Muskogee Athletics Hall of Fame Bylaws

I. Nomination Availability

A. Player Nominations - Any former Muskogee or Manual Training School Student-Athlete that is to be considered for Hall of Fame nomination as a Player shall be at least five (5) years removed from High School graduation. Players may, or may not, have graduated or played an entire career while at MHS.

B. Coaching Nominations - Any person seeking nomination as a Coach, should be a current or former Muskogee High School or Manual Training Head Coach. Employment within the District has no bearing on whether or not someone can be considered for Hall of Fame nomination.

C. Community Spirit and Service - Persons may be considered by the committee for Hall of Fame for extraordinary service to the success of Muskogee Athletics through volunteer or meritorious community service.

II. Nomination Process & Selection Criteria

A. Timing - Nominations must be made between August 1 and April 30 for the upcoming class of any calendar year. The HOF Committee will meet in May to select the nominees.

B. Criteria - All nominations which meet the proper protocols will be considered. Nominations may be submitted online at the MHS website, submitted to the MHS Athletic Office, or given to/provided by a member of the HOF Committee. Nominations must be complete with the following info in order to be considered: Full Name, Graduating Class, Nomination as Coach/Player or Other, General Statistics, Outstanding Statistics/Accomplishments, Honors following MHS, Reason why this person is a Hall of Famer.

III. Nomination Class Selection Rubric

A. The HOF Committee recognizes that induction into the Muskogee High School Hall of Fame is a prestigious honor. Hall of Fame induction also serves as a goodwill gesture on behalf of Muskogee Public Schools to recognize the outstanding contributions from members of the Muskogee Community at large. As such, the Committee feels it is important that a cross section of the community is represented with each induction class. The following are important criteria to consider when selecting a class.

   a. Year - It is important to select members which represent a wide variety of graduating classes.

   b. Gender - The Committee believes both males and females should be represented in each class.
c. Race - Ensuring that minority representation occurs within each class is another important criteria.

d. Variety of Sports - The Committee believes that a variety of sports occurs within each class is another important criteria.

e. Committee Meeting Process
   i. When the Committee meets to select the honorees for a given class, they should 1) vote each nominee for their overall fitness, giving consideration to their reputation and reflection on Muskogee Public School and the Muskogee community. 2) Next, all members must rank each nominee from 1st to last according to their preference. The rankings are tallied by adding points received by each nominee with the top seven (7) winning the selection for that year’s Hall of Fame class. 3) Lastly, the Committee will make sure the seven selected fit the rubric specified in Section 3, Clause A of these Bylaws. If the nominated class as a whole does not fit the selection rubric in terms of offering a well-rounded class, lower-ranked nominees may be changed out for nominees that finished just outside the top seven.

IV. HOF Committee Member Requirements

A. The Hall of Fame Committee shall be comprised of 7 committee members representing the following areas:
   a. Two former Muskogee High School athletes
   b. Two former Muskogee High School coaches
   c. Two upstanding community members with athletic ties
   d. One President Pro Tempore
   e. Muskogee Public Schools Athletic Director
   f. Any member may represent more than one of these criterion
   g. Two transitional members will be invited to each meeting to encourage membership. Transitional members may not vote in their initial meeting but are encouraged to nominate and take part in discussions.

B. Committee Officers & Term Limits
   a. President Pro Tempore - Lifetime appointment
   b. Members - serve 3 year term

C. Roll-Out
   a. Will add 2 new members for each of the next 3 years
   b. 2 will roll off each year for the subsequent 3 years
   c. New members will abide by term limits as listed in this document