

MISSISSIPPI BABE RUTH BASEBALL

HALL OF FAME

I. SCOPE and PURPOSE

Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame is established to recognize and celebrate individuals, teams, and sponsors from all walks of life who, for the love of the game, have dedicated themselves to advancing Mississippi Babe Ruth and enriching the lives of youths participating in Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball.

The Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall Of Fame provides recognition of individuals, players, teams, parents and sponsors who have played a vital role in the development of baseball for young players' ages five to eighteen years old within the State of Mississippi.

The purpose of the Mississippi Baseball Hall of Fame is to perpetuate the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the supporting or playing the sport of baseball within Mississippi and/or have contributed meritorious service to the mission, reputation, development or progress of baseball.

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II. Requirements

In order to be considered for induction into the Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of fame an individual, team or sponsor must have performed or made contributions to Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball that resulted in the advancement, development, progress or overall betterment of citizens within Mississippi.

An individual must have been involved with volunteering their personal time and resources to Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball for a minimal of 10 years. This involvement may be in any capacity directly affiliated such as player, manager, coach, league official.

Leagues may be considered for induction provided they have been a chartered affiliate for no less than 10 years and have demonstrated the continuous dedication to providing a positive environment that enhances the Babe Ruth Code of Conduct.

Teams may be considered for induction provided they demonstrated above and beyond that which is normally expected in displaying sportsmanship, winning attitude, parental support and good baseball teamwork.

Players may be considered for induction by playing in Babe Ruth program for at ~~least 5~~ least 5 years, before making a significant contribution to their team, their league and to their community as well as demonstrating strong character and discipline in Babe Ruth Baseball.

Sponsors may be considered for induction provided they have demonstrated continued support for Babe Ruth Baseball for at least 10 years. This display does not have to be in the form of monetary support, and may include participation by their employees with special recognition to those employees who provided volunteer services.

III. Nomination

Each District commissioner is allowed to nominate an unlimited number of candidates for consideration for Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame induction. The District Commissioner may receive nominations from any league but must be endorsed by the league president before the nomination may be forwarded for consideration. Not all nomination must be originated by a Babe Ruth League or by a Mississippi Babe Ruth District Commissioner. The nomination must be provided in writing to the Mississippi Baseball Babe Ruth State Commissioner no later than 1 January of the year to be considered, nominations received after this date shall not be considered.

The nomination must include the nominee's name, and address as well as a write up that documents the achievements that the nominee made or qualification in being considered for induction. ~~There will be a \$5.00 charge for each nominee that will be considered.~~

IV. ELECTION/SELECTION PROCESS

Each Season the Mississippi Board of Directors shall elect/select no more than two (2) inductees into the Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame. There may be instances when only a single inductee is elected/selected.

Election/selection process will include introduction of each nominee by the Mississippi State Commissioner by reading the information provided on the nomination document. Once all nominees have been introduced election/selection shall commence by secret balloting by each of the Mississippi District Commissioners. Each District shall have one and only one vote, proxy votes shall not be allowed.

The scores will be tallied by the Mississippi State Commissioner, or his designate. who will only vote in the event of a tie. If no decisive nominee is elected then the election/selection process will go into the second round and shall consist of those nominees receiving the highest number of votes. If needed the election/selection process will go into a third and final round, using the same criteria as for going into a second round. Under no circumstance will the election/selection process go past a third round. If after three rounds of election/selection no inductees have been determined the Mississippi State Commissioner shall select inductee(s) from the list of highest vote receivers or he may determine a single inductee based on previous votes or he may determine that there will be no inductees.

VIII.V. Ceremonies

Induction ceremonies shall bestow honor and dignity on those inducted into the Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame. The inductee shall be honored at one of the State Tournaments by having the tournament in their name, displayed on all first and second place team trophies and all individual trophies. The

inductee will be honored by throwing out the first pitch and will be presented a plaque in honor of their induction.

Other ceremonies, such as a banquet or dinner may be rendered at the discretion of the Mississippi State Commissioner.

IX.VI. Recognition

By being inducted into any Hall of Fame an individual's achievements are highlighted and it places them in an elite class. Each inductee will be identified on the Mississippi Babe Ruth State website and will have a permanent identification in recorded in the Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball State Constitution in the attachment entitled "Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall Of Fame Members" which contain information from the nomination documentation and shall be maintained by the Mississippi Babe Ruth State Commissioner. At some time in the future a museum maybe associated with the Mississippi Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame that will allows the public to learn more about each inductee..

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