



## Starr's Mill High School Hall of Fame Bylaws

### ***Article I: Name and Purpose***

#### **Section 1: Name**

The name of this organization is the Starr's Mill High School Hall of Fame

#### **Section 2: The Purpose**

The Starr's Mill High School Hall of Fame is organized for the purpose of recognizing and preserving the heritage of Starr's Mill athletes, students, coaches, administrators, and supporters who have contributed to the tradition of excellence at Starr's Mill High School. Coaches, athletes, supporters, distinguished alumni, and teams who have shown good citizenship and moral character, while excelling at Starr's Mill and bring honor, recognition, distinction, and excellence to Starr's Mill High School.

### ***Article II: Management and Membership***

#### **Section 1: Management**

The Committee shall determine policy and procedures, and elect members to the Starr's Mill Hall of Fame.

#### **Section 2: Membership**

Committee members shall comprise of the following:

##### Standing Members

- Principal (No vote, but offers input and final approval)
- Starr's Mill Athletic Director
- President of the Panther Athletic Booster Club

##### Permanent Member

- Selected individuals who have faithfully served Starr's Mill throughout its history and have a wealth of knowledge of the history of Starr's Mill High School

##### At-Large Members

- Members of the faculty

#### **Section 3: Committee Vacancies**

Non standing member vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by nominations by current Committee members and are subject to confirmation by the majority of the Committee members.

## ***Article III: Eligibility and Criteria***

### **Section 1: Hall of Fame Eligibility**

Hall of fame nominees shall include individuals who, through distinguished achievement, have excelled in one or more high school athletic program(s) sponsored by Starr's Mill High School or a Starr's Mill alum who has had a significant impact through their accomplishments, profession, or service. These individuals may include athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, teams, former students, and supporters. All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long term contributions to Starr's Mill High School. Other eligibility considerations may include but are not limited to:

#### **Athlete:**

Any athlete who distinguished themselves in the field of athletics at Starr's Mill High School. The athlete must be ten years removed from graduating from Starr's Mill High School.

Athlete must be a Starr's Mill Graduate (Unless special circumstances)

The athlete must exemplify Athletic ability, sportsmanship, character, leadership, contribution to the team and the games he/she participated in. A similar standard of ethics shall have characterized the years following their time at Starr's Mill High School, to the best of the committee's knowledge.

High School athletic achievements will play a role in consideration (State Championships, All-State, All-Region, statistics, winning streaks, awards, college scholarships).

Committee may also consider collegiate and professional experience post graduate.

#### **Coaches:**

A former coach with at least 8 years of service at Starr's Mill High School, who contributed to the success of Starr's Mill athletes as well as established a record of outstanding achievement.

Nominees must be 5 years removed from coaching or in special circumstances as determined by Board members.

Accomplishments will play a role in consideration (statewide awards, statistics, and contributions to SMHS).

#### **Teams:**

Teams must have distinguished themselves above and beyond regular standards in their respective sport. Standards included but are not limited to: State championships, undefeated seasons, regional championships, and area championships. The selection committee shall

select no more than one team per year, and may choose not to select any team. Teams must have played their season a minimum of 10 years prior to nomination.

**Alumni:**

To honor, through the “Distinguished Alumni” program, those graduates of Starr’s Mill High School who have made significant contributions to the community, state, or country. Candidates must be 15 years removed from graduating at Starr’s Mill High School.

**Other:**

An individual who has made outstanding contributions to Starr’s Mill High School.

***Article IV: Selection Process***

**Section 1: Nomination**

The yearly inductees into the Starr’s Mill High School Hall of Fame will come from a vote of nominees by the selection committee.

**Section 2: Nomination Process**

Annually, in January, the Committee shall publicize the nomination process. Nominations may be made by anyone. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

**Section 3: Selection**

The Committee will meet in April or May to review the nominations and then select the nominees for induction into the Starr’s Mill High School Hall of Fame.

The process will be an open discussion and the committee shall call for a vote for the selecting inductee. To be selected into the Starr’s Mill High School Hall of Fame, the nominee must receive  $\frac{2}{3}$  support from the voting committee.

The Committee shall induct no more than 5 nominees per year.

Nominations for individuals not selected to the Hall of Fame will be retained for consideration in the future.

**Section 4: Announcement**

Individuals that are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame will be notified in June and acceptance and participation in the ceremony will be verified by July.

## ***Article V: Hall of Fame Induction***

### **Section 1: Ceremony**

The Induction Ceremony will be held in Fall at the half time of a football game.

### **Section 2: Attendance**

Each inductee or their representative must attend the Hall of Fame Ceremony. If the inductee is deceased, or the inductee or a representative is otherwise unable to attend, the Committee shall have the discretion to defer the inductee's enshrinement to a future Hall of Fame Ceremony.

## **Article VI: Amendments**

### **Section 1: Amendment**

The Committee shall have the authority to amend these by-laws by majority vote. Amendments will go into place after the current induction class is set.