

## **Harding Academy Athletic Hall of Fame**

### **Purpose**

The Harding Academy Athletic Hall of Fame exists to honor and celebrate individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and history of Harding Academy athletics and have faithfully lived out the mission of Harding Academy and the athletic department in and beyond the athletic arena.

### **Committee**

The Hall of Fame Committee manages the acceptance and celebration of all Hall of Fame members. The committee consists of 10 members (six permanent members and four elected members) that serve a term of three years.

The permanent members of the committee are the Harding Academy head of school, athletic director, assistant athletic director, director of enrollment and advancement, director of alumni relations, and upper school principal. The Harding Academy head of school shall hold final veto power over all nominations.

The elected members of the committee shall be chosen by existing committee members and may consist of former athletes or coaches, current coaches, or other individuals who have been a part of the history of Harding Academy athletics. Elected members will serve a term of three years and may serve up to two consecutive terms. If an elected member resigns before concluding his or her term, a replacement shall be appointed to fulfill the remainder of the term.

The committee will work to ensure ample representation in all programs and eras in order to capture the full history of Harding Academy athletics.

### **Criteria for Nomination**

In order to be considered for recognition in the Hall of Fame, an individual or team should meet one of the following criteria:

- An individual athlete that is 10 years or more removed from graduation
- A team that is 10 years or more removed from the season in consideration
- A coach that has been away from the Harding Academy athletic department for two or more years
- An individual that has made a faithful impact on the Harding Academy for a period of 10 or more years

Exceptions to these criteria may be considered by the committee in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

All nominees to the Hall of Fame should be faithful representations of the mission of Harding Academy and the athletic department and testaments to the gospel of Jesus. High athletic achievement and strong character will both be considered in the nomination process.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Nominations will be accepted year-round and must be made using the Harding Academy website. Nominations made by March 15 will be considered for induction in the fall.

### **Acceptance Procedure**

In order to be accepted to the Hall of Fame, individuals and teams should be approved by the unanimous consent of the committee upon their first nomination. If they are not approved unanimously but are nominated again, they may be approved by a vote of at least 80% of the committee.

### **Removal Procedure**

Members of the Hall of Fame may be removed for behavior, character, or acts that are not aligned with the mission and work of Harding Academy and the athletic department. Members may be removed upon unanimous vote by the committee or by the head of school.

### **Recognition Procedures and Celebrations**

Inductees to the Hall of Fame will be notified upon their acceptance. New inductees will be recognized at a home football game where they will receive their Hall of Fame plaque and other memorabilia. In conjunction with the ceremony, an honorary banquet will be held for new and existing members of the Hall of Fame. In the event of inclement weather or other complications, this schedule may be adjusted.

In order to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, living nominees must be present to receive their recognition. Exceptions due to unusual circumstances may be approved beforehand by the Hall of Fame committee.

The Harding Academy Hall of Fame will remain in the lobby of Ellers Gymnasium for all members of the Harding Academy family to celebrate anytime they are on campus. Hall of Fame information will also be on the Harding Academy website.

### **Amendments**

In order to best serve the Harding Academy community, amendments to these policies may be made at the discretion of Harding Academy administration.