

Southern Tier USBC (86266)

Hall Of Fame Procedure

1. Name: The name of this organization shall be the "Southern Tier USBC Hall of Fame", hereafter referred to as "the Hall of Fame".
2. The Southern Tier USBC's Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", shall govern the Hall of Fame.
3. Purpose: To honor members of the Southern Tier USBC, who, by their talents, whether executive, organizational, scoring ability or longevity, have aided in the further promotion of the sport of bowling within the Southern Tier USBC.
4. Structure: The Hall of Fame shall consist of four (4) categories plus Veteran Bowler award:
 - a. Superior Performance - Members who qualify through their superior scoring performance.
 - b. Meritorious Service - Members who qualify through dedicated service to and promotion of the sport of bowling within the local association.
 - c. Senior Star - Members who are at least 60 years of age and qualify through superior scoring performance and/or dedicated service to the local association.
 - d. Special Merit - Members, who may not meet all of the qualifications of the above categories, but, in unusual or deserving instances, may be elected by the Board.
 - e. Veteran Bowler – Members who are over 90 years of age, have bowled most of their lives and do not meet criteria for membership in the Hall of Fame.
5. Eligibility - Any member of the Southern Tier USBC, or a friend or relative of said member, may submit a name for Hall of Fame consideration. The name must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a written resume of the individual's accomplishments and/or service contributions and must meet eligibility requirements listed below:
 - a. A person must have been a member of the local bowling association for a minimum of 17 years. Exception: may be waived by 75% approval of the Board of Directors for categories 4.c and 4.d.
 - b. Superior Performance
 - i. Minimum age of 35 years.

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- ii. Currently active in the sport of bowling. iii. Lifetime composite average of: Male -205 or better; Female - 190 or better.
 - iv. Last five years composite average of: Male - 215 or better; Female - 200 or better.
 - v. Must have participated in tournament activity.
 - vi. Must display good sportsmanship on the lanes.
- c. Meritorious Service
- i. Must have served at least 15 years of service.
- d. Senior Star
- i. Minimum age of 60 years.
 - ii. Above average accomplishments in scoring performance and/or service to the local bowling association.
- e. Veteran Bowler
- i. Minimum age of 90 years
 - ii. Consistent bowling over lifetime and at least 20-year membership in Southern Tier USBC
- f. All applications must indicate an eligibility category, which may be changed by the Board should a candidate qualify for more than one category.
- g. Applications shall be approved by the Board and then turned over to the nomination committee for balloting consideration. Exception: the Board may take appropriate action necessary for the Special Merit and Veteran Bowler categories at any time during the season for unusual circumstance.
- h. Applications for Hall of Fame must be received and on file by September 30 of the year prior to nomination consideration.
6. Evaluation - The Hall of Fame committee, as identified in the Southern Tier USBC Committee Assignments, shall be responsible for the following:

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- a. The review of all submitted candidate applications and evaluation as to their eligibility for consideration per paragraph 5 above.
 - b. A report shall be presented to the Board documenting the current status of all new candidate applications and the status of all applications on file for each relevant category.
7. Acceptance - The Board shall approve and accept the report submitted by the Hall of Fame committee per paragraph 6.b subject to the following:
- a. A quorum is mandatory and shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the Board.
 - b. A majority vote is required to accept the list of newly submitted applications to be considered for nomination in the current year. If any challenge is made to this list, that challenge must first be validated and accepted, and upon acceptance of said challenge, each and every newly submitted application will be acted upon individually for acceptance.
 - c. All previously accepted applications cannot be challenged or removed and are not subject to re-acceptance.
8. Nomination - A nomination committee, as appointed by the Southern Tier USBC President, shall meet and recommend candidates to the Board and current Hall of Fame members to be considered at its annual Hall of Fame Election meeting. The following guidelines shall be used:
- a. Candidate applications must be received and on file by September 30 of that year prior to nomination consideration. The committee shall verify the qualifications of candidate resumes.
 - b. A minimum of one (1) application is mandatory in each of the Superior Performance, Meritorious Service and Senior Star categories.
 - c. If four (4) or more applications are on file for a category, then the committee shall reduce the slate for that category down to three (3) candidates.
 - d. If one (1) to three (3) qualifying applications are on file for a category, then those candidates will be automatically placed on the slate.
 - e. If no applications are on file for a category, then there will be no candidates submitted for nomination and there will be no inductee in that category.
9. Election - The Southern Tier USBC shall elect Hall of Fame inductees as follows:

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- a. A minimum of six (6) inductees will be elected each year into the Hall of Fame, two each, one male and one female, from each of the Superior Performance, Meritorious Service and Senior Star categories. If insufficient candidate applications are on file for any of the named categories, then no inductee will be elected from the relevant category. The Board holds the final say as to the slate of inductees presented for election into the Hall of Fame at the recommendation of the Nomination committee.
- b. One (1) inductee may be elected from the Special Merit category only when the Board recommends the candidate. Election is done by the Board only, as stated in the Structure and Eligibility sections of this procedure.
- c. One (1) awardee may be determined from the Veteran Bowler award category if a nomination form is on file. Determination is done by the Board only, as stated in the Structure and Eligibility sections of this procedure.
- d. The elections referenced above shall happen at the annual Southern Tier USBC Hall of Fame Election meeting and are subject to the following requirements:
 - i. A quorum is mandatory and shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the Board.
 - ii. All members of the Hall of Fame and the Board are eligible to vote for inductees.
 - iii. Absentee or Proxy ballots are acceptable and shall be used throughout the voting process. The Hall of Fame Committee must receive all proxy ballots by the date specified on the proxy ballot form. Proxies must be signed by the eligible member and sealed in an envelope marked "PROXY". Suspect proxies shall be reviewed by the committee and accepted or rejected as appropriate.
 - iv. Categories shall be balloted on individually until a candidate is elected. Order of election, by category, is Superior Performance, then Meritorious Service, then Senior Star. If after five (5) ballots no candidate is elected, then the Board alone shall vote until a candidate is elected. If after five (5) ballots by the Board no candidate receives the majority, then both candidates shall be elected.
 - v. Candidates must receive a "majority" of the ballots cast including proxies. If three (3) names are on the ballot for any category and no one is elected on the first ballot, then the candidate with the fewest votes shall be dropped and sufficient ballots cast, per paragraph 9.c.iv above, until a candidate is elected.

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10. Induction - Induction of the new Hall of Fame members shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board. The Hall of Fame Committee shall make recommendations and make all preparations.
11. Awards - Awards and amenities shall be at the discretion of the Board.
12. Life Membership - A member elected to the Hall of Fame shall be eligible for paid Life Membership in the Southern Tier USBC as long as he/she is still actively bowling. Life Membership may be forfeited or suspended should any member's action be deemed unacceptable by three fourths (3/4) of the Board. Reinstatement requires the same action by three fourths (3/4) of the Board.

Note: This procedure is subject to change by Hall of Fame Committee recommendation.