Babe Ruth League, Inc.



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## BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATING PROCEDURE

## NOMINATIONS

Active and inactive members of Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball shall be eligible. Active members must have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of service. Active members of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. International Board of Directors will not be eligible unless they have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of service and are 75 years of age or older. Anyone can nominate an individual, organization or group for election to the Hall of Fame. All nominations are to be channeled through Headquarters. Headquarters will forward all nominations to the Hall of Fame Screening Committee which will review the nominees and their qualifications. Headquarters will send the nominations to the State and Regional Commissioners concerned for their comments. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Hall of Fame Committee and postmarked by August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The Hall of Fame Screening Committee will present to the Board of Directors for election to the Hall of Fame only those nominees which have 100 percent endorsement of the Hall of Fame Committee. All nominations must be presented in writing to the committee, postmarked by August 31st of each year. Any nominations that have not been favorably acted upon within a period of three years will need to be re-submitted, and whoever submitted, the nomination shall be so notified by Headquarters within thirty days after the International Board of Directors Meeting.

## **ELECTIONS**

The Board of Directors of Babe Ruth League, Inc. will elect the members to the Hall of Fame. Each nominee must be elected by at least 75 percent of the members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

## <u>SITE</u>

The Babe Ruth League, Inc. Hall of Fame shall be a part of the International Headquarters and, if possible, also displayed in the Babe Ruth Baseball designated display area in Cooperstown, New York at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

## **RECOGNITION**

The election of members to the Hall of Fame and/or their respective families and/or company officials shall be officially notified in writing by Babe Ruth League, Inc. International Headquarters. It shall be announced by news releases and Babe Ruth League, Inc. mediums. The recipient or designated representative shall be presented the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Hall of Fame Plaque. All members of the Hall of Fame will have their name and the year of their induction displayed on a plaque at the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Headquarters.

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## **OPERATION OF HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**

Upon receipt of an inquiry or recommendation letter, Headquarters will screen these to determine the eligibility of the nominee. Any nominee not eligible shall be noted to the Hall of Fame Committee.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Babe Ruth League, Inc. Public Relations Director shall be responsible for notifying the Associated Press and the United Press International within thirty days after the Board Meeting of those who were elected.

#### PROCEDURE

Nominations shall be submitted on forms available from International Babe Ruth League, Inc. International and shall contain detailed chronological supportive information outlining the qualifications of the nominee.

Nominations shall be submitted to International Babe Ruth League, Inc., 1670 Mercerville Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619.

The closing date for all nominations and all comments in any calendar year shall be August 31<sup>st</sup>. Headquarters must receive it on or before this annual date to be included for consideration.

All nominations received shall be date stamped when received, and acknowledged in writing by Babe Ruth League, Inc.

A copy of the letter of acknowledgement shall be sent to the Hall of Fame Committee as they are received.

Following the closing date for nominations, all nominations shall be formally summarized by Babe Ruth League, Inc. staff and forwarded to the Hall of Fame Committee within thirty days.

The summarized nominations shall be coded to identify the status of the nominations as current, second or third year.

Nominations received are eligible for consideration for three (3) consecutive years and are then considered inactive. A nomination must be resubmitted in order to be considered for an additional three (3) year period.

All nominations are screened by the Screening Committee who vote on a small maximum of newly honored members to be elected by the Board of Directors each year.

## ADMINISTRATOR

Any individual who has been active in an administrative executive capacity and who has made an outstanding contribution to, or has been instrumental in the organization of a program and who actively participated in the administration of such over an extended period of time, will be determined by the Screening Committee.

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In all cases the contribution must have been directed to the objectives of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and should have shown progressive positive results. Candidates may be active or inactive at the time of their consideration.

## **UMPIRES**

Any individual who has been involved in the administration of an association, embodying game officials, and who in his/her capacity as an umpire, has by his/her excellence, dedication and conduct made an outstanding contribution to the Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball program.

Such a contribution shall have covered an extended period of time that will be determined by the Screening Committee.

## COACH OR MANAGER

Any individual who has acted in the capacity of coaching or managing teams in any division of Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball and who has not only had outstanding success competitively but has also made an outstanding contribution to the development of the total Babe Ruth program and the young men and women participating in our youth programs.

#### **OTHERS**

Any individual who has made an outstanding contribution while acting in an informal executive role and/or business capacity whose contribution has been of specific merit and directly benefiting the International Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball programs for our youth shall be eligible for consideration.

Such a contribution shall have covered an extended period of time that will be determined by the Screening Committee.

## **METHOD OF SELECTION**

The selection of candidates shall be conducted annually. The selection procedure will be held at the annual Board of Directors meeting.

## SCREENING PROCESS

All active nominations, current, second and third year are reviewed and recorded. Through discussion, a list is compiled of those individuals to continue in the voting process.

All inactive nominations in their second and third year are reviewed. The Hall of Fame Committee may reinstate any of these nominations to the list of active nominations for further consideration. The committee shall have the power to establish a quota of candidates to be elected.

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#### SELECTION PROCEDURE

Each member of the committee shall be provided with the names of the people on the active and the inactive lists. Also, a summary of each individual's accomplishment and contribution from the nominating forms and other data that may have been included.

## RATIFICATION

The Committee Chairperson shall present the names of the selected candidates to the Board of Directors for ratification. A 75 percent vote of approval of those in attendance shall be necessary for ratification of the Committee's recommendation.

All details of the selections and results are to remain confidential until officially released to the individuals by a letter from the International Headquarters within seven days from the vote. The media then should release the data immediately.

## **PUBLICATION OF SELECTIONS**

Following ratification, the International Headquarters shall be responsible for performing the following duties:

- 1. Prepare a brief resume of each successful candidate for the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies.
- 2. Notify the successful candidates and their nominators of the selection.
- 3. Notify the nominators of inactive nominations of the status of their nominations at this time.
- 4. Advise the successful candidates of details regarding the official induction ceremony and function as applicable.
- 5. Update the files of all nominations and forward the list to the Hall of Fame Committee.

## FORMAL INDUCTION

The President of Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall be responsible for establishing the date, time and place for the induction ceremonies. The President shall notify the person(s) involved and work out what is best for Babe Ruth League, Inc.

The newly honored members are to be the recipient of the Hall of Fame plaque and a lapel pin. The President of Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall determine the number of lapel pin(s) to be given for each nominee.

The names of the newly honored members shall be enshrined on the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Hall of Fame plaque on display at the International Headquarters.