

Galway Jr/Sr High School

Athletic Wall of Fame

Constitution and By-Laws

The mission of the Galway Athletic Wall of Fame is to recognize and honor athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and community supporters who have made significant contributions to the Galway athletic program through their service, performance, dedication, commitment, and accomplishment.

Article 1 - Purpose

The purpose of the Galway Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and community contributors of Galway Athletics to:

- ❖ Establish in our athletes a motivating influence to excel in athletics as well as community
- ❖ Foster pride, promote good sportsmanship, scholarship and citizenship in our school and community
- ❖ Promote the pride and tradition of Galway Athletics

Article 2 – Candidates for Membership

Candidates for membership in the Galway Athletic Wall of Fame shall be former Galway athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and community contributors who have met the requirements set forth in this constitution.

Criteria for Selection:

Candidates for the Galway Athletic Hall of Fame must meet one of the criteria listed below:

Student Athlete

- ❖ Graduated from Galway 5 years ago or more
- ❖ Received All-Section/League award
- ❖ Received All-State award
- ❖ Recognized award winner for league, section, state awards
- ❖ Received collegiate/professional status
- ❖ Must have demonstrated good citizenship and character
- ❖ **Continues to be a positive role model**

Team

- ❖ Recognized team award 5 years ago or more
- ❖ Recognition of achievement at league, section, regional or state levels.

Coach

- ❖ Coached within the district for more than 5 years
- ❖ Served with distinction in the sport programs
- ❖ Eligible 3 years after retirement from coaching
- ❖ **Continues to be a positive role model**

Administrator

- ❖ Has been a staff member for more than 5 years
- ❖ Has served with distinction in the Galway Athletic program
- ❖ **Continues to be a positive role model**

Community Contributor

- ❖ Went above and beyond for the student-athletes at Galway
- ❖ **Continues to be a positive role model**

Number of Inductees:

Starting with the class of 2016 and all future classes shall include not more than 4 athletes and/or teams, and not more than 1 coach, administrator, community member. ~~or member of the legacy group; for a total of not more than 6 inductees.~~ One member of the legacy group will be selected each year, by a separate vote. (2021)

If any legacy member gets more than half the votes, they will be inducted (As of 2022)

Article 3 - Amendment Process

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of committee members.

Article 4 – Committee Membership

The Galway Athletic Wall of Fame shall consist of a 12 person voting committee. Standing membership for those on the committee are 12 Galway community and school members, 3 of which must be or have served as a Galway School coach. Members may be former players, coaches, administrators, teachers or supporters who have historical knowledge of the athletic program.

Each membership is a three-year appointment.

The inaugural committee shall be appointed by the Athletic Director for two years. The chairperson will be selected by a majority vote of the members. After two years on the committee three members will rotate off, with the remaining members selecting three new members by a majority vote.

All business decisions of the committee will be determined by a majority vote of the members of the committee in attendance. A minimum of 7 members is necessary to conduct business.

Article 5 – Voting Procedures

The voting procedures of the Galway Athletic Wall of Fame shall be as follows:

1. The Wall of Fame Committee members will receive a packet containing the applications for all nominees.
2. Each committee member will vote for a predetermined number of candidates based on the total number of applicants received (It is suggested that the Athletic Director establish 3 candidates).
3. All nominees receiving at least one vote will be listed for second round voting.
4. After open discussion about the candidates, a vote will be conducted for the purposes of choosing inductees.
5. Voting will be conducted according to a point system:

Athletes and Teams

First Choice	=	5 points
Second Choice	=	4 points
Third Choice	=	3 points
Fourth Choice	=	2 points
Fifth Choice	=	1 point

Coaches, Administrators, Community Members or Member of Legacy Group

First Choice	=	3 points
Second Choice	=	2 points
Third Choice	=	1 point

6. The induction class is determined by totaling the number of votes for each candidate. The four individuals or teams with the highest vote total shall be inducted into the Wall of Fame for that year at the discretion of the committee. In the category of coach, administrator, community member or member of the legacy group the individual selected must achieve a point total equal to or more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the maximum number of points that could be achieved, depending on the number of voters.

Example: 12 voters x 3 points (max) = 36

$\frac{2}{3}$ or 24 points required

(If no one receives the necessary number of points no one would be selected for that year. if more than one qualifies, the individual with the highest point total is selected).

7. In case of a tie in voting, there will be a third ballot with the membership voting for only one of the nominees who are tied.
8. The annual voting of the Wall of Fame Committee will be confidential.
9. Inductees will be announced at a predetermined time following the selection process and after the individuals have been contacted and indicated that they will be present or represented at the induction ceremony.

Article 6 – Financial Responsibility

The Galway Wall of Fame shall be self-supporting with no financial burden on the school district. Finances will be generated through the efforts of patrons, sponsors, booster clubs and targeted fund-raising efforts.