

Sporting Hall of Fame

Selection Criteria

The Wagga City Council Sporting Hall of Fame and Local Legends was established in 1993 to recognise the outstanding achievement of Wagga Wagga athletes who have reached the highest level of their chosen sport. The nominee's significant contributions to both their chosen sport and the City of Wagga Wagga will be proudly recognised through their induction into the Sporting Hall of Fame.

A selection of memorabilia from Sporting Hall of Fame inductees are on display at the Museum of the Riverina's Botanic Gardens site.

Nominations for the Sporting Hall of Fame and Local Legends are considered by a panel consisting of one Councillor, one Community member and Council officers on an annual basis, to be open for one month from July to August 2025.

1 Sporting Hall of Fame

1.1 Definition

Sport: physical activity that can be undertaken by a team or individual in a social or competitive environment in pursuit of a result. (NSW Office of Sport)

1.2 Preamble

Nominees to the Sporting Hall of Fame (SHOF) will have reached the highest level in their chosen sport.

It is expected that those athletes will have contributed to the development of their chosen sport within the city and will have promoted the City of Wagga Wagga as part of their sporting and/or representative commitment, and positively represented the City of Wagga Wagga.

1.3 Selection Criteria

To be eligible for selection into the SHOF, the following criteria applies:

- a) the nominee must have represented Australia or equivalent (where international representation is not available) at an open or senior level, either individually or as part of a team, in the capacity of a player, coach or referee/umpire

- b) the selected athlete must have been born in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area or have participated in the sport in Wagga Wagga for at least 5 years
- c) it is essential that nominations for athletes be supported by their local sporting association (where there is a local sporting body/association), or in the absence of such a local association, by the state or national association
- d) nominees shall be considered when:
 - i. They have retired from international or the highest level of competition for the particular sport (where international representation is not available)
 - ii. the performance of a particularly outstanding athletic achievement that warrants special recognition
 - iii. (e.g. winner of an Olympic or Commonwealth medal)
- e) The decision of the SHOF Panel shall be final. No appeal can be made against those decisions nor shall any correspondence be entered into
- f) In considering nominees, such as those from an earlier era, who had limited opportunity to compete at an elite level, the SHOF Panel shall give due weight to the expert opinions of:
 - i. the nominee's sporting peers (e.g. fellow competitors from the same earlier era)
 - ii. governing bodies/associations and/or professional sporting bodies providing those opinions have been recorded (e.g. letters, tapes, video, newspapers etc.) and authenticated
- g) The SHOF Panel will consider in addition to a nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character

2 Local Legends

2.1 Preamble

Nominations for this category will be accepted from local sporting associations.

The SHOF Panel will take into account the following criteria which will be considered in conjunction with the nominee's contribution and involvement within his or her chosen sport.

2.1.1 Selection Criteria

To be eligible for selection as a Local Legend, the following criteria applies:

- a) long and meritorious service to their sport along with significant achievement in their sport.
Achievement arising from personal effort or initiative is essential. Long term service is not sufficient in itself, and/or
- b) represented their sport as an administrator, coach, manager, official or other support role to an Australian junior, open or senior side, and/or
- c) recognised as an integral part of the development of the sport within the city
- d) it is essential that nominations for athletes be supported by their local sporting association (where there is a local sporting body/association), or in the absence of such a local association, by the state or national association
- e) a select number of candidates will be admitted to the Local Legends category under the following categories:
 - player
 - coach
 - manager
 - official
 - administrator
- f) The SHOF Panel will consider in addition to a nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character