



Hall of Fame Policy

Scope

Row Ontario's Hall of Fame recognizes and honours the outstanding contributions and individual achievements of athletes, coaches, umpires, and builders in the sport of rowing in Ontario.

The accomplishments of those individuals inducted into the Row Ontario Hall of Fame are considered exemplar and superior to the contributions and achievements of the majority of individuals within their field.

Policy Details

There are four categories of nomination for induction into the Row Ontario Hall of Fame:

- Athlete
 - Elite Athlete
 - Crew
 - Coach
 - Umpire
 - Builder
 - Heritage
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ATHLETE:

Elite Athlete:

An 'Elite Athlete' is one who competed at the highest levels of international rowing competition over a number of years. This includes athletes from all age categories (including Masters Rowing) in the disciplines of flatwater rowing, indoor rowing and coastal rowing. Athletes must be retired from the highest levels of international rowing competition for a period of not less than three (3) years at the time of nomination.

Primary athletic considerations for determining an Elite Athlete's worthiness for induction into the Row Ontario Hall of Fame are as follows:

Elite Athlete Athletic Accomplishments:

- Participation and placing in Major Games (Olympics, Paralympics, Pan Am, Commonwealth)
- Participation and placing in World Championship Events
- Consistent success over a number of years in FISA/World Rowing events (World Cups)
- Inclusion on the National Team over a number of years
- Participation and placing in National Championships, Provincial Championships and other high-level events (Royal Canadian Henley Regatta).

Crew:

A 'Crew' is the members of one boat who achieved a significant accomplishment(s) at the highest levels of international rowing. Crews may consist of two, four or eight members (plus coxswain). All members of the crew must be retired from the highest levels of international rowing competition for a period of not less than three (3) years at the time of nomination.

Primary athletic considerations for determining a Crew's worthiness for induction into the Row Ontario Hall of Fame are as follows:

Crew Athletic Accomplishments:

- Historically relevant accomplishments in Ontario or Canadian rowing
- Participation and placing in Major Games (Olympics, Paralympics, Pan Am, Commonwealth)
- Participation and placing in World Championship events
- Participation and placing in National Championships, Provincial Championships and other high-level events (Royal Canadian Henley Regatta).

Other considerations for determining an Elite Athlete, Crew, and Masters rower's worthiness for induction into the Row Ontario Hall of Fame cover an array of attributes, as follows:

Contribution to the Sport of Rowing in Ontario

- Sport promotion
- Sport development
- Involvement on sport-related committees

Leadership

- Consistent demonstration of being a positive role model and leading by example
- Exceptional sportsmanship
- Expression of admiration/respect of fellow athletes (past/present and peers)

Personal Development

- Evidence of effort to improve skills/knowledge as a rower
- Commitment to self-improvement through, for example, certification and seminars
- Transfer of knowledge and capacity to others

COACH:

The nominee must have coached in the sport of rowing in Ontario for a period of at least ten (10) years, not necessarily consecutively. Primary considerations for determining a coach's worthiness for induction into Row Ontario Hall of Fame are as follows:

Coaching Accomplishments

- Coaching effectiveness as illustrated by performance of athletes in provincial, national and/or international competitions
- Success with multiple athletes/crews
- Successful mentoring and development of other coaches
- Personal influence on coaching styles, philosophies and programs
- Ethical and fair approach to coaching
- Continued sport and rowing involvement of athletes coached in various roles
- Demonstrated skill development of athlete's coached
- Consistent athlete improvement over the course of coaching career

Contribution to the Sport of Rowing in Ontario

- Sport promotion
- Sport and program development
- Involvement on sport-related committees
- Organization of competition, training and special events

Leadership

- Consistent demonstration of being a positive role model and leading by example
- Exceptional sportsmanship
- Expression of admiration/respect of peers (past/present)

Personal Development

- Commitment to self-improvement through, for example, certification and seminars
- Transfer of knowledge and capacity to others
- Publication of papers/articles

UMPIRE:

The nominee must have umpired in the sport of rowing in Ontario for a period of at least ten (10) years, not necessarily consecutive. Primary considerations for determining an umpires worthiness for induction into Row Ontario Hall of Fame are as follows:

Umpiring Accomplishments:

- Umpire appointments for Major Games (Olympics, Paralympics, Pan Am, Commonwealth)
- Umpire appointments for World Championship Events
- Consistent umpiring in National Championships, Provincial Championships and other high-level events (Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, Canada Summer Games, etc.).

Contribution to the Sport of Rowing in Ontario

- Sport promotion
- Sport and program development

- Involvement on sport-related committees
- Organization of competition, training and special events

Leadership

- Consistent demonstration of being a positive role model and leading by example
- Exceptional sportsmanship
- Expression of admiration/respect of peers (past/present)

Personal Development

- Commitment to self-improvement through, for example, certification and seminars
 - Transfer of knowledge and capacity to others
 - Publication of papers/articles
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BUILDER:

The term 'Builder' includes a variety of functions in the sport of rowing including administrator, regatta director, patron, media (journalist/broadcaster), sports medicine, and volunteer.

The nominee must have served the sport of rowing in Ontario for a period of at least ten (10) years, not necessarily consecutive. Primary considerations for determining a builder's worthiness, as well as additional role-specific considerations, for induction into Row Ontario Hall of Fame are as follows:

Contribution to the Sport of Rowing in Ontario

- Sport promotion
- Sport and program development
- Club development
- Involvement on sport-related committees
- Organization of competition, training and special events

Leadership

- Consistent demonstration of being a positive role model and leading by example
- Exceptional sportsmanship
- Expression of admiration/respect of peers (past/present)

Personal Development

- Evidence of effort to improve skills/knowledge in their category of Builder
- Commitment to self-improvement through, for example, certification and seminars
- Transfer of knowledge and capacity to others
- Publication of papers/articles

HERITAGE:

The Heritage category includes individuals or crews whose contributions concluded before 1970. This can include those who have contributed in one or more of the categories of Athlete, Coach, Umpire, and Builder, and who meets the primary considerations of at least one of these categories, and who also meets the other stipulations in this policy. Heritage nominations may be received through the regular nomination process or developed through research by the Selection Panel and Row Ontario staff.

Additional Pertinent Information

Row Ontario will circulate among the Ontario rowing community an annual call for Hall of Fame nominations. Candidates must be nominated by an Ontario member club, a Row Ontario Board of Director/ Staff/ Committee representative and/or other rowing stakeholder. Self-nominations are not permitted.

Nomination forms will only be eligible for consideration if: complete, received by the stated deadline, accurate and truthful, and endorsed by the nominee's signature. Row Ontario's Board of Directors and/or staff, after reviewing the submitted nominations, may solicit additional nominations if they believe a person or persons meriting consideration for the Hall of Fame has not been nominated.

The rigorous review process consists of two steps. In step 1, Row Ontario staff will screen all nominations for eligibility. In step 2, those nominations meeting all criteria will be reviewed by the Hall of Fame Selection Panel (The Panel) comprised of sport and rowing community members convened specifically for this purpose. The Panel will determine a nominee's worthiness for induction into the Row Ontario Hall of Fame after a review of the nomination submission and solicitation of any additional pertinent information related to their potential Hall of Fame induction. All decisions of The Panel will be sent to the Row Ontario Board of Directors for ratification.

Nominees will be considered for induction in the year they are nominated. Nominations for meritorious candidates will also be carried forward and remain active in the review process for up to five (5) years; annual updates for nominations carried forward are permitted. In the event a nominee in the Coach, Umpire, or Builder category is not selected for induction, a period of at least five (5) years must have passed after the review process before a candidate's nomination form can be re-submitted for consideration. Athlete nominations cannot be re-submitted if not selected for the Hall of Fame within the five (5) year review process.

Strong preference will be given to nominees who have maintained a membership in good standing with an Ontario-based rowing club over the majority of their career.

Row Ontario is under no obligation to induct a Hall of Fame member each year. Those currently, actively serving on the Board of Directors or employed by Row Ontario are not eligible to be nominated for Hall of Fame honours.

Policy Implementation

The Row Ontario Board of Directors is responsible for the approval, implementation and enforcement of this policy.

Modification of Criteria

This policy may be revised by Row Ontario, as necessary.

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