

Latta Schools Athletic Hall of Fame (Established 2016)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Latta Schools Athletic Hall of Fame, a program under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Department and Administration of Dillon School District #3.

Article II: PURPOSE

The Hall of Fame is organized as a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of successful athletic programs at Latta High School and Latimer High School. It will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving, and honoring the athletes, coaches, and individuals who made significant contributions to the athletic programs. The Latta Schools Athletic Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

Article III: GOVERNANCE

The Hall of Fame shall be governed by The Latta Schools Hall of Fame Selection Committee, which is made up of nineteen members and shall include the Latta High School Athletic Director, Latta High School Principal, District Superintendent, all members of Dillon School District #3 Board of Education, and seven appointed members to be selected by each member of the Dillon District Three School Board. The District Superintendent will make two appointees and will act as chairman. A majority vote will be needed for all decisions. The Selection Committee reserves the right to nominate candidates for consideration in any category. The Selection Committee reserves the right to remove a Hall of Fame member for doing an indistinguishable act making the member unworthy of continuing to be an example for others to emulate.

Article IV: CRITERIA

Individuals may be nominated representing three categories. The groupings are for screening purposes to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required. The committee will be given latitude to use other selection criteria when it is appropriate.

1. **ATHLETE:** Any graduate of Latta High School or Latimer High School who distinguished himself/herself in the field of athletics will become eligible after graduating from High School.
2. **COACH:** Any coach who distinguished himself/herself by making significant contributions to the athletic program at Latta High School or Latimer High School can be nominated. Latta High School or Latimer High School graduates who have had significant success as a coach outside of Dillon District #3 can also be considered. There are no time eligibility restrictions.
3. **CONTRIBUTOR:** An individual who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the athletic programs at Latta High School or Latimer High School, other than coaching and playing, can be nominated with no eligibility restrictions.

Any athletic team that has distinguished itself by winning the SC State Championship will be inducted into the Hall of Fame within one year of winning the State Championship.

ARTICLE V: SIZE OF INDUCTION CLASS

With the exception of the first induction class (the size of the first induction class will be left to the discretion of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee), each class of Inductees can number between 0-5 per year in each category.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted from any interested person, including the selection committee, faculty, staff, administration, booster club members, alumni, and the general public. All nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame Nomination Form. This form is available electronically on the Latta High School website homepage and can also be picked up in the Athletic Director's office. The burden of research for a nominee's accomplishments shall be the responsibility of the person submitting the nomination.

Each application should be submitted along with the following information:

1. Other letters of support from appropriate individuals who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the accomplishments of the nominee, and
2. A limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks, and statistics to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee, and
3. A suitable photograph for reproduction is to be submitted (if available).

Once nominated, a nominee's information will remain on file indefinitely, and will be considered on a yearly basis. Nominations are due to the Latta High School Athletic Director by **October 1st** of each year in order to be considered for induction into the Latta Athletic Hall of Fame during a given school year.

ARTICLE VII: PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING INDUCTION CLASS

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will meet annually (after October 1st of each year) to select candidates based on the criteria presented in this document. Nominees must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to gain induction.

The duties and responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. Attend the regular scheduled selection meetings, and
2. Annually evaluate the nomination of individuals submitted which fulfill the requirements for consideration, and
3. Evaluate and update the policies and operational procedures of the Latta Schools Athletic Hall of Fame, and
4. Validate and approve all worthy candidates for induction into the Latta Schools Athletic Hall of Fame, and

5. Keep all actions of the Selection Committee confidential.

ARTICLE VIII: INDUCTION CEREMONY

An induction ceremony will be held each year as needed. A Latta Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Wall will be created in the Latta High School Gym lobby, and the names of new Inductees will be added each year. Each Inductee will be presented a plaque honoring the occasion. Presentations for a deceased Inductee will be presented to a family representative determined by the family.