

The North Carolina Water Ski Hall of Fame

As of November 17, 2009

Purpose: 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.

The Selection Process

Categories for Hall of Fame Membership

1. Competitive 3 event water skiers.
2. North Carolina water skiing pioneers.
3. North Carolina water skiing officials.

Eligibility for pioneers

1. 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.

Eligibility for Competitive Skiers

1. 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.
2. One, two, and three event skiers are eligible.
3. 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.

Eligibility for officials

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Election Procedure

The Hall of Fame Committee:

- A. Will consist of the 5 NCWSA board members and the chairman of the committee.
- B. The chairperson will be appointed by the 5 NCWSA board members.
- C. Will include any persons elected to the Hall of Fame for the entirety of their lives as non-voting members. Can consist of 3 more volunteers from the general membership as non-voting members.
- D. Will elect inductees by affirmative vote of a majority of those committee members casting ballots.
- E. Will induct no more than two persons per year, following the first years induction.
- F. The 5 assigned committee members are not eligible for induction during their term on the committee.
- G. In case of an even number of committee members the President of the association will step off of the committee for that years induction vote.

Nominations, Voting, and Induction:

- A. Nominations for induction into the North Carolina Hall of Fame will be made in writing to the Hall of Fame Committee by any Hall of Fame member or any member of the North Carolina Water Ski Association.
- B. The Hall of Fame Committee shall be presented with a written rationale including accomplishments/achievements, and any other reasons for the nomination.
- C. The deadline for nominations will be the March 1st each year.
- D. Nominations shall be sent to the chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee. The chairperson shall send each member of the committee a copy of all of nominations by April 1st of each year.
- E. The ballots should be returned to the committee chairperson by May 1st of each year. The chairperson will notify all inductees by June 1st of each year.
- F. Plaques and awards will be received at an induction ceremony at the State Championships banquet and summer meeting.
- G. The first years inductions shall allow one inductee from each category to be carried out as follows:
 - 1. Written nominations are to be made to the chairperson no later than March 1st 2005.
 - 2. The chairperson shall distribute these nominations along with a ballot to the committee members by April 1st 2005.
 - 3. All ballots are to be returned to the chairperson by May 1st 2005.
 - 4. The chairperson will notify all inductees by June 1st 2005.
 - 5. The induction ceremony will take place at the NC State Championships banquet.
- H. If the Committee feels there are no eligible candidates they will be able to decide to hold no vote for that years inductions.

Changes to the Hall of Fame Induction Process

- A. Any NC Water Ski Association or Hall of Fame Committee member wishing to make changes to the induction process should make these recommendations at the winter meeting of the association.

- B. The general membership present at this meeting will vote to accept or decline any changes presented at the meeting.