

**Illinois Institute of Technology
Athletic Hall of Fame**

The Illinois Institute of Technology Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2010 to honor the outstanding performances for athletes, coaches, teams, and other exemplary performers. Inductees will have demonstrated leadership, teamwork, and excellence during their tenure at IIT.

Nominations for athletic hall of fame membership will be accepted by the Nominating Committee from any alumni, faculty or staff member, or friend of IIT. An appointed Hall of Fame Selection committee will review nominations and vote on established criteria.

The inaugural Hall of Fame class will be inducted in September, 2011.

The guidelines and process for submitting nominations, selecting members, and holding induction ceremonies are outlined herein.

Mission Statement

The Illinois Institute of Technology Athletic Hall of Fame serves as the highest honor bestowed to its alumni and supporters in recognition of outstanding athletic achievements of individuals and teams of every era.

I. Inductees Eligibility

A. Individual Athlete Inductee:

Any Illinois Institute of Technology graduate, living or deceased, who received a varsity letter from the Illinois Institute of Technology Athletic Department, shall be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame as an Individual Athlete Inductee five years after graduation from IIT. Exceptions to five year eligibility may be waived by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

B. Athletic Team Inductee:

Any Illinois Institute of Technology athletic team that distinguished itself with exceptional team performances including: conference championship, advancement to NAIA regional or national competition, regional or national titles, school records, and undefeated seasons.

C. Coach/Athletic Administrator Inductee:

Any individual, living or deceased, who has made a significant contribution to the Illinois Institute of Technology athletic program as a coach or athletic administrator, shall be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame.

D. Special Inductee:

Any individual, living or deceased, who has made a significant contribution to the Illinois Institute of Technology athletic program, shall be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame as a Special Inductee. Special Inductees include boosters, trainers, team doctors, and other individuals who have represented the university athletic program at a high standard.

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II. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be made up of athletic staff members and current student-athletes.

2010-11 Nominating Committee: Chair- Marc Colwell (Head Women's Soccer Coach, Athletic Alumni Relations), Co-Chair: Jason Neal (Director of Intramurals & Recreation), Emily Kunkel (student-archives), TBA, TBA.

Technical Support: Steve Born

Banquet Organizer: Kelly Fitzgerald

III. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of at least five members including the Director of Athletics, senior members of the athletic coaching staff, and members of the alumni association.

2010-11 Selection Committee: Chair-Director of Athletics, Rob Bond (Head Swimming Coach, Interim Director of Athletics), Steve Born (Head Baseball Coach, Director Sports Information), Kelly Fitzgerald (Head Volleyball Coach, Facilities Manager), Phil Kopinski (Head Cross-Country Coach, Athletic Trainer).

IV. Nominations

- A. Nominations will be accepted from any alumni, staff member or friend of IIT.
- B. Individuals may nominate an athletic team of which they were a member.
- C. The nominators must indicate which type of membership they are nominating for: Individual, Team, Coach/Administrator, or Special Inductee
- D. Nominations must be made no later than May 15th of each calendar year for that year's induction at homecoming weekend in September.
- E. Nominations can be made online at www.illinoistechathletics.com
- F. Nominations can also be made in writing by requesting a nomination form:

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Illinois Institute of Technology

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IV. Selection Process

- A. The Athletic Hall of Fame Nominating Committee will develop a list of candidates from nominations for review by the Selection Committee.
- B. The list of candidates shall contain relevant athletic information for consideration by the selection committee, including sport(s) and position(s) played, year of graduation, letters earned, and notable achievements.
- C. The Athletic Hall of Fame nomination and selection committees will meet at the August Hall of Fame review meeting to discuss candidates. The selection committee will vote to determine membership that represents various sports and time periods and reflects both men's and women's varsity athletics
- D. There is no cap on the number of inductees for the inaugural 2011 class.
- E. No more than five individuals and teams and may be inducted annually.
- F. The selection committee may authorize induction to an individual or team who falls outside of the defined criteria when justified by special circumstances.
- G. To be elected to the Hall of Fame, a nominee must receive at least three votes, a majority of the membership selection committee.
- H. The selection committee will present the Alumni Board with its recommendation for induction of new members at the Alumni Boards business meeting and ask for a motion to induct the slate.
- I. While it is not the intent of the Hall of Fame Rules to establish quotas, the Nominating Committee should be sensitive to the number of male/female athletes who are nominated in any year as well as the number of former athletes from each sport who are nominated in any year and over a given period of time.
- J. Public announcement of the inductee(s) shall be made prior to the induction ceremony.

V. Induction Ceremony

- A. The Athletic Hall of Fame induction will be conducted during a ceremony during Homecoming weekend each September.
- B. The committee recommends a banquet with equal presentations for all inductees.
- C. In the future, all current Athletic Hall of Fame members and their families shall be invited and attending members will be acknowledged at the recognition ceremony.
- D. Current Inductees must attend their induction unless awarded posthumously or the committee has waived their presence and appointed a proxy to receive their award.
- E. The office of Alumni and Donor Relations will coordinate sending invitations on behalf of the inductee and the College to the inductee's guest list, teammates, coaches, and classmates.

VI. Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Permanent Display

- A. Each Individual, Team Member, Coach/Athletic Administrator or Special Inductee recipient shall receive a certificate describing the achievements of the honoree.
- B. A plaque recognizing Inductees will be permanently displayed in an area designated by the Director of Athletics of IIT.
- C. Hall of Fame recognition on the Illinois Tech athletic web-site.