

Tantasqua Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame

Purpose & Procedures

The Tantasqua Warrior Hall of Fame Committee was established as a method of acknowledging outstanding athletic abilities and contributions to the proud Tantasqua community. The Hall of Fame Committee will look to induct members, if possible, each year. Inductions, at this time, may take place at the following venues:

- Prior to the Thanksgiving Day Football game, a Recognition Ceremony will be held to honor the inductees and their families. Then, prior to the start of the game the inductees will be introduced to the public and escorted to mid-field.
- Prior to a date in which a doubleheader in basketball is scheduled, a Recognition Ceremony will take place to honor the inductees and their families. Between games the inductees will be introduced to the public and escorted to half-court.

A permanent display will be established in the athletic foyer to recognize the achievement of the inductee. This public display will serve as a way to inform and educate the student body of the individuals who helped establish and build the Warrior tradition. It will also serve as a goal setting standard for our student-athletes. Also of note; teams that have achieved significant success will be recognized as well. An area on the “Wall” will be reserved for such recognition so that there is an understanding that teamwork is of vital importance to overall success. Teams will be honored as one.

Membership of the Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame will consist of fourteen (14) members as follows:

1. Current Principal of TRHS or their representative.
 - Michael Lucas
2. Current Athletic Director of TRHS or their representative.
 - Pete Casine
3. Current HOF Chairperson.
 - Brian Freeland ('88)
4. The Current Booster Club president or their representative.
 - Vivian Brooks
5. (3) Current/Retired Coaches as appointed by the Principal, Athletic Director, and HOF Chairperson.
 - William Carroll
 - William Emrich, Jr. ('76)
 - Robert Foley
6. (7) At-large members appointed by a majority of the set committee members.
 - Alan Hyde Class of 1962
 - Laura McHugh Class of 1988
 - Dave Green Class of 1974
 - Sarah Shaw Class of 1992
 - Jim Cantwell Class of 1999
 - Rick Farland Class of 1982
 - TBD

A proxy vote may be awarded to the maximum of one individual, if needed, upon approval by any two of the Principal, Athletic Director and/or HOF Chairperson. All committee members will have full voting privileges. Appointed members will be for two-year periods. Additional year appointments may be made as outlined above for additional two-year periods. The official year of the Hall of Fame committee will be from September 1st to August 31st. For the Hall of Fame to conduct business, a quorum of (9) nine members must be present. To change any of the By-Laws or group policies or procedures, nine (9) affirmative votes must be secured. Any changes to the By-Laws must occur after the sitting committee has elected the current year inductees and before their current term of office has expired.

Qualifications for Election to the Hall of Fame

The Tantasqua Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame shall have four (4) categories. Election to the Hall will be as follows:

- **Student-Athlete:** Student-athletes must have earned a varsity letter in at least two different school years. They must have been selected to an All-league, All-Conference or All-State team and must have graduated from Tantasqua a minimum of seven (7) years previous. In circumstances where a student-athlete does not meet the aforementioned criteria, but is a Tantasqua graduate (seven years minimum) who has earned at least two varsity letters and has made a professional career in athletics, their nomination may be accepted and considered.
- **Administrator/Friend/Contributor:** An individual who has given meritorious service (over and above) to the Tantasqua athletic programs.
- **Coach:** Coaches must have a minimum of seven years coaching experience (at any level) at Tantasqua and must have given meritorious service over and above the stated expectations. This person shall be retired from coaching for at least one year.
- **State Champion Team Induction:** Any team that wins the MIAA championship will receive an automatic induction into the Tantasqua Athletic Hall of Fame.

Of note; members of the Hall of Fame Committee will not nominate candidates for the Hall of Fame.

Student-Athlete Selection Process and Recognition

Names for nomination may be submitted to the committee at any time by anyone via email or regular mail. One person will be selected by the committee to present each nominee to the full committee for review and voting purposes. Nomination papers should include as much career data and other supporting information as is possible. To gain admission into the Hall of Fame, the individual must be nominated. Next, the nomination must be brought forth to the committee and seconded by someone on the committee. To be enrolled, the nominee must receive a minimum of ten (10) votes if all members are present and a minimum of seven (7) votes if either eight or nine members are in attendance. If no candidate receives the desired number of votes necessary for induction on the first ballot, a second and final ballot may occur.

Administrator / Friend / Contributor Selection Process and Recognition

Names for nomination may be submitted to the committee at any time by anyone via email or regular mail. To gain admission to the Hall of Fame in this category, an individual must be nominated and seconded by a member of the committee and must receive a unanimous vote of all members present during an authorized election meeting.

Coach

Names for nomination may be submitted to the committee at any time by anyone via email or regular mail. To gain admission to the Hall of Fame in this category, an individual must be nominated and seconded by a member of the committee. To gain admission to the Hall of Fame in this category the nominee must receive a minimum of ten (10) votes if all members are present and minimum of seven (7) votes if either eight or nine members are in attendance.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Voting will be held between June 15th and July 15th of each year by arms-length secret ballot and the inductees will be announced during the month of September. An appropriate induction ceremony will be held each year. During the years in which Tantasqua hosts the Thanksgiving Day Football Game, a ceremonial breakfast will be held at the high school cafeteria prior to the game. Preceding the game, all newly elected members will be introduced at mid-field at a ceremony acknowledging their accomplishments. During the winter season, a pre-game ceremony will take place in the high school cafeteria. Prior to the start of the game at 7:00, newly inducted members of the Hall of Fame will be introduced at half court.

Funds will be raised to pay for costs through various donations and fund raising events.

Tantasqua Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Criteria

Student-Athlete:

General Criteria:

- Criteria and qualifications will be based primarily upon the candidate's participation while attending Tantasqua. However, applicable accomplishments after leaving Tantasqua may be an important point of consideration.
- All candidates shall have displayed fine character and a commitment to Tantasqua during their time.

Specific Criteria:

- Candidate must have earned a varsity letter in at least two different school years.
- Candidate must have been selected to an All-league, All-Conference, or All-State team.

-Candidate must be a graduate of Tantasqua and must have been out of Tantasqua for at least seven years.

NOTE: In circumstances where a student-athlete does not meet the aforementioned criteria, but is a Tantasqua graduate (seven years minimum) who has earned at least two varsity letters and has made a professional career in athletics, their nomination may be accepted and considered.

STUDENT – ATHLETE NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email & Phone #: _____ () _____

Nominee Name: _____ Class of: _____

Current Address: _____

Notable Statistics / Information:

Sport	Years			Recognition; All –				
	F	JV	V	League	Central Mass	State	Captain	Notable Statistics

Supporting Documentation: Please attach a separate sheet with any additional commentary about the person being nominated that you believe may better help to define and support this nomination. Additional information may include for example, anecdotal commentary, scrapbook verification information, academic facts (e.g honor roll, AP classes, college pursuit, athletic related career, etc.). *An application without supporting data will not be considered.*

COACH NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email & Phone #: _____ () _____

Nominee Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Total Years Coached: _____

Notable Statistics / Information:

Sport	Years		Record	Team Honors, etc
	JV	Varsity		

Supporting Documentation: Please attach a separate sheet with any additional commentary about the coach being nominated that you believe may better help to define and support this nomination.
An application without supporting data will not be considered.

ADMINISTRATOR / FRIEND / CONTRIBUTOR NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email & Phone #: _____ (____) _____

Nominee Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Contributions to Tantasqua: _____
