

## **THE USARS AMATEUR ATHLETES ROLLER SKATING HALL OF FAME**

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### **PURPOSE:**

The USARS Amateur Athletes Hall of Fame was instituted in 1983 to honor those individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating. Only those who, through their skating performances, have materially influenced and enriched the sport shall be considered for election to the Hall of Fame. Election to the Amateur Athletes Hall of Fame will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee for those persons who have transformed competitive roller skating through their athletic achievements in their chosen event or discipline. Such contributions must be of a lasting nature.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. The person/team must have influenced all other competitors in his or her discipline through one or more of the following: innovations in movement or style; high performance standards; training or competitive techniques; or persistent and inspirational leadership.
2. The numbers of skating titles won by an individual or team, or the length of their amateur career is not an automatic qualification for election to the Hall. However, these factors may be taken into account in considering the individual's high performance standards or their persistent and inspirational leadership.
3. The individual's contribution to the sport of roller skating must have been made during the time he or she was competing as an amateur athlete.
4. Eligibility for election to the Hall of Fame shall not be limited to skaters from one or more specific amateur roller skating bodies. Specifically, not only skaters affiliated with USARS shall be considered, but also those individuals who competed under the auspices of other roller skating sports organizations. These include, but are not limited to: United States Federation of Amateur Roller Skaters, United States Amateur Roller Skating Association, Roller Skating Rink Operators Association, and other, pre-1937 federations such as the Western Skating Association, International Skating Union of America, and the Amateur Roller Skating Association of America.
5. Regardless of which organization the individual skated under, or how great his or her accomplishments are said to be, proof of the individual's contributions to the sport of roller skating must exist for the individual to be eligible for election to the Hall. Such documentary proof shall consist of published archival and library items, and reports of interviews conducted with the individual's contemporaries. If possible, all of the individual's contributions should be confirmed in at least three different sources.

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6. Although the selection of individuals to the Hall of Fame shall not be limited to American citizens, only those skaters who have made significant contributions of a lasting nature to the sport of roller skating in the United States shall be eligible.
7. Individuals must be retired from official national or world competitions and must not have competed at the elite level of that discipline for cash prizes for a minimum of five (5) competitive seasons to be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame.
8. In the case of the death of an outstanding amateur skater who meets all of the requirements, other than #7 listed above, the USARS Board of Directors, by unanimous secret ballot, may waive the time requirement listed under #7.
9. The annual number of individuals or teams that may be inducted in the Amateur Athletes Hall of Fame is limited to three or less nominees in the Current category (five years or more retired from competition) and one additional nominee may be proposed in the Veteran category (retired at least 15 years). Any number in excess of this limitation must receive 2/3 approval from the USARS Board of Directors.
10. 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 received after January 10 will be deferred until the following year.*
11. 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.