

Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame

Purpose

To preserve the heritage and tradition of athletic excellence at Grand Rapids High School, the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame was created to honor the best in the history of Grand Rapids Athletics. This special honor will recognize members of the Grand Rapids Athletic Family who distinguished themselves as outstanding athletes, coaches and as well as longtime and distinctive supporters of athletics at Grand Rapids High School.

Criteria for Athletes

Hall of Fame nominees will be considered primarily on their achievements in high school, college, Olympic, professional and other levels. *Character values, during and after their high school years will be a major consideration.*

Athletes:

- Nominee must be a graduate of Grand Rapids High School.
- The candidate shall be eligible to be nominated no earlier than ten (10) years after his or her graduation.
- The candidate must have made a positive impact on the team(s) for which he or she played, including measurable athletic achievement (see suggested benchmarks below).
- The candidate must have conducted himself/herself in such a way as to reflect honor to the school and must have exhibited those qualities of character and standards of conduct during and after high school.

Suggested Benchmarks for Consideration

- 1- Player of the Year (Tri-State, State, etc.)
- 2- All State (1st team, 2nd team, number of years, etc.)
- 3- Individual State Champion/Runnerup, State High Placement.
- 4- Holder of School, Conference, State Records.
- 5- Individual accomplishments (scoring, records, wins, etc.)
- 5- Significant contributor to Championship team(s)
- 6- Elite performances in multiple sports (all conference).
- 7- Outstanding college or post secondary athletic career.
- 8- Professional, Olympian, Other Levels
- 9- Awards, Honors, Recognitions.

The greater the number of benchmarks possessed by a candidate, or the more substantial an individual benchmark (i.e. National record holder, State Player of the Year), the greater his or her chance of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. While many student-athletes have had outstanding athletic careers at Grand Rapids High School, only a few will have amassed the number of significant benchmarks appropriate for Hall of Fame recognition.

Coaches/Administrators

Nomination is open to coaches or administrators, who must have participated with distinction and/or made significant contributions to athletics at Grand Rapids High School, as evidenced, for example, by the success of their teams and their exemplary leadership.

1. Instrumental in developing and building a successful athletic program.
2. Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to, and the promotion of, athletic excellence, character values, and good sportsmanship.
3. Contributions to the community of Grand Rapids, the Conference, Region, State and the Minnesota State High School League are valued.
4. Recognition, achievements and honors by and from their peers and professional associations.
5. Nominees must have coached or been an administrator for at least ten years.

Distinquished Contributor Nominee Criteria:

1. Any individual who has made significant contributions to Grand Rapids High School Athletics in roles other than participation in or coaching a sport.
2. The individual may still be a current contributor to Grand Rapids High School.
3. Longevity of contributions over time is valued. (Contributions of support, time, energy, and money will receive consideration).
4. Modeling of sportsmanship and dedication, while inspiring similar traits in others is valued.
5. Projects that have made an impact on Grand Rapids High School Athletics are valued.

Nomination Process

Names for nominations may be submitted by community members, general public and member of the Sports Hall of Fame Committee for committee review.

Nominees not selected for induction into the Hall of Fame will remain eligible for future consideration.

To submit a nomination, please contact the Grand Rapids Activities Office for a nomination form. Please send completed nomination form along with any other information to the Grand Rapids Activities Department (800 Conifer Drive, Grand Rapids Mn 55744).

General Instructions for completing Nomination Form

Please attempt to visit with the nominee about their accomplishments, attach newspaper clippings, certificates, statistics, letters of recommendation, etc. to substantiate the candidate's accomplishments.

Induction Process

1. Awards – each inductee will receive a plaque bearing his/her likeness as well as a written dialogue documenting his/her accomplishments. A duplicate plaque will be added to the Hall of Fame wall display at Grand Rapids High School.
2. A ceremony to honor the inductees will be determined by the Selection Committee. The date and activity of the ceremony will be appropriate for the class being inducted.