

Criteria for Nomination

Entities considering nominating a player, coach, manager or umpire to the BNSW HOF, should ensure their respective candidate meets the following criteria:

- Induction into the BNSW HOF is based upon on-field excellence, as opposed to long and loyal service to the game, which falls under Life Membership to BNSW. Excellence and impact will be evidenced by regular and outstanding representation at State, National or International levels, individual awards, and/or outstanding success and achievement on the International stage, professional baseball or achieved records that have stood the test of time.
The bar for selection is intentionally set very high. The BNSW HOF is only for the best and most dominant participants, regardless of their era.
- In recognition of the importance of statistics to the history of baseball, statistical evidence of outstanding performance, applicable to playing, coaching, managing or umpiring must be provided as supporting evidence for BNSW HOF nomination.
- In the absence of available statistical evidence, nominations should be supported through written testimonials and/or oral histories (documented) from multiple sources.
- Nominees must have participated in a competition, league or team as a registered player, coach, manager or umpire of a BNSW Club, State Team or Sydney Blue Sox for a minimum period of 5 years (seasons).
- Nominees must be an Australian Citizen and be either a current or previous financial BNSW member – and nominees may be nominated posthumously.
- On-field personnel will only be considered for nomination if they have been retired from their on-field roles for 3 years. On-field personnel are considered as “retired” if they have not played State League 1st Grade (or above level) for 3 or more years.
- Inductees must meet acceptable standards of integrity, character and sportsmanship, and must not have brought the sport of baseball into disrepute.
- The BNSW HC reserves the right to crosscheck information provided in support of nominees at its discretion as part of the validation process.



Nominations by Era

The history of baseball is categorized into distinctive eras, this work was completed in 2005 by the Baseball Australia Heritage Committee. These same eras are used by the BNSW HOF in alignment with the National HOF – **chronologically, these eras include:**

- Pre 1900
- 1900 – 1918 (rapid expansion of the game and regular interstate competition)
- 1919 – 1946 (the start of Claxton Shield and beginning of American influence)
- 1947 – 1967 (Claxton Shield and post war American influence)

Nominees from the above era will be assessed solely by the BNSW HOFC. Nominees who participated in the post 1967 eras defined below, will be assessed by the BNSW HC and, if approved, will be included on the ballot to be distributed to the BNSW HOFC (Voting Panel).

- 1968 - 1988 (Claxton Shield, Olympic Games and Asian influence)
- 1989 – 1999 (ABL and Olympic Games)
- 2000 – 2009 (IBLA, Claxton Shield and Olympic Games)
- 2010 – present (Modern era, World Baseball Classic, new ABL from 2010)

The following entities are eligible to nominate candidates:

- The current State League Clubs, the SWBL Clubs, NSW Women's League Clubs, and Regional Country Associations can nominate up to 2 candidates for the post 1967 era and 1 candidate for the pre 1968 era.
- The Umpires Association can nominate 1 umpire.
- The Sydney Blue Sox can nominate 1 candidate.
- The BNSW HC can nominate up to 2 candidates.
- The BNSW Board of Directors can nominate 1 candidate.

Each entity should carefully consider the Criteria for Nomination prior to preparing and making a submission.

- Nominations must be submitted to the BNSW HC in a word document format, or similar, no handwritten submissions, with attachments if required. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the required timelines and deadlines established by the BNSW HC which will be published on the BNSW website and updated annually. All nominations must have a signed nominee and seconder from an eligible entity and nominations will not be accepted from individuals nor self-nominations.