**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**HALL OF FAME CONSTITUTION**

(Amended January 2021)

**ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association

**ARTICLE 2: LOCATION**

St. John’s, Capital City of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

**ARTICLE 3: OBJECTIVE**

1. To recognize, honor and pay tribute to all individuals, groups, associations, families or teams on the basis of playing ability, sportsmanship and character and who have achieved extraordinary distinction, whether that distinction be achieved in amateur and/or professional soccer.
2. To recognize, honor and pay tribute to those individuals, groups, associations or families who have given distinguished service and who have made a major contribution to the development and advancement of amateur or professional soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador.
3. To encourage the development of all aspects of soccer by permanently recording the achievements and history of such individuals, groups, associations, families or teams.

**ARTICLE 4: ADMINISTRATION**

The affairs of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame shall be administered by a selection committee.

**ARTICLE 5: FINANCES**

The cost of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame shall be the responsibility of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association.

**ARTICLE 6: CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

There shall be four (4) categories of membership in the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame:

1. Athlete
2. Builder
3. Athlete – Builder
4. Veteran

**Athlete** is defined as a competitor or participant in soccer recognized by the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association whether amateur or professional.

**Builder** is defined as an individual (coach, official, administrator or executive) who has made a major contribution towards the promotion, development and advancement of soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Athlete - Builder** is defined as any individual who has combined competition with contribution towards the promotion, development and advancement of soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Veteran** is an individual whose career occurred 40 years or more prior to the current selection year.

**ARTICLE 7: SELECTION COMMITTEE**

1. The Selection Committee shall consist of four **(4)** members who are knowledgeable in the history, traditions, accomplishments, ability, skill, achievement and contributions of Athletes, Builders, and Athlete-Builders within Newfoundland and Labrador. Their prestige, judgement and integrity are most likely to ensure the fair and impartial assessment of the qualities of the candidates submitted for their consideration and to ensure the maintenance of a very high standard of excellence in the selections made by them.
2. The members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed by the executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association through its President, and shall servea term oftwoyears. At the pleasure of the Association, the member may be asked to serve one or two additional terms. The total number of consecutive years shall not exceed six (6) years. Following six (6) consecutive years, a person can be eligible to serve again on the Selection Committee after she/he has had an absence of one or more years following their last completed year of appointment.
3. The quorum for any meeting of the Selection Committee shall be three (3) members.
4. There shall be no voting by proxy.
5. The Chairperson is appointed by the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Selection Committee. In the absence of the Chairperson, a Chairperson shall be elected for the purpose of that meeting.
6. Each meeting shall determine its own procedure; however, whenever possible proper parliamentary procedure shall be followed.
7. In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the Selection Committee, the President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association shall forthwith, fill the vacancy and the individual so appointed shall complete the term of her/his predecessor.

**ARTICLE 8:** **ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION**

1. Athlete candidates shall be chosen on the basis of their playing ability, sportsmanship, character and having achieved extra-ordinary distinction in an amateur or professional soccer career.
2. Builder candidates shall be chosen on the basis of having made a major contribution to the development and advancement of soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador. Builder candidates may be active or inactive in soccer.
3. Athlete-Builder candidates shall be chosen on the basis of achievement as a participant in amateur or professional soccer and contribution to the development and advancement of soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador which combination is recognized as worthy for election to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame.
4. No individual shall be eligible for election to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame in the Athlete category until a period of three (3) years has elapsed from the date of her/his retirement from active competition (except in the Masters’ category). The Selection Committee can in their absolute discretion, apply special considerations and conditions to reduce this period of time.
5. Members of the Selection Committee shall not be eligible for election while serving on the Selection Committee.
6. Posthumous elections are permitted. Representation for posthumously elected members during their induction shall be the decision of the Selection Committee.
7. Any Newfoundlander or Labradorean now or in the future, inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame with soccer as its main sport or the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame, shall be automatically inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame. (Note: these automatic inductions do not affect the numbers which the Selection Committee may use in their own selection deliberations.)
8. A maximum of seven (7) candidates **may** be elected into the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame in any election year. Two of these candidates are reserved for those in the Veteran’s category. If there are no candidates to be elected in the Veteran’s category in any given year, the Selection Committee **may** choose to apply these unused spots to the categories of Athlete, Builder or Athlete-Builder.
9. The Selection Committee is responsible for forwarding the nomination of any Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame member deemed qualified to the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame for consideration.
10. An Honor Roll of Teams shall be established and maintained to recognize and honor all teams form Newfoundland and Labrador that have won legitimate World or National Championships. A suitable presentation will be made to all members of such teams. Presentations of such recognition shall be made at the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association annual meeting or at a special event arranged for such purpose.
11. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for recommending the designation, **Honorary Life Member** to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association for individuals, groups, families, teams or clubs who have distinguished themselves in a life time of service to this association and to the sport of soccer. A suitable presentation will be made at the Annual Awards Gala or special event arranged for such an occasion.
12. The executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association may grant the Selection Committee permission to elect additional members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame to mark special occasions or events.

**ARTICLE 9: PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION**

1. All nominations shall be in the hands of the Selection Committee or delivered to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association business office on or before the 15th. day of November, in any Hall of Fame year.
2. A letter indicating that NLSA has received the nomination and that it will be kept active for a period of five selection years should be sent to the nominator of the nomination. If after five selection years the nomination is still unsuccessful, it will be removed from the active file. The nomination can be re-activated upon the submission of new material to support the candidate’s worthiness for induction to the Hall of Fame.
3. Any soccer enthusiasts or interested party can submit in writing to the Selection Committee the name of any individual for consideration for election into the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame.
4. All nominations shall follow the nomination procedure set by the Selection Committee. These nominations shall contain the fullest possible information, dates and records of merits of the candidate. Nominations not in compliance with the nomination procedure will be returned for correction.
5. A copy of all nominations received, shall be as soon as practical after the 15th day of November in every Hall of Fame Year, be delivered to each member of the Selection Committee for review.
6. Each member of the Selection Committee upon review of all nominations, shall make a list of nominations which they feel are worthy candidates for entry into the Hall of Fame.
7. At the selection meeting, all nominations will be presented for review. Each member of the Selection Committee will indicate whether the nomination has met the standard for induction into the Hall of Fame.
8. Following the initial review, those nominations that were identified by 75% of the members of the Selection Committee, will be recommended for induction into the Hall of Fame. If this initial process has identified more than the maximum five (5) in total, (athletes, builders or athlete-builders), each member of the committee will then rank each candidate in order of preference and present their ranking to the Chair. The Chair will then read each members ranking. The five (5) candidates with the highest ranking will be declared Hall of Fame Inductees. If there is a tie for the fifth inductee, the committee will vote again to break the tie between the tied individuals. If the vote is still tied the Chair shall have a second vote to break the tie.
9. The results and outcomes of the Selection Committee meeting are to remain confidential by all members of the Selection Committee and all other persons in attendance at the Selection Committee meeting.

**ARTICLE: 10: PUBLICATION OF ELECTION**

1. As soon as possible after Board confirmation of election results, the Chairperson of the Hall of Fame shall contact each Inductee to inform them of their election to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame. An official letter from the Association should also follow indicating their election to the Hall of Fame. The Chairperson will also advise inductees to keep their nomination confidential until an official press release has been made by the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association.
2. The Association should also prepare a press release as soon as possible after Board approval. This release should only indicate those who are elected to the Hall of Fame.
3. When possible, each newly elected member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame shall be formally inducted at an official induction ceremony.
4. The time and place of such ceremony shall be at the annual meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association or special event.
5. At the time of the induction, the new members shall receive a form of recognition as the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association deems.
6. The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a permanent roll of members elected to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame and, said roll will contain such information and be in such form as designated by the Association executive.

**ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association at any scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the following procedure.

1. No repeal or amendment to any article of this Constitution shall be considered at any Board meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association without first being considered by the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
2. The Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson shall forward a copy of any proposal, or proposed repeal or amendment to the Secretary of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association requesting, at the same time, that the proposal(s) be placed on the agenda of a Board of Directors meeting for consideration, with such meeting to take place within thirty (30) days.
3. A copy of every proposed appeal or amendment shall be forwarded by the Secretary of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association to all members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Directors.
4. No Board member shall have less than (14) days’ notice of Constitutional amendments or of a Board meeting scheduled to consider such proposal(s).
5. Any amendments to this Constitution must be approved by at least 2/3 majority of the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Directors present and voting at a scheduled Board meeting, provided there is a quorum present.