



## **CANADIAN SQUASH HALL OF FAME NOMINATION AND SELECTION POLICY**

The Canadian Squash Hall of Fame was established in 2017 and is owned and operated by Squash Canada and is housed at a venue determined by the Squash Canada Board of Directors. The Squash Canada awards program date back to 1983 with the introduction of the Distinguished Service Awards to recognize Canada's greatest Builders, Coaches, Officials and Players. In 2010, these awards were redefined as the Wall of Fame to visually showcase the honoured recipients in a more prestigious fashion through a virtual Hall of Fame on the Squash Canada website

Celebrating success is a hallmark of any successful organization. A Hall of Fame not only celebrates success, but also acts as a living chronicle of the sport's history. As people change within organizations, its successes are not lost. A Hall of Fame is a legacy for future generations of squash players to learn from the past and in shaping the sport of tomorrow. Hence, the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame was founded to permanently preserve the recognition of the outstanding achievements of its athletes and the tremendous contributions of its coaches, officials and builders in a first-class visual environment.

There are five categories of induction into the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame – Athlete, Coach, Official and Builder with the pinnacle award being the Platinum Presidents Award. Each category recognizes major achievements, a lifetime contribution to the sport, a positive impact on the game of squash in Canada, a positive public image within the sport, and/or an enhancement of the sport within the Canada.

The Call for Nominations will be made every four (4) years, in even numbered years. During each induction year, recipients will be celebrated and honoured at a special induction and awards ceremony.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Squash Canada Board of Directors shall appoint a Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Board of Trustees consisting of not less than 4 current members from the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame, one each from the Player, Coach, Official, Builder or the Platinum Presidents Award categories, together with a Chair being a former Squash Canada president. The Squash Canada Executive Director shall be a ex officio member of the committee and act as Secretary. In the event there

are insufficient Hall of Fame members available to populate the committee, the Squash Canada Board reserves the right to appoint a member who is recognized nationally within the Canadian squash community in its sole discretion. The Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Board of Trustees acts under the auspices of Squash Canada and shall form the Selection Committee under the Terms of Reference created and approved by the Squash Canada Board of Directors in advance.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Selection Committee together with the Squash Canada Executive Director will review all nominations that are received no later than the posted deadline. All nominations from previous year's submissions will continue to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will normally select a maximum of one recipient per category per induction year

For selection, a nominee requires a majority vote of the Selection Committee members.

In evaluating nominations, the Selection Committee will place equal weight on the nominee's personal character and integrity and contributions to the game.

All nominees will be considered equally against the Selection Criteria. Those inductees selected will be accorded the highest honour that the sport itself can bestow at the national level.

All successful inductees and their nominator(s) will be notified by a member of the Selection Committee by phone. If unsuccessful, only the nominator will be sent a letter of decision.

In each induction cycle, there may not be a recipient in each category.

## **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

All nominees must have held a Canadian citizenship or have been a Canadian resident during a substantial portion of their squash career and have made a distinguished contribution to Squash in Canada. Deceased athletes, coaches, officials and builders are eligible for consideration. A member of the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame in one category remains eligible for nomination in another category.

## **CANADIAN SQUASH HALL OF FAME – CATEGORY ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA**

### **Player**

The Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Player category is open to distinguished players in all aspects of squash: hardball, softball, singles, doubles, men, women, professional and amateur with some consideration to performance in an age-group competition (junior, intercollegiate and masters) but more weight given to Open competition.

Nominees shall not ordinarily be considered eligible for nomination until four (4) years after retirement from major Open competitive participation. The Canadian Squash Hall of Fame

Committee may, by a unanimous affirmative vote, eliminate the four-year waiting period if deemed necessary under the candidate's personal circumstances.

- The nominee must have contributed to the promotion and recognition of squash through his/her achievements as a player at the national or international level.
- Any individual who is or has been an active part of the Canadian squash community, who has achieved outstanding and extraordinary success in Canada and as a Canadian competing in international competition, who demonstrates exemplary values and/or personal characteristics, and makes a defining contribution to squash and to Canadian society, demonstrating ability, sportsmanship and character while contributing to the sport and the Canadian game.
- Athlete nominees shall not be considered until after a four (4) year waiting period following retirement from major open championship competition. However, may still be active in age-based divisions.
- Any athlete who has been inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame is automatically eligible for induction into the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame.

#### **Official**

- The nominee must have achieved national official status and have been active in officiating at National competitions for not less than 5 years.
- He/she must have contributed to the advancement of officiating in squash at the national level.
- Any Official who has been inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame is automatically eligible for induction into the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame.

#### **Coach**

- The nominee must have obtained a minimum Level 3 or Competition Development certification within the National Coaching Certification Program.
- He/she must have assisted in the development of coaching at the regional, provincial or national level, or in the development of outstanding athletes through his/her coaching efforts.
- Any person who has, through personal leadership and demonstration of positive personal character, made an outstanding and extraordinary contribution to the development of Canadian junior and/or senior squash players at the national and/or international levels, as indicated by the results obtained by those players, and who has, through stated and demonstrated principles, contributed positively to the development of other coaches and to the sport of squash.
- Any coach who has been inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame is automatically eligible for induction into the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame.

#### **Builder**

- The nominee must have contributed in the area of leadership, organization or administration that has advanced the sport at the national level.

- Any person who has made an outstanding and extraordinary contribution to the sport of squash, demonstrates exemplary values and personal characteristics, and makes a defining contribution to the sport of squash and/or Canadian society. (Potential nominees for this category include leader, administrator, club developer, competition/event organizer, and outstanding volunteer)
- Any Builder who has been inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame is automatically eligible for induction into the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame.

### **Platinum President's Award**

This is the highest possible distinguished award to a player, coach, official and/or builder. Player and official nominees shall only be considered eligible for nomination until four (4) years after retirement from major Open competitive participation. The Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Committee may, by a unanimous affirmative vote, eliminate the four-year waiting period if deemed necessary under the candidate's personal circumstances.

- Honours elite individuals who have made a significant impact to squash globally and who have been recognized worldwide.
- Nominations and selection are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors

### **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

A call for nominations will be made every four (4) years, in even numbered years, as follows:

January 15	Call for nominations
May 1	Deadline for receipt of nominations

All nominations must be submitted to the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Committee using the provided form and shall contain a complete record of the merits and achievements of each candidate. All submitted nominations must be professional in nature and include, at a minimum, the following information to be considered for the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame

- At least two letters of support from Squash Canada community members' familiar with the individual
- A complete and accurate biography of the nominees' accomplishments
- Statistical information (if available during the nominees' era)
- Copies of news clippings, photos, etc. (if available during the nominees' era)

Failure to provide this information will result in the non-consideration of the nominated candidate. An individual or organization including members of the Squash Canada Board of Directors, Squash Canada staff, and the Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Selection Committee may annually submit up to two nominations in each of the categories.

Nominees will be considered for induction in the year nominated. If a nomination is not successful, the nomination will be kept on file and will be automatically reconsidered for the next two cycles (four years). If, after the initial and two subsequent induction cycles, a

nomination is unsuccessful the nomination will be declared inactive and may only be resubmitted after a period of four years has elapsed.

A maximum of five pages of supporting documentation may accompany each nomination.

Nomination forms will be available on Squash Canada's website. The fillable fields will be marked as required to ensure that no information is left out. The nomination form will also include a final checklist to remind nominators of required attachments and extra documents to upload.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

### **Who May Nominate:**

Nominations may be made by any member of the Canadian squash community.

### **How to Nominate:**

1. There are no automatic inductions.
2. Nominations can be made by any individual or organization.
3. Nominations must be received using the official Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Nomination form (see below) for consideration

***Approved, Board of Directors  
February 2, 2018***