

Chelsea Wall of Fame Overview

Vision

To honour, preserve and celebrate Chelsea's sport and community building excellence.

Mission

To celebrate our community and its uniqueness both in terms of exceptional individual achievements in sports and the strength and quality of the volunteer sector that sustain and shape our community.

Values

Upholding the principles of excellence, community, diversity, equity, inclusion and inspiration through sporting and community building pursuits.

Objectives

- To recognize the accomplishments of Chelsea's most distinguished athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, teams and community builders.
- To strengthen the social fabric of our community by bringing people and their neighbors together to celebrate where they live and thus contributing to community building.
- To recognize attained excellence and athletic achievement by Chelsea athletes, athletic teams and builders at the national and international level of competition.
- To stimulate awareness and pride of the role Chelsea's athletes have had on the national and international sporting scene.
- To create a tangible, permanent and historic collage of significant sporting accomplishments by residents of Chelsea.
- To induce and encourage the youth of Chelsea to pursue athletic excellence through recognition of these athletic achievers.
- To recognize the significant contributions of individuals as community builders.

1. Categories

There shall be two categories for induction: Community Builders and Sport.

A. Community Builders:

The **Community Builder** category recognizes and celebrates those exceptional individuals and/or groups in Chelsea whose efforts have shaped the community and made it the special place it is. The following criteria will apply:

1. **Dedication to serving the community:** The nominee should have demonstrated a commitment to serving and bettering the community through their actions, leadership, and advocacy.
2. **Positive impact:** The nominee's work should have had a positive impact on the community, whether it be through improving local infrastructure, creating community events, or promoting social and cultural values.
3. **Innovation and creativity:** The nominee should have shown innovation and creativity in their efforts to build community, whether it be through developing new programs, projects, or initiatives, or finding unique solutions to community challenges.
4. **Collaboration:** The nominee should have shown a willingness to work collaboratively with others in the community, including other community builders, local organizations, and residents.
5. **Sustainability:** The nominee's work should demonstrate a commitment to sustainability, whether it be through promoting environmental responsibility, promoting economic growth, or supporting social justice.
6. **Longevity:** The nominee should have demonstrated a sustained effort to build community over time, with a record of long-term involvement and engagement in the local community.
7. **Inspiring role model:** The nominee should be an inspiring role model for others in the community, embodying the qualities of leadership, dedication, and service that are necessary for effective community building.

B. Sport

The sport sub-categories in which individuals can be elected to the Chelsea Wall of Fame are as follows.

(1) Athletes:

Any individual athlete or team in amateur or professional sport who has achieved outstanding and extraordinary success in Canada, or as a Canadian competing abroad; demonstrates exemplary values and/or personal characteristics, and makes a defining contribution to his/her sport and/or the Chelsea community.

(2) Builders:

Any individual who has made an outstanding and/or extraordinary contribution to amateur or professional sport other than as a competitor at the community, provincial, national or international level; demonstrates exemplary values and/or personal characteristics, and makes a defining contribution to their sport and/or the Chelsea community.

2. Eligibility for Nomination

To be nominated for induction into the Chelsea Wall of Fame, the individual or the team must meet the following criteria:

Competed or involved with competitive sport, while

- living in Chelsea, past or present

AND, in the case of an athlete, coach or official, attained at least one of the following:

- Gold medalist in national level amateur or professional competition
- Gold, silver or bronze medalist in international level amateur or professional competition
- Professional status at the national or international level
- Olympian, Paralympian, Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games or Special Olympics participant.
- Exceptional achievement in other athletic endeavors.

3. Wall of Fame Selection Committee

3.1 The Chelsea Foundation Board of Directors shall appoint the individuals to serve on the Wall of Fame Selection Committee for a four-year term and designate a Chair or Co-chair of the Committee for a renewable one-year term. Individuals may be appointed to a second four year term.

3.2 Once appointed Chair or Co-chair of the Wall of Fame Selection Committee, an individual may serve up to four (4) years in this position.

3.3 The number of persons so appointed shall be not less than seven (7) and not more than thirteen (13).

3.4 Appointments to the Wall of Fame Selection Committee should be representative of the diversity of the Chelsea community.

3.5 Vacancies on the Selection Committee prior to the expiry of a term shall be filled by the Chelsea Foundation Board of Directors.

3.6 Members of the Selection Committee must declare any conflict of interest when discussing a nomination and recuse themselves from voting. Conflict of interest would include a close family, personal or business relationship.

3.7 To maintain transparency, integrity and credibility, members of the Chelsea Foundation Board of Directors or the Wall of Fame Selection Committee are not eligible for induction.

4. Nomination of Candidates

4.1 Nominations for selection may be made by any resident of Chelsea. Self nominations will be accepted and are encouraged.

4.2 Members of the Wall of Fame Selection Committee may submit nominations.

4.3 Nominations shall be made via the nominations portal on the Chelsea Foundation website and shall contain the fullest possible information concerning the record and the merits of each candidate nominated.

4.4 The deadline for nominations in any calendar year shall be September 22nd.

4.5 A nomination will stand for one three-year selection cycle after which it will expire. The nominator shall be offered the opportunity to renew the nomination for an additional three-year cycle. Should the nomination not be successful after a total of six (6) years, it will be removed from the list and not considered again until after a minimum two (2) year wait period. Should a nomination be re-submitted after the waiting period, it may be eligible for one three-year cycle after which their name will be no longer be considered in future.

5. Election Procedure

Election procedure and quota for inductions in each category shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Chelsea Foundation annually.

6. Recognition

The Wall of Fame induction ceremonies shall be hosted at the Meredith Centre with a community event in November of each year.

7. Removal from Wall of Fame

The Wall of Fame Selection Committee shall consider the removal of an inductee if:

- the individual has been convicted of a criminal offense; or
- the conduct of the individual reflects a significant departure from generally-recognized standards of public behaviour that is seen to undermine the credibility or integrity of the Chelsea Wall of Fame or detracts from the original grounds upon which the induction was based;

The Wall of Fame Selection Committee shall make any recommendations for removal to the Board of Directors of the Chelsea Foundation who will make the final decision.