

Bloomington – Normal Swimming Hall of Fame

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote competitive swimming and diving and the importance of both to lifelong fitness, good health, and well being. We will promote swimming and diving through the recognition of excellence and achievement from individual swimmers, divers, coaches, volunteers, teachers and others involved in the sport of swimming and diving in the Bloomington-Normal area. Recognition of these individuals will inspire, educate, motivate, and provide role models for those associated with swimming and diving.

Committee Membership

A Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Central Illinois Masters Swim Team, Inc. and shall consist of the following 5 members:

1. A current member of the BOD of the Central Illinois Masters Swim Team, Inc.
2. A current local coach of a swimming team.
3. A current local swimmer.
4. Two representatives, one male and one female, from the local swimming community.

These members shall continue to serve on the HOF Committee for a term set by the BOD of the Central Illinois Masters Swim Team, Inc.

Guidelines and Criteria for Induction in the HOF

1. To be eligible for induction to the HOF, a swimmer or diver should have achieved significant success in competitive swimming or diving. Examples include success at an Olympic or World level, NCAA titles and records, or titles and records at state high school or national age group levels.
2. Eligibility for coaches should be based on longevity in the sport with significant results over several years and multiple competitions.
3. Officials of the sport may be eligible based on their length of service and involvement in high level competitions at the state or national level.
4. Teachers or Volunteers may be eligible based on their length and breadth of service to swimming or diving in the local area.
5. All HOF inductees should exemplify through their actions a high commitment to excellence, moral values, and service to the swimming and diving community.
6. Since swimming can be a life long endeavor, retirement from competition isn't a requirement for induction in the HOF. However, for a swimmer or diver to be considered eligible, at least 5 years must have passed from the achievement of his or her significant success in competitive swimming or diving as set forth in guideline number 1 above. Coaches, officials, teachers, and volunteers should have a minimum of 20 years of service before being considered for the HOF.
7. The HOF Committee reserves the right to review and make exceptions the above criteria for special circumstances.

Nomination Process

1. Nominations may be submitted by any person.
2. Nomination forms may be submitted to the HOF Committee at any time, but must be received prior to March 1 in order to be considered for induction in the current year.
3. Nomination forms are available at the Central Illinois Masters Swim Team website: cimst.org

Election Process

1. Nominees will be evaluated by the HOF Committee members based on the criteria listed under Guidelines and Criteria for Induction into the HOF previously outlined in this document.
2. Agreement of not less than 4 members of the committee is required to be inducted into the HOF.

Induction Ceremony

1. From time to time the inductees will be recognized at a reception held in their honor.
2. Personal attendance at the reception by inductees is strongly encouraged; however, if not possible, a representative of the inductee may attend instead of the inductee.
3. Each inductee will receive a small token of their induction to be determined by the HOF committee, and will have their biographical information included on the HOF section of the Central Illinois Masters Swim Team, Inc. website.