those who have later become famous outside the sport and others whose contributions have been in the form of resources or public relations are eligible for nomination for the Award of Distinction.
- (b) There is no requirement that a potential candidate be retired to receive consideration for the Award of Distinction, although preference is unlikely for skiers still competing even if he or she is a favorite to be elected to the Hall of Fame upon retirement. Those honored with the Award of Distinction remain eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame.

#### *Section 2.04 The Hall of Fame Committee*

- (a) Will consist of three NCWSA board members (council persons, officers or a combination of the two) and five current members of the North Carolina Waterski Hall of Fame (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
  - i) The three NCWSA board members will all serve a one-year term and will be appointed by the NCWSA president.
  - ii) The five current members of the Hall of Fame will serve a two-year term. (Exception, the two most senior inductees will only serve a one-year term in 2023 to ensure committee continuity). Hall of Fame committee members will be selected starting with the most senior candidates and then moving forward through the list as new committee members are needed. Inductees can waive their right to serve on the committee during their turn at which time the chairperson will move forward through the list. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
- (b) Can consist of 3 more volunteers of the general membership as non-voting members.
- (c) All committee terms will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> and end on December 31<sup>st</sup>. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
- (d) Any NCWSA member may request to address the Hall of Fame committee by notifying the chairperson in writing prior to their next meeting. If there are multiple NCWSA members addressing the committee the chairperson may impose time limits on those presentations. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)

#### *Section 2.05 Nominations, Voting, and Induction*

- (a) Nominations

- i) Nominations may be a single person, a couple, a family, or a club
  - ii) Nominations for induction into the North Carolina Hall of Fame and Award of Distinction must be submitted in writing to the Hall of Fame Committee chairperson no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59:59 pm. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
  - iii) The Hall of Fame Committee shall be presented with a written rationale including accomplishments/achievements, and any other reasons for the nomination. Failure to include this information may result in the committee removing this nomination from consideration.
- (b) Voting
- i) The Hall of Fame Chairperson, with input from the committee, will arrange for an in-person meeting prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting the committee will have final discussions on nominations and will cast their final votes for that year's Hall of Fame and Award of Distinction candidates. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
  - ii) Official ballots will be counted by the chairperson and the results will be announced at the conclusion of the in-person meeting.
  - iii) Candidates must receive six votes from the committee to be inducted into the Hall of Fame or receive the Award of Distinction. If no candidate receives the required six votes, then there will be no induction for that year. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
- (c) Induction
- i) There shall be no more than one Hall of Fame award recipient and no more than two Award of Distinction recipients per year. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
  - ii) After the chairperson has announced the results to the committee, he/she will then contact the award recipient(s). After the recipient(s) have been notified, the chairperson may direct the results be sent out via social media.
  - iii) Plaques for the Hall of Fame will be presented at an induction ceremony held during the banquet at the North Carolina State Waterski Championships and Summer meeting. Award of Distinction candidates will be recognized and receive their plaques during the tournament at a time determined by the host club and the Hall of Fame chairperson. (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)
  - iv) Anyone who receives the Award of Distinction will still remain eligible to be considered for Hall of Fame induction at a later time.

#### *Section 2.06 Changes to the Hall of Fame Selection Process*

- (a) Any NCWSA or North Carolina Hall of Fame Committee member wishing to make changes to the induction process should make these recommendations at the NCWSA winter meeting
- (b) The general membership present at this meeting will vote to accept or reject any changes presented