

University of South Carolina Men's Rugby Club

Hall of Fame By-Laws

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

Section 1.01 Purpose

These By-Laws provide for the guidance and administration of the University of South Carolina Men's Rugby Hall of Fame (HoF).

ARTICLE 2 - MISSION

Section 2.01 Mission Statement

The mission of the University of South Carolina Men's Rugby Club Hall of Fame is:

- To honor and celebrate individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the University of South Carolina Men's Rugby Club.
- To unite our rugby community – parents, alumni and players – in advancing the goals of the program and foundation.
- To encourage philanthropic support of the Carolina Men's Rugby Endowment.

ARTICLE 3 - ORGANIZATION

Section 3.01 Background

The HoF shall exist only through volunteer service, personal commitment, effort, and support from current and former coaches, players, and supporters.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.01 Nature of Membership

The HoF selection subcommittee (Committee) shall consist of those individuals who have been nominated, voted on, and approved by the Carolina Rugby Foundation (Foundation); HoF inductees; or one selected HoF inductees surviving family member. Membership is voluntary and any member may resign their membership at any time.

ARTICLE 5 - LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Section 5.01 Board Composition

The Committee shall be composed of:

5.01.1 Chair chosen by the Foundation

5.01.2 Representatives chosen by the Foundation

5.01.3 One Representative shall represent each decade of Carolina Rugby when available. The representative shall be chosen by the Foundation

5.01.4 HoF Inductees or one surviving family member when available

Section 5.02 Duties

The committee are responsible for the following:

5.02.1 Vote on nominees for election to the HoF

5.02.2 Conduct other business in support of the mission of the HoF as appropriate

ARTICLE 6 – NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

Section 6.01

There shall be no more than 4 members inducted into the HoF on any given year unless a majority vote of the committee overturns this by-law

Section 6.02 Nomination Categories. The following categories of nomination shall be used:

6.02.1 Outstanding Player – Awarded to any player alive or passed away who distinguished themselves as an exemplary performer on the rugby pitch and who also embodies the Gamecock spirit, teamwork, camaraderie, and discipline. The Committee will consider the following criteria:

- Shall be considered in this category 5 years after graduation or withdrawal
- On field Performance while playing for Carolina is primary factor
- Total rugby career can be considered
- Must be nominated through the online submission form
- Can serve as ad-hoc voting member for any future player nominee
- Must be approved by majority vote of the Committee

6.02.2 Outstanding Coach – Awarded to any Head Coach or Assistant Coach alive or passed away who has distinguished themselves through continued outstanding support of the Mission of the HoF. The committee will consider the following criteria:

- Must be nominated through the online submission form
- Should be considered no sooner than 5 years after the conclusion of their coaching career
- Must be approved by majority vote of the committee

6.02.3 Outstanding Rugby Supporter – Awarded to any individual alive or passed away who distinguishes themselves by continuously and aggressively promoting and supporting Carolina Rugby. The committee will consider the following criteria:

- Must be nominated through the online submission form
- Must be approved by majority vote of the committee

Section 6.03 Public Release.

The results of the HoF selections will not be released publicly, the selectees will be forwarded to the Foundation who are responsible for voting on the inductees prior to public release.

ARTICLE 7 - VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 7.01 Cause for Resignation

Any committee member shall resign when they feel that they cannot commit the necessary time, thought, or effort to the HoF to fulfill the duties of their office.

Section 7.02 Cause for Removal

Any Committee Member may be removed from their position, for cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Foundation.

Section 7.03 Moral turpitude

Any Committee Member may be removed from their position due to conduct that is contrary to the HoF mission statement and moral decency.

Section 7.04 Filling Vacancies

In the event of death, resignation, or removal of a Committee Member, the vacant office shall be appointed by the Foundation.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 8.01

Any member of the Committee or Foundation may submit in writing to the Committee a proposed Amendment to the By-Laws.

Section 8.02

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the responding Members of the Committee.