

## ARTICLE 20 – SOFTBALL BC HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS AND HALL OF FAME

20.1. **PURPOSE** – To establish an honour roll of:

- a. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS of Softball BC
- b. BRITISH COLUMBIA ATHLETE OF DISTINCTION of Softball BC
- c. HALL OF FAME of Softball BC

### 20.2. **CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION**

#### 20.2.1. BC HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 20.2.1.1. Has served as a Director in BC and/or Coordinator, U.I.C. of Softball BC for a period of five (5) years, not necessarily consecutive.
- 20.2.1.2. May not return to Softball as a Director or Coordinator / U.I.C. if Honorary Life Membership is given.
- 20.2.1.3. Consideration for honorary life membership is to be based on exceptional service.

#### 20.2.2. BRITISH COLUMBIA ATHLETE OF DISTINCTION

- 20.2.2.1. Has represented Softball BC with distinction in Softball competition, in BC and/or Canada and whose career has brought great credit to Softball and high respect for the individual.
- 20.2.2.2. Has compiled an outstanding record which extends over a period of years in Softball and,
- 20.2.2.3. During the years for which outstanding performances are claimed, the athlete has been registered amateur as defined in the Operating Rules of Softball BC and,
- 20.2.2.4. Has been a BC resident during the period for which outstanding performances are claimed.

### 20.2.3. SOFTBALL BC HALL OF FAME

#### 20.2.3.1. ATHLETE

- a) Has represented Softball BC with distinction in Softball competition, in BC, Canada and internationally and, whose example has brought great credit to Softball and high respect for the individual.
- b) Has represented Canada in International Championship, Pan-American Games, Olympic Games or World Championship.
- c) Has compiled an outstanding record which extends over a period of years in Softball and,
- d) During the years for which outstanding performances are claimed, the athlete has been registered amateur as defined in the Operating Rules of Softball BC and,
- e) Has been a BC resident during the period for which outstanding performances are claimed.

#### 20.2.3.2. OFFICIALS

- a) Both male and female, who has umpired with distinction in BC, Canada, or outside of Canada; or whose example has brought great credit to Softball and high respect for the individual or,
- b) Has compiled an outstanding umpiring record which extends over a period of years.
- c) During the years for which outstanding performance is claimed, has been a registered umpire as defined in the Operating Rules of Softball BC
- d) Has been a BC resident during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed.

#### 20.2.3.3. SPORTSPERSON/BUILDER

- a) Has served meritoriously in more than one capacity for a period of at least 10 years, not necessarily consecutive, as a volunteer, and/or;
- b) Has served at the Association, District or Provincial capacity for a minimum of 2 years;
- c) Has been a BC resident for the period during which exceptional service is claimed.

#### 20.2.3.4. TEAMS

- a) Has represented Softball BC as a team with distinction in Softball competition & whose example has brought great credit to Softball and,
- b) Has won a Gold Medal in a Canadian/Western Championship.

20.2.3.5. SPONSORS  
a) Who has contributed to the growth of BC Softball for a period of five (5) years or longer.

20.2.3.6. COACH  
a) Has been a resident of BC during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed; and  
b) Have coached at least 5 years at Western and/or a Canadian Championships or 3 years at Canadian Championship; or  
c) Have coached at least 1 year at Pan Am or World Championships;  
d) Represented BC with distinction at those competitions.

20.2.4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION Softball BC will recognize individuals for meritorious service to the sport of softball, from time to time.

20.2.4.1. Coordinators/U.I.C.'s – 5/10/15 year pins issued at Annual General Meeting in year of service.

20.2.4.2. Local Association person – plaques issued recognizing contribution for display at local level.

20.2.4.3. Must have served 5 years or more with local association.

20.2.4.4. Must have worked to the betterment of Softball BC within their organizations.

### 20.3. NOMINATIONS

20.3.1. ORIGINATION Nominations may originate with a Club or an Association: in all cases, nominations must be approved by the appropriate District Coordinator, or Umpire-in-Chief.

20.3.2. CITATION Nominations must be accompanied by citations covering in as great detail as possible, the athletic accomplishments or the service record or both, of each person nominated. The claimed accomplishments or service record shall be supported by documentary evidence where there is any possibility of doubt.

20.3.3. PHOTOGRAPHS Should be accompanied by one or more photographs of the nominee(s), preferably 8 inches by 10 inches (20.3cm by 25.3cm). In the case of an athlete, it shall be an action picture from the athlete's competing days. In the case of sportsman or sportswomen, it shall be a suitable pose from their active service days.

20.3.4. DEADLINE Must be in the hands of the Softball BC Hall of Fame Membership Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Softball BC, for consideration in that year.

20.3.5. **REVIEW BY BOARD** All applications approved by the Softball BC Hall of Fame Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors of Softball BC with a recommendation for enrolment in the Hall.

20.4. **SOFTBALL BC HALL OF FAME CENTRE**

20.4.1. **LOCATION** Shall be located at a suitable site as determined by Softball BC

20.4.2. **PERMANENT DISPLAY** Each Honorary Life Member / Athlete / Sports person / Team shall be permanently displayed at the Softball BC Hall of Fame, in the form of photographs and/or resume.

20.4.3. **50 YEAR CLUB:** Softball BC will provide recognition to eligible members who have been involved with Softball BC and the sport of softball for 50 years.

20.5. **ENROLMENT:** At no time shall the total enrolment of Sports person exceed the total enrolment of Athletes.

20.6. **RECOGNITION:** Suitably engraved framed certifications shall accompany each appointment to the Softball BC Hall of Fame.

20.7. **SUPERVISION AND CONTROL:** The supervision and control of the Softball BC Hall of Fame shall be a responsibility of the Board of Directors, and administered by the committee herein called “The Softball BC Hall of Fame Committee” appointed by the Board of Directors every two years. The cost of operating this shall be borne by Softball BC. The Softball B.C Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of three (3) members as appointed by the Board of Directors of Softball BC. A Softball BC Hall of Fame register shall be kept by the Softball BC Executive Director for the purpose of recording names, citations, photographs (negatives) or other materials considered of value for records of all persons.

20.8. **AMENDMENTS:**

20.8.1. **PLURALITY** Any amendments to this Article may be made at any annual or general meeting of Softball BC provided two-thirds of the votes cast are favourable to any proposed amendment.

20.8.2. **NOTICE of Motion** of any proposed amendment shall be sent to the Office of Softball BC at least thirty (30) days before the annual or special general meeting and shall at once (upon receipt of said Notices of Motion) be forwarded by the Executive Director to all members of the Board of Directors and all members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

## **GORDON MCDONALD/MARGO AND DORENE THOMS BURSARY GUIDELINES**

1. All monies at present in the McDonald/Thoms Memorial Fund, and monies donated in future, to be administered by the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief, Mark Thoms and Callum McDonald. Monies to be expended will be voted upon each fall prior to October 1 of each year by the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief, Mark Thoms, Callum McDonald, Brian Van Os and the District Umpires-in-Chief (19 votes). The vote will be done by a mailed in ballot. All votes will be in sealed envelopes and mailed to Softball BC. The sealed envelopes will be sent to the Softball BC office and at the time the votes will be tabulated. The counting of the ballots should include 2 people. The results of the ballot count will be sent to all U.I.C.'s and the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief.
2. A complete financial report, including all revenues and its source, all expenses including all bursary recipients, opening balance and closing balance, be submitted to the Softball BC office by October 1 of each year by the McDonald/Thoms committee.
3. The voting members will establish one year in advance, the number of Bursaries and the amount of the Bursaries and these will be advertised in the last Softball BC Magazine of the year. (Application deadline August 1st or following the October 1st vote.)
4. The voting members will establish the guidelines for the application form and the distribution of these Bursaries. The voting members will be authorized to adjust by vote, changes to the guidelines as required. A signed copy of these guidelines will be available at the Softball BC office for the inspection of any Softball BC member.