

CODE OF RULES GOVERNING HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS

(Amended in 1968, 1973, 1984, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009; all past amendments codified and approved in October 2012; amended April 2013)

1. To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Greyhound Hall Of Fame, Greyhound candidates may be selected for their outstanding accomplishments in any of the following categories:

1. Competitor
2. Sire, Dam or Progenitor
3. Any combination of categories

No Greyhound shall be eligible for consideration until he or she is at least 8 years of age. Persons may be selected in recognition of outstanding contributions and/or achievements in any field or service to the sport of Greyhound racing.

Qualification for selection to the Hall Of Fame shall be sufficiently difficult as to command the widespread respect of the Greyhound racing sport and the public, but not so ironclad as to unduly discourage reasonable aspirations and expectations for nominees.

2. Anyone may submit the name of a candidate for consideration to the Hall Of Fame. All candidates for selection shall be filed with the Hall Of Fame executive director or manager at least three weeks prior to the next board meeting, and shall be adequately supported by valid evidence, records, documents, exhibits, endorsements and other material bearing upon the candidate's qualifications for submission.

3. At a meeting at which the majority of the Greyhound Hall Of Fame Board of Directors is present, a candidate must receive a simple majority approval of those present to be put on the ballot as a nominee for Hall Of Fame selection. This procedure is designed to screen outlandish or inappropriate nominations; however, approval by a majority of the Board of Directors should not be interpreted as an endorsement for ultimate selection.

4. The executive director or manager shall furnish a ballot to each member of the Selection Committee, made up of the 12 Hall Of Fame Board members and an additional 20 members appointed by the Board of Directors (as outlined in Item #8, below). The executive director or manager shall also submit to every member of the Selection Committee identical information of all nominees so that every committee member may be fully and equally apprised of nominees' accomplishments. Ballots shall be mailed no later than June 1, with a request that ballots be returned within 3 weeks. Ballots must be mailed by June 30 in order to be valid. Return ballots shall be opened and tabulated by an independent accountant. To be selected to the Hall Of Fame, a nominee must receive at least 75% (decimals at .5 or higher shall be rounded upward) approval of the votes returned by Selection Committee members. **Ballots must be postmarked no later than June 30 in order to be valid.**

5. A nominee not receiving at least 75% approval from voting Selection Committee members will automatically appear on the ballot again the following year. Any additional

supporting data submitted regarding the candidate will be forwarded to the Selection Committee when the second year's ballot is distributed. If not approved in either the first or second year, the name will not again appear on a future ballot, unless by another majority vote of the Board of Directors.

6. Rules governing the selection of candidates may be altered only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

7. Announcement of results of elections and presentations shall be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The individual votes of Selection Committee members shall remain confidential at all times, and will be counted by an independent account. The Hall Of Fame manager or director and the Board of Directors shall be notified of the results.

8. The 20 members of the Selection Committee not on the Board of Directors shall be nominated and approved by the Board of Directors by majority vote. Except for Board members who will serve on the Selection Committee only during their term on the Board, appointment to the Selection Committee is for life (or until resignation or dismissal, as covered herein). In the event a Selection Committee member is subsequently appointed to the Board of Directors, his or her appointment to the Selection Committee shall be terminated at the end of his or her term on the Board of Directors; however, he or she may be reappointed to the Selection Committee when a vacancy becomes available. Nominations for the Selection Committee shall be based on:

1. an individual's over-all knowledge of the sport;
2. his or her ability to understand the requirements of any Greyhound or person to qualify for induction into the Hall Of Fame;
3. his or her wisdom, good judgment and integrity.

Nominations for the Selection Committee may come from all avenues of the sport—from track management, track officials, Greyhound owners, breeders, trainers, writers, etc. The executive director or manager shall submit to every member of the Selection Committee the code of rules governing the selection process.

9. By majority vote of the Board of Directors, a member of the Selection Committee can be dismissed. Reason for dismissal could include incapability of judgment as a result of sickness or injury, failure to regularly participate in the balloting, activities unbecoming an appointee of the Hall Of Fame or an associate of the Greyhound industry. In the event of death, resignation or dismissal of a Selection Committee member, the Board of Directors by majority vote shall appoint a new Selection Committee member.

Pioneer Section Inductions

1. Since its inception, and by tradition, the Pioneer Section of the Hall Of Fame has honored those individuals who were involved in Greyhound racing in North America during or prior to 1970. Nominations may be received from any source, and should be accompanied by supporting evidence and biographical information concerning the nominee. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a properly called meeting, a nominee can be accepted for induction into the Pioneer Section.

2. The Board of Directors, at its October 2016 meeting, redefined its eligibility guidelines in regard to who might be given consideration for induction into the Pioneer Section. The Board unanimously agreed that the term “pioneer” no longer needed to be limited simply to longevity or early involvement (pre-1970) in the sport—but henceforth could also be inclusive of those who’ve made significant and innovative (thus “pioneering”) contributions to the development, improvement or growth of Greyhound racing or the breed. In approving this expansion of the guideline, the Board emphasized that this opened an avenue to properly honor those individuals who might otherwise not be considered viable candidates for induction into the main section of the Hall Of Fame, but whose pioneering contributions were important enough to warrant Pioneer Section induction.

Nominations shall be submitted in the same manner as with traditional Pioneer Section nominees (see item #1) and should include a biography of the nominee, accompanied by a summary and documentation of the individual’s pioneering contributions to the sport. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a properly called meeting, nominations may be accepted for induction.

Ceremonies are generally held during the NGA Spring Meet program at the Hall Of Fame.