

Cedar Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Guidelines for Nomination and Election

Purpose:

The purpose of the Cedar Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those Cedar Springs High School athletes, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and supporters who excelled in their respective sports or coaching/support roles. They are the ones who helped, and ideally continue to help, bring pride, honor, and respect to Cedar Springs High School Athletics. The honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame will allow for long-term recognition for their commitment to Red Hawk athletics.

Details

A “Wall of Fame” will be developed on north wall close to the gymnasium at Cedar Springs High School. Each individual, or team, selected to the Cedar Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be recognized with a plaque that will be placed on that wall for all to see. It will include their name, date of induction, sports involved in, and any other pertinent information deemed necessary.

Eligibility

See form attached.

Nomination Process

A candidate may be nominated for Hall of Fame membership by any community member via the submission of the nomination form and by supplying supplemental documentation as detailed on the form. Nominations must be received by the FIRST FRIDAY IN DECEMBER. All applications are to be kept confidential, to be shared among the members of the Board only.

Once a person has been nominated, they will continue to be up for consideration for five (5) total years. If that time passes they can be nominated again, and they can be nominated up to 4 times for consideration. The Board will notify any nominator and their nominee in writing if they are not selected.

Board Members

The Board Members of the Cedar Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame shall be comprised of, but not limited to, people from the following list:

1. The current CSHS Athletic Director
2. CSHS Building Administrator
3. Retired or former CSHS Administrator
4. Current CSHS athletic coaches
5. Retired or former CSHS coach
6. Current CSHS faculty member
7. Retired or former CSHS faculty member
8. Current or former CSHS athletic booster member

All Board Members shall be appointed by the CSHS Athletic Director and/or Principal, and shall serve a two-year term initially. At any time there shall be no fewer than five (5) members and no more than twelve (12) members.

All members may be reappointed for more terms by the Athletic Director and/or Principal at the conclusion of their initial term. Also, the CSHS Athletic Director and/or Principal may appoint new members at his/her discretion.

Number of Members for Induction

No more than 8 members per year shall be elected to the Cedar Springs High School Hall of Fame per year. The exception to that is the first year. More inductions than that will be determined by the board on a yearly basis. Selection to the Hall of Fame should be considered exclusive.

Election Process

The Board Members shall meet at a time, after the nominating deadline, determined by the Hall of Fame chairman in order to review and elect candidates. Nomination forms shall be disseminated to all Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Each Board Member shall have one vote, and all votes carry equal weight.

In order for a nominee to be granted admission into the Cedar Springs High School Hall of Fame they must receive a number of votes that are equal to, or greater than, 75% of the vote by the Board Members. Nominations will be discussed on an alphabetical, or chronological, order as determined by the Hall of Fame chairman.

The voting outcome will be shared with Board Members only. If, in the opinion of the Board Members (as evidenced by a failure to obtain at least 75% mentioned above), no nominee in a particular year is worthy of election, so be it; it is not necessary to induct new members every year.

Induction Ceremony

The induction ceremony shall be at a place determined by the Hall of Fame Board in conjunction with the current CSHS Athletic Director and/or Principal. It is hoped that the ceremony is held in conjunction with a banquet or dinner that is open to all inductees, their families, and the general public. Admission to the banquet will be at the lowest cost possible.

A public recognition of that year's inductees shall be held at one, or more, sporting events throughout the school year as well.

Removal From Hall of Fame

Any member of the Hall of Fame that does something detrimental to the character and integrity of the Hall of Fame can be removed by a unanimous vote of the Hall of Fame Board.

Cedar Springs High School

Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Guidelines

In order to recognize the outstanding athletic accomplishments of former Red Hawk athletes Cedar Springs High School feels it is necessary to develop an athletic hall of fame. The purpose of this is to publicly honor a select group of individuals that have had a lasting and profound impact within the athletic program.

Through this program we intend to build:



Pride

Honor

Respect

Commitment

Long-term recognition



Requirements for Nomination

Any person, living or deceased, that was involved in any athletic endeavor/sport while they attended Cedar Springs High School may be nominated for consideration. This would include athletes, coaches, managers, athletic directors, volunteers, or any combination of these. The individual should have shown significant contribution to the athletic success, recognition, and/or continuation of Red Hawk athletics. Once a person has been nominated, they will continue to be up for consideration for five (5) total years. If that time passes they can be nominated again, and they can be nominated up to 4 times for consideration.

In order to be fully considered for inclusion into the Cedar Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame the individual must meet at least two of the five following requirements:

1. Person must have earned at least one varsity letter in any Cedar Springs High School sanctioned sport and they have graduated from Cedar Springs High School at least ten years prior to nomination.
2. Person coached at least ten combined years at Cedar Springs High School and have been since retired from coaching at Cedar Springs High School for at least five years.
3. Former employees/managers/volunteers of Cedar Springs High School who have made outstanding contributions to Red Hawk student athletes.

4. Person has distinguished himself/herself with a high degree of character throughout their high school, post-high school and/or adult lives.
5. Teams that have been deemed state champions are automatically discussed every year and do not need to be nominated.
6. Any community member(s), team or organization that has made tremendous, and remarkable, efforts towards the development and success of Cedar Springs High School Athletics.

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Nominations

Nominator must complete the Nomination Form and submit supplemental documentation to support their nomination.

Supplemental documentation should include, but not limited to, the following items:

1. A short written statement, limited to less than 500 words) about why the person, or persons, being nominated should be considered.
2. Support for the above statement that can include newspaper articles/clippings, records set, championships, and awards received.

Deadline for Submissions

Nominations must be submitted and received no later than the FIRST FRIDAY IN DECEMBER of the current year. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed to Cedar Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame % John Norton, Athletic Director, 204 E. Muskegon St, Cedar Springs, MI 49319, or emailed to john.norton@csredhawks.org.

*It is the sole responsibility of the nominating party to submit all required and supplemental documentation. A nomination form without supporting documentation will not be considered by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact the Cedar Springs High School Hall of Fame at