

The Soccer Hall of Fame – Ontario

1. Purpose

The Soccer Hall of Fame – Ontario (SHOFO) recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Ontario's most outstanding soccer players, coaches, referees, builders, media, teams, districts, clubs, academies and organizations of distinction.

The Board of Directors of SHOFO will make the final decision on all nominated candidates based on the submitted criteria.

2. Objectives

To review all The SHOFO processes and procedures

To develop and confirm an effective and efficient nomination process for The SHOFO candidates

3. Categories for Membership

1. Players
2. Referees
3. Builders/Coaches
4. Media
5. Team of Distinction
6. Organization of Distinction

4. Selection Process

The SHOFO shall appoint the persons who will serve on the SHOFO Selection Committee.

The number of persons to be appointed shall be at the discretion of the Chair SHOFO.

The qualifications of the persons appointed to the SHOFO Selection Committee shall include a general knowledge of the history and traditions of soccer in Ontario and a specific knowledge of soccer events, competitions and competitors and whose prestige, judgment and integrity are most likely to ensure the fair and impartial assessment of the qualities of the nominees submitted for their consideration

5. Confidentiality

No member of SHOFO shall divulge or disclose the results or other particulars of the balloting in advance of the official release.

6. Removal from SHOFO

The decision to remove an inductee from SHOFO shall be on the recommendation of the Committee. The recommendation shall be based on evidence and guided by the principle of fairness and shall only be made after it has been ascertained by relevant facts relating to the case under consideration.

1. The SHOFO shall consider the removal of a Hall of Fame if:

- (a) the person has been convicted of a criminal offence; or
- (b) the conduct of the person
 - (i) constitutes a significant departure from generally recognized standards of public behaviour which is seen to undermine the credibility, integrity or relevance of SHOFO, or detracts from the original grounds upon which the induction was based;
 - (ii) or has been subject to official sanction, such as a fine or a reprimand, by an adjudicating body, professional association or other organization.
 - (iii) in rare circumstances, a member could be removed from the hall for bringing the game into disrepute

Procedure

The removal procedure will proceed in the following stages:

- (a) A request to consider the removal of a Hall of Fame may be made by any person in writing to the Chair of SHOFO. If the Chair of SHOFO in consultation with the Committee, determines that the grounds for removal are insufficient or spurious, the Chair of SHOFO will send a reply to the person who made the request.
- (b) If the Chair of SHOFO, in consultation with the SHOFO Committee determines that there may be reasonable grounds for removal of the inductee, the request will be dealt with by the Committee.
- (c) The SHOFO will consider the request if, in its opinion, there are insufficient grounds to proceed further. The Chair of the SHOFO will send a reply to the person who made the request.
- (d) If the SHOFO determines that there may be reasonable grounds for removal of the inductee, the request will be subject to the remainder of the removal process.
- (e) The Chair of SHOFO will send, by registered mail, a written notice advising the person, based on the allegations of fact set out in the notice, that the removal of their membership

is under consideration. The notice will advise the person that, within the time prescribed in the notice, they may:

(i) resign from the SHOFO; or

(ii) make representations respecting the matter under consideration or any allegation of fact set out in the notice. The notice will also indicate that the removal process will continue, even if the person omits to reply within the prescribed time.

(f) If the person chooses to resign from SHOFO, the person shall notify the Chair of the SHOFO in writing of that fact within the time prescribed in the notice. After the acceptance of the person's resignation by the SHOFO, the person's name will be struck from any list held by the SHOFO

(g) If the person elects to make representations respecting the matter under consideration or any allegation of fact set out in the notice, the person or their representative may, within the time prescribed in the notice or as otherwise authorized by the SHOFO, make representations in writing.

(h) If, within the time prescribed in the notice or authorized by the SHOFO the person fails to reply to the notice, the SHOFO to review the case under the procedures provided.

(i) If the person has made representations, all relevant documentation will be sent to the SHOFO for its consideration. After due consideration and consultation with the SHOFO will produce a report that contains its findings and recommendations with respect to whether to remove the person's membership.

(j) The SHOFO will pass a resolution, under the recommendation of the report,

(i) to either advise the person in question that they remain in SHOFO is in good standing; or

(ii) to remove the person's appointment to the SHOFO.

(k) Notice of the removal of the person's appointment to the SHOFO shall be published as appropriate.