



# Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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## Induction Process FAQ's

### 1. Who can be inducted into the CSHoF?

For induction into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, a nominee must have been born in, lived in, or achieved in Chautauqua County a name in the world of sports.

Our inductees are from Brocton to Busti, from Clymer to Conewango, from Fredonia to Frewsburg, from Panana to Pine Valley, from Silver Creek to Sherman and from all points in between.

The nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Is or was an outstanding athlete in high school, college, amateur or professional sports.
- Is or was a coach, manager, official or administrator who has made a significant contribution to sports.
- Is an individual who is performing or has performed distinguished service in fostering, developing or effectively helping a sport to prosper.

### 2. How many inductees are in the Hall of Fame and what sports are represented?

There are currently 128 inductees in the CSHoF from a wide diversity of sports: auto racing, baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, canoeing, football, golf, hockey, horseshoes, ice skating, motorcycle racing, pool, rowing, roller skating, shooting, sled dog racing, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

### 3. Who can make a nomination?

The CSHoF receives nominations from the public. A nomination form is available at [www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/forms/nomform1.pdf](http://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/forms/nomform1.pdf). Forms can also be secured by calling secretary Russ Ecklund at 716-484-7684.

**4. What else needs to be submitted with the nomination form?**

It is necessary that all supporting documentation be submitted with the nomination form. The CSHoF does not do any research of its own. We totally rely on the nominator to provide all pertinent information. In addition to a biography of the candidate, copies of scrapbooks, yearbooks, newspaper clippings, magazine articles and photographs are extremely valuable in presenting the qualifications of the nominee.

**5. Who decides which nominees are inducted?**

The process begins in October of each year when a pre-selection committee, comprised of seven CSHoF directors, carefully reviews the files of all nominees of record. The pre-selection committee then submits a slate of 15 possible candidates to the selection committee.

The selection committee, comprised of six different CSHoF directors, narrows the list of 15 nominees to a final list of candidates, generally four or five, which it forwards to the full board of directors.

Finally, the entire 30-member board of directors reviews the recommendations of the selection committee and makes the ultimate decision on who will be inducted.

**6. Is it necessary to re-nominate someone each year?**

No, once a candidate is nominated, the file remains active indefinitely and is reviewed annually. Additional information to enhance a file is always welcome.

**7. When is the induction ceremony held?**

The Annual CSHOF Induction Banquet is held on Presidents' Day. The 2011 induction ceremony will be February 21st.

**8. Who has been already been nominated?**

There are currently 94 active files at the CSHoF that are subject to the annual review and selection process. The list of candidates follows:

Atkinson	Howard C.	Knapp	Fred
Bailey	Maxwell F. (Max)	Krenzer	Robert (Bob)
Barone, Jr.	George L.	Larson	Leslie V. (Les)
Bartkowiak (Burke)	Betty	Larson	Victor S.
Bataitis	George	Laughlin (Greco)	Carol
Bates (Hehir)	Theresa (Trix)	Lindstrom	Walfrid (Wally)
Benson	Robert H.	Lopriore	Michael A.
Bishop	Ben	Luciano	Dan
Bloomquist	Jeffrey	MacKinnon	Bob
Blackmer	Ron	MacTavish	Roger
Bowker	Karen	Martin (Swanson)	Vicki
Brucculeri	Jeffrey M.	McElrath, Sr.	James
Cammarata, Sr.	Philip J.	McMillian (Hanson)	Sally
Card	Clyde	Mee	Jim
Carroll	Bob	Miele	Tony
Catania	Anthony (Chief)	Munson	Gene
Cederquist	Calvin	Niles (Freed)	Beatrice
Cherry	Norm	Norton	Ellis R. (Ellie)
Colburn	Walter J.	Okesson	Otto
Cole	Dick	Olson	Sherwood (Scrubby)
Condon	Salvatore (Sam)	Palmer	Dan
Conley	Pete	Paluch	Frank J.
Crist	Chuck	Payne	Robert (Bob)
Damond	John A.	Peterson	Gregory L.
Dennison	Chester C. (Chet)	Peterson	Stanley
Farrell	Cathleen	Pintagro	Carl
Feather	Verna	Pollaro	Jim
Foti	S. James (Jim)	Pollino, Jr.	Joe
Frederes	Ronald	Raymond	Curtis M. (Curt)
Freed	Joe	Ressler	Richard C. (Dick)
Goodell	Roger	Restivo, Jr.	Sam
Griffith	Harold G.	Riddell	Ramsey
Guiffreda	Salvatore R. (Sam)	Riley	Henry (Pat)
Hannon	Oleta F.	Rizzo, Sr.	Jack
Hodges	Walter W.	Saglimben	Carl
Hogan	Donald J.	Schmitt	Bob
Hoover	Orrie A.	Seegerlin	Craig
Hull	Brian	Short	Allen
Jaderberg	Albert A. (Red)	Thope	Denton B. (Dent)
Johnson, Sr.	Alpine (Piney)	Treni	Kristen
Johnson	Arthur G.	Turner	Bruce
Johnson	J. Robert (Bob)	Ulrich	James D.
Johnson	Joseph M.	Walker	Beverly M
Johnson	Walter R.	Weaver	J. Emerson (Bud)
Kalfas	Richard (Dick)	Webb	William (Billy)
Keeney	Jack	Winner	Robert (Bob)
Kellogg	Kerry	Wisniewski	Robert

## Inductee of the Month



**Walt Brown** is a graduate of Bemus Point School in 1933 where he lettered in basketball, cross country, track and baseball. He played semi-pro baseball around the Jamestown area with Sheppard Furniture and the Steel Partition Bombers before breaking into professional baseball with Ashville, North Carolina of the Southern League in 1935. He then went to Albany, Georgia of the Georgia-Florida League and later to Huntington, West Virginia, before signing with the St. Louis Cardinals.

With the Cardinals' Bentonville, Arkansas team

of Arkansas State League, he won 13 and lost 3 which earned him an invitation to the Cardinals' spring training camp. He eventually pitched for Daytona Beach, Salina, Kansas, and Kilgore, Texas where he was married at home plate in 1939.

Brown caught on with Clarksdale, Mississippi of the Cotton State League. He was then sold to Oklahoma City, was sent up to Memphis of the Class AA Southern Association and then moved on to Toledo of the Class AAA International League.

Toledo had a working agreement with the St. Louis Browns who called him up in 1944 where he remained through 1947. He appeared in 19 games for the Browns, mostly in relief, and compiled a 1-0 record. He pitched against famous players like Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto and Joe DiMaggio. After his retirement from professional baseball in 1954 Brown returned to Chautauqua County and managed in the County League.

Walt Brown was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame as a member of its first class in 1982. He died in 1991.

See [www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/waltbrown.php](http://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/waltbrown.php) for related links and more information about Walt Brown.