



Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame Bylaws

The Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame of Batten University was established by the Board of Trustees in 2007 to honor those who have made lasting contributions to the University's intercollegiate athletic program through outstanding achievement in athletics, service to athletics, or other significant contributions to athletics.

Eligibility includes five categories: Individuals, Veterans, Teams, Coaches/Administrators and Benefactors.

Criteria

The criteria for selection in each category is as follows:

Individual

- Any individual of good character who has demonstrated outstanding performance in athletic competition at Batten University, Virginia Wesleyan University or Virginia Wesleyan College shall be eligible for nomination in this category 5-15 years after the graduation of his or her class. (Example: A student-athlete who graduated in 2020 would be eligible in this category from 2025 through 2035.)
- Persons who have not qualified for a degree from Batten University, Virginia Wesleyan University or Virginia Wesleyan College but left the University in good standing may be nominated. (Good standing is defined as a 2.0 GPA and not separated for disciplinary reasons).
- Nominees may also include alumni with postgraduate athletic achievements and other individuals such as coaches and staff who have made outstanding contributions to Marlins intercollegiate athletics.
- Posthumous nominations are invited.

Veteran (Individual)

- Be at least ten (10) years past their initial eligibility for Hall of Fame induction. (Example: A student-athlete who graduated in 2020 would be eligible for standard Hall of Fame consideration from 2025 through 2035. Beginning in 2036, they would only be eligible for induction through the Veteran Committee's nomination.)
- Posthumous nominations are invited.

Team of Distinction

- A team that has earned national recognition. Eligible for nomination five years after the competition season.

Coaches/Administrators

- Individuals, coaches, and administrators who have enhanced the University's intercollegiate athletics. Coaches must have served the University for a minimum of 10 years.
- Posthumous nominations are invited.

Benefactor

- Philanthropists who have left their mark on the University's intercollegiate athletic programs.
- Posthumous nominations are invited.

Any exception to the criteria must be approved by the President of the University on recommendation of the Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Nomination Process

- Nominations shall be submitted to the Office of Alumni Engagement via the attached link posted on the University's website or in hard copy form upon request.
- Only nominations received between July 1-January 31 each year will be eligible for consideration. Nominations may be carried over for an additional year.

Individual induction shall be limited to no more than five per year. No voting member of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall be eligible for consideration during his or her term on the Committee.

Induction Process

- Induction of members is held annually, typically in October at Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Inductee Recognition

- Names of inductees, along with information about their contributions to intercollegiate athletics at the University, shall be permanently displayed in the Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame installation in the Jane P. Batten Student Center.
- Inductees will also be profiled on the Batten University website.

Selection Committee

- President of the University, *ex-officio*
- Director of Alumni Engagement, *ex-officio*
- Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, *ex-officio*
- Director of Sports Information, *ex-officio*
- Representative, Board of Trustees
- Representative, Full-time Athletics Coaching Staff
- Representative, Member of the Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame (excludes team category member)
- At-large Representative, University Alumnus/a
- Faculty Athletics Representative

Veteran Committee

The Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame Veteran Committee will recommend no more than two (2) candidates per year to the Selection Committee. Eligible nominees must meet both of the criteria above. The Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame Veteran Committee will be composed of:

- Two (2) members of the Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame (one male, one female)
- The two (2) longest-serving active coaches at the university
- One (1) current or former Faculty Athletics Representative
- One (1) member of the Marlins Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee

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