



# HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

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## 1 – PURPOSE

To recognize outstanding achievement and contribution to amateur wrestling in or for Canada.

There will be two (2) categories of membership in the Wrestling Hall of Fame:

- Wrestlers
- Builders

## 2 – WRESTLER’S CATEGORY

### *PURPOSE*

To formally recognize the achievements of those wrestlers who have represented Canada at major international competitions or games.

### *QUALIFICATIONS*

The following criteria will be considered to be eligible for nomination:

- Must have won at least four (4) Canadian Senior Championships and a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games and/or the Pan American Games, and or the World Cup while representing Canada.

OR

- Must have won a medal in the Olympic Games or the Senior World Championships while representing Canada.
- Any wrestler winning a gold medal in the Olympic Games or Senior World Championships, while representing Canada, shall automatically qualify for admission to the Wrestling Canada Lutte Hall of Fame. These inductions will take place after they have been retired for five years.
- Wrestler candidates other than Olympic or World gold medal winners, shall not be considered until after a five year waiting period following retirement from major championship competition.

OR

- Exceptional circumstance: Athletes who do not meet all of the criteria above may still be eligible based on other exceptional circumstances. This can include contributions to the sport of wrestling such as dedication, promotion and embodying the spirit of the wrestling community. In addition, this category will consider accomplishments made by an athlete to a previous country of residence, prior to competing for or representing Canada.

### **3 – BUILDER’S CATEGORY**

#### *PURPOSE*

To formally recognize the contribution, leadership and abilities of those individuals who participate in the development of wrestling.

This category shall be open to any individual who has served or is serving wrestling as a Coach, an Official, an Administrator, a Manager or a combination of these functions. The number of inductees to the Hall of Fame in any one year in the Builder’s Category shall be limited to one regardless of the sub-category (coach, official, administrator, manager).

#### *QUALIFICATIONS FOR COACHES TO THE BUILDER’S CATEGORY*

- Must have coached at least twenty (20) years, not necessarily consecutively.
  
- Must have placed teams in the top three (3) in Canada (cadet, junior, senior or U SPORTS) on five (5) occasions; or must have had at least three (3) medals in these competitions on five (5) occasions.
  
- Must have coached a Canadian team in the Olympic Games, and/or Commonwealth Games, and/or Pan American Games and/or World Championships, on at least five (5) occasions; or must have produced athletes directly to these teams (i.e. the athlete proceeded from the club team to the national team with no intermediary coaching) who won medals on at least five (5) occasions. This could comprise of one (1) athlete winning five (5) medals, or five (5) athletes each winning a single (1) medal.
  
- Other contributions such as clinics, videos, films, books and training manuals will be considered, but are of secondary importance.

#### *QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICIALS TO THE BUILDER’S CATEGORY*

- Must have officiated at least twenty (20) years, not necessarily consecutively.
  
- Must have officiated at the National (cadet, junior, senior or CIS) Championships on at least five (5) occasions.
  
- Must have officiated at the Olympic Games, and/or Commonwealth Games, and/or Pan American Games, and/or World Championships on at least five (5) occasions.
  
- Other contributions such as clinics, videos, films, books and training manuals will be considered, but are of secondary importance.

#### *QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATORS TO THE BUILDER’S CATEGORY*

- Must have served as an administrator for at least twenty (20) years, not necessarily consecutive.
- Must have served on a national board or committee for at least eight (8) years.
- Consideration will be given to other contributions such as championship organization (national or international events); as well as the production of videos, films, books, manuals, etc.

*QUALIFICATIONS FOR MANAGERS TO THE BUILDER’S CATEGORY*

- Must have served as a manager for at least twenty (20) years, not necessarily consecutively.
- Must have managed a Canadian team in the Olympic Games, and/or Commonwealth Games, and/or Pan American Games, and/or World Championships, on at least five (5) occasions.
- Consideration will be given to other contributions such as championship organization (national or international events), as well as the production of videos, films, books, manuals, etc.

Exceptional circumstance: Builders who do not meet all of the criteria above may still be eligible based on other exceptional circumstances. This can include contributions to the sport of wrestling such as dedication, promotion and embodying the spirit of the wrestling community. In addition, this category will consider accomplishments made by a builder to a previous country of residence, prior to competing for or representing Canada. This clause may also supersede the minimum years of service required if an individual’s contribution is deemed to have significantly impacted the sport in a shorter period of time.

**4 – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

Nominations shall be made in writing and must be filed with the National Office. Nominations must be made on the forms provided in order to be considered. Each nomination must be accompanied by a citation covering, in as great detail as possible, the wrestling accomplishments or the service record or both of the person or persons nominated. Nominations for inductions into the Hall of Fame will remain valid for a five year period.

Nominations may originate from an individual, club, association, or by a member of the Hall of Fame Committee. The Past President is responsible for identifying and bringing forward Hall of Fame nominations for deserving individuals as required.

Those who are admitted to the Wrestling Canada Lutte Hall of Fame will be suitably recognized.

A Wrestling Canada Lutte Hall of Fame register shall be kept by the National Office for the purpose of recording names, citations, photographs or other material considered of value for records of all persons installed in the Hall of Fame.

Certain artifacts and memorabilia may be presented to the Hall on behalf of those installed in the Hall. The acceptance of such items will be based upon a decision by the Board of Directors of Wrestling Canada Lutte. All items would become the property of the Hall.

#### *SELECTION COMMITTEE*

The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

1. Members shall be appointed because of their knowledge in the history, tradition and skills of wrestling and whose prestige, judgement and integrity are most likely to ensure the fair and impartial assessment of the qualities of the candidate submitted.
2. Appointments of the Committee shall be made with the object of securing maximum continuity of composition of the Committee.
3. Appointments to fill a vacancy by death or resignation, may be made at any time.
4. The Executive Director shall be ex-officio and the Secretary of the Committee.
5. Each Committee member including the Chairman shall have one (1) vote on each ballot of the election proceedings.

\* Members of the Selection Committee are eligible for election to the Hall of Fame.

#### *METHOD OF SELECTION*

The selection of candidates shall take place at least once a year (1), however, it is not mandatory to admit anyone every year. The guideline for induction into the Hall of Fame is a preference for three inductees per year, with a maximum of four in total and that a maximum of two builders be inducted in any one year.

The Secretary shall send out to each member of the Selection Committee, a copy of each nomination and recommendation received and all supporting material, together with the names of their respective nominators. This shall be done not less than two (2) months prior to the date of induction.

If a meeting of the Selection Committee is held, the Chairman shall preside and the following order of business shall be observed, as far as possible.

1. Submission of roster of candidates certified by the Secretary as having been duly nominated and that they are eligible for election as stated under qualifications on page one. No other candidate shall be considered.
2. Consideration of candidates and supporting material.
3. Secret ballot shall be used.
4. Declaration of ballot results.

5. Other business.

If it is not possible to have a meeting, the selection will be made by mail, using the above procedure.

## **5 – OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR AWARD**

### *PURPOSE*

To formally recognize the contribution, leadership and abilities of those individuals who participate in the sport without thought of reward other than the personal satisfaction of sharing their knowledge.

### *CRITERIA*

- Demonstrated leadership abilities
- Service to the national association
- Community leadership within wrestling
- High moral character

### *ELIGIBILITY*

- No member of the Board of Directors or Executive of Wrestling Canada Lutte shall be eligible during his/her term of office. S/he shall be eligible only after a one (1) year absence from the Board.
- A person may not win this award more than once.
- No paid employee of Wrestling Canada Lutte shall be eligible.
- Aside from the above noted restrictions, the award shall be open to any individual, man or woman, working within amateur wrestling and could include a Coach, Trainer, Manager, a member of a branch, etc.

### *TIME PERIOD*

- There is no restriction upon the time which must be considered as the contribution may have been accumulated over a period of years.
- Names of candidates may be re-submitted at any time.

### *SELECTION PROCESS*

- Anyone may submit a candidate. However, all submissions must be endorsed by the Provincial/Territorial Branch.

## **6 – MEDIA AWARD**

### *PURPOSE*

To recognize those individuals within the media (press/ radio/ TV) who have actively supported amateur wrestling through their efforts in the promotion and reporting of wrestling at the community and/or national level.

This Award is provided at the discretion of the Awards & Hall of Fame Committee (AHOF) and need not be awarded every year.

All nominations for the Award are to include a citation, name of nominee, and rationale for nomination. The nomination must be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Branch.