

## Sports Hall of Fame Criteria

*To honor athletes, coaches, community members and teams from the Town of Miami Lakes for their outstanding contribution or achievement in sport.*

### SELECTION PROCESS

- The nomination deadline shall be the **first Friday in April at 5 p.m.** of the current year.
- Any individual or association may submit a nomination.
- Nominations shall be sent by mail, email or fax to the information on the Nomination form to the Town of Miami Lakes.
- A review of all nominations will be completed by a nomination committee and/or the Town Council and successful nominees will be contacted prior to the Awards Ceremony to be held in the **Summer**.

### ELIGIBLE SPORTS:

In any given year the Selection Committee may put forward exceptions to the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame Committee/Town Council for review.

To be eligible a sport shall fit into the following criteria:

1. It is physical, competitive and adheres to standard rules.
2. It is a member of, or affiliated with a local, state or national sport association.
3. It is included in multi-sport events: (i.e.) Olympics/Paralympics, PanAmerican, etc.

### CATEGORIES

#### 1. ATHLETE

- The nominee must have represented sport with distinction in athletic competition; both in the Town and outside the Town; or whose example has brought great credit to the sport and high respect for the individual; and whose conduct will not bring discredit to the Hall.
- The nominee must have compiled an outstanding record in one or more sports.
- The nominee must be an individual with substantial connections to the Town.
- The nominee must have reached ultimate achievement in their sport and performed in a manner to bring special honor and recognition to the Town of Miami Lakes.
- The nominee must have been either born in Miami Lakes or attended school or lived in Miami Lakes for a combined total of a minimum of **4 years. Athletes who attended Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School prior to the Town's incorporation date may be considered with Selection Committee approval.**
- A resident of Miami Lakes who is/was a member of a National or International team may stand for induction as an individual athlete.

- An individual who has been elected to any other Hall of Fame is not an automatic member of the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame.

## 2. BUILDER/COMMUNITY MEMBER

- The category of builder/community member shall include coaches, officials, administrators, patrons, media (journalists/broadcasters) and sports medicine practitioners.
- The nominee must have served sport for a **minimum of 8 years**.
- The nominee must have had a substantial career which made a contribution to sport of an outstanding nature, and whose conduct will not bring discredit to the Hall.
- The nominee must be an individual with substantial connections to Miami Lakes.
- The individual inducted as an athlete who then goes on to become an administrator in the same sport shall not be inducted as a builder in the same sport.
- An individual who has been elected to any other Hall of Fame is not an automatic member of the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame.

## 3. TEAM

- Miami Lakes teams winning a national, international, or world championship, or reaching the ultimate level of achievement in their sport, and whose conduct will not bring discredit to the Hall, may be eligible for entry into the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame. **Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School teams prior to the Town's incorporation date may be considered with Selection Committee approval.**
- Generally speaking, in a sport where athletes compete in individual events the team will not be eligible for a team induction.
- A team is not a team if the team result is derived on the basis of a calculation of individual scores.
- Teams could be selected for their achievements in one year, or for an accumulative sport history.
- A team which has been elected to any other Hall of Fame is not an automatic member of the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame.

## WAITING PERIODS

1. Athletes and teams shall generally not be inducted for at least three (3) years after they have finished competing (retired). Exceptions may be approved by the nominating committee/Town Council in the case of success at the Olympic/Paralympics, Pan American level; terminal illness or death.
2. The three-year term would not generally apply to builders/community members.
3. If the person or team is not inducted into the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame when they are first nominated, their name(s) will be put forward for up to two years after the person or team has been nominated. If after this period of time the person or team has not been inducted, then the name(s) goes into dormancy for at least two years. After this period of time the person or team can be nominated again.