

USARS COMPETITIVE COACHES ROLLER SKATING HALL OF FAME

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PURPOSE:

The USARS Competitive Coaches Hall of Fame was instituted in 1991 to honor those individuals who as coaches have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating throughout the organized history of our sport. Selection of candidates will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee.

CRITERIA:

Hall of Fame considerations will involve the following criteria: Coaching innovations; instructional research and development; the quality of skills consistently demonstrated by students; student performances that have materially influenced and enriched the sport of roller skating; and consistent championship successes:

1. The coach must have directed his or her students through one or more of the following accomplishments: (a) Innovations in movement or skating style, (b) highest standards of performance, (c) extraordinary training or competitive techniques, (d) consistent and inspirational achievement. No coach will be considered for the Hall of Fame unless such characteristics as enumerated are broad based and extend over a long period of time. A single champion or a lone idea advanced should not be considered sufficiently meritorious.
2. The number of skating titles won by athletes under their direction, or the length of their coaching career, cannot be considered automatic qualification for election to the Competitive Coaches Hall of Fame. However, these factors may be taken into account when considering the individual's merit as a coach.
3. Candidacy for Hall of Fame does not necessarily need support of institutional memberships or licenses. The test of an individual's contributions will be based on results rather than credentials.
4. Consideration shall be given to the individuals who are themselves responsible for the development and encouragement of successful coaches, who were one time students of the candidate. In other words, a teacher of teachers.
5. Consideration will be given to individuals who over many years have contributed to development of outstanding skaters, even if these pupils achieved their titles later under different coaches. This is recognition given to candidates who consistently produce skaters with quality fundamentals, the clay from which future champions are molded.

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6. Documentary evidence of a coaches accomplishments must be presented with nomination for the Competitive Coaches Roller Skating Hall of Fame. Such proof shall consist of published archival and library items, reports or interviews conducted with the candidates contemporaries, and if possible, the candidate's credentials should be confirmed or established by at least three different sources.
7. The selection of individuals to the Competitive Coaches Roller Skating Hall of Fame shall not necessarily be limited to American citizens, however, only those coaches who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sport of roller skating in the United States shall be eligible.
8. Only coaches who were or are active in the sport of roller skating for at least ten years may be considered for the Hall of Fame.
9. In the event of the demise or retirement of an outstanding coach who does not meet the above longevity requirements, the USARS Board of Directors may waive item #8 above by unanimous secret ballot at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

ANNUAL SELECTION PROCESS

10. The annual selection process for the Hall of Fame of "Current" coaches that meet the minimum coaching service requirements of ten years or more will be limited to three (3) individuals or teams for a calendar year. One (1) additional coach in the "Veterans" category may be selected for the Hall of Fame if they have a minimum of fifteen years coaching experience.
11. Nominations must be submitted in writing to USA Roller Sports National Office by no later than *January 10* of each year. Nominations should include written and printed documentation to support how the nominee meets the award criteria. *Nominations should be received 30 days prior to the annual Spring Hall of Fame and Honors Committee Meeting. If received after that date they may be deferred until the following year.*
12. All nominations will be presented to the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee for consideration. Candidates who receive unanimous endorsement by the Committee will then be recommended to the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors for final selection.