



# Induction Process

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***Mission Statement:*** *The Nodak Speedway Hall of Fame celebrates excellence and strives to preserve the history of the Nodak Speedway and those who have been influential in areas including; competition, advancements, entertainment or dedicated volunteering. The ultimate goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep the history alive for generations to come.*

## NOMINATION PROCESS

### Nominating

Nominees must meet all eligibility criteria outlined for their respective achievement categories. Formal nominations must be submitted using the official Nomination Form, which may be requested from the Hall of Fame Director or any Hall of Fame Committee member. Each nomination must include a complete biographical summary and a supporting photograph of the nominee.

### Nominee Criteria

#### The Entertainers

##### Drivers

- Participated in competition for minimum of twenty-five (25) years
- Must be retired for three (3) years
- If driver has raced for forty-plus (40+) years, they do not need to be retired
- Must have significant achievements with Championships or wins at the Nodak Speedway

## **The Dedicated**

### **Driver (NEW)**

- Has had a car in competition for minimum of twenty-five (25) years
- Must have had a significant impact in on the racing community by mentoring, supporting, promoting and/or serving as an ambassador of the sport
- Have a reputation of good sportsmanship; upholding integrity, respect and positive influence

### **Car Owners**

- Has had a car in competition for minimum of twenty-five (25) years
- Car owner cannot be the driver of car in competition
- Have had a Nodak Speedway Hall of Fame driver drive for you for a minimum of one (1) season

### **Pitmen**

- Has to have wrenched for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years
- Must have had significant impact in helping their driver attain success
- Must have wrenched for a Nodak Speedway Hall of Fame driver

### **Board Member**

- Must have served the maximum terms set forth according to the current Nodak Speedway Bylaws
- Has held a minimum of two (2) different Board positions
- Has advocated for advancements and made a significant mark on Nodak Speedway's history

### **Volunteer**

- Must have volunteered their time for the club for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years
- Must be retired for three (3) years
- Volunteer must have made a significant mark on Nodak Speedway's history
- If a volunteer has committed their time for thirty-five-plus (35+) years, they do not need to be retired

## **Sponsors/Donors**

- Must have sponsored or donated to the Nodak Speedway for a minimum of fifteen (15) years

## **Employees**

- Must have been employed for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years
- Must be retired for three (3) years
- Employee must have made an impactful mark on Nodak Speedway's history
- If an employee has been employed for thirty-five-plus (35+) years, they do not need to be retired

## **Fan**

- Must have attended the Nodak Speedway races for a minimum of thirty (30) years
- Must be a Super-fan of the Nodak Speedway that has made a significant mark and contributed to the Nodak Speedway's history

## **All Nominees**

- Must have held a Nodak Speedway membership
- Must be minimum of forty eight (48) years old
- Must have made a historical and significant impact and/or achievement on the Nodak Speedway within their respectable category. Their impact and/or achievement must be the main highlight in their bio.
- Individuals may be considered for multiple categories if criteria has been met in both categories.
- Individuals may also be considered who made significant achievements and/or impact at the Nodak Speedway, but left the Nodak Speedway and/or sport early due to a variety of circumstances

## **Nomination Panel Duties**

The Nominating Panel will meet between the months of January to March to select the list of up to, but no more than 6 nominees for the Entertainer category, and up to, but no more than 6 Driver, Car owners, Pitman, Board member, Volunteer, Employee, Sponsor/Donor, and Fan for the Dedicated category.

## **Nomination Panel Members**

The Nomination Committee panel will consist of the Hall of Fame Director, President of the Nodak Speedway, one appointed Board Member of the Nodak Speedway, and the respective Hall of Fame members.

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## **VOTING PROCESS**

### **Induction Panel Duties**

The Induction Committee will come together between the months of May to June to discuss all Nominees and bios and vote. There will be a minimum fourteen (14) person Induction Panel with a Fan Vote.

### **Induction Panel Members**

The Induction panel will consist of the President of the Nodak Speedway, the appointed Board Member of the Nodak Speedway, two (2) Past Nodak Speedway Presidents, the respective Hall of Fame members and one (1) collective Fan vote.

### **Induction Guidelines**

The Nominee list will be split into two (2) separate categories. The first category will be the Entertainer Category, consisting of Drivers and the second category will be the Dedicated Category, consisting of Drivers, Car owners, Pitman, Board members, Volunteers, Employees, Sponsor/Donors, and Fans.

The Nodak Speedway HOF Director will be responsible for organizing the Induction meeting, Panel members must be present to vote. They will direct the panel members to discuss each Nominee. When the panel is ready, voting will be opened. The HOF Director will outsource a vote counter. The vote counter will be carefully picked to have little to no ties to the racing community. The number of votes each Nominee received will not be announced or disclosed to the panel members. The appointed vote counter will provide only the Nominees that received 75% of the vote. The panel members will call for the ballots to be destroyed by the vote counter.

If any member of the Nominating Panel or Induction Panel appears on the current year's ballot, these individuals will be recused from participating in the nominating and induction process for as

long as he or she appears on the ballot. If the individual is inducted, he or she will be automatically reinstated to participate on the panel the following year.

Nominees can appear on the ballot for up to three (3) consecutive years. If the Nominee does not receive enough votes to be inducted on the third consecutive year, they will be ineligible to be Nominated for one (1) years after.

Any Panel member that is related to a Nominee, they will be recused from all discussion and voting for as long as that Nominee remains on the ballot. For the purposes of this policy, related includes:

- **Immediate family members:** spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, or stepsibling
- **Extended family members:** grandparent, grandchild, in-laws (mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law)
- **Household members:** any individual residing in the same household as the Panel member
- **Significant personal relationships:** any relationship that could reasonably be perceived as creating bias or a conflict of interest

The intent of this policy is to ensure fairness, impartiality, and integrity in the Hall of Fame selection process.

The Nomination Committee reserves the authority to advance a nominee directly to induction without requiring placement on the annual ballot or participation in the standard voting process. This discretionary action may only be taken when the Committee determines, by unanimous agreement, that the nominee's contributions, historical significance, or impact on the Nodak Race Club are so substantial that delaying induction would be contrary to the purpose and integrity of the Hall of Fame. This authority is intended for exceptional circumstances and shall not be used as a routine alternative to the established nomination and voting process.

If the committee panel does not agree on a 75% vote, then the panel may move to Induct the Nominee with the most votes in that category if the Nominee had at least 65% of the vote. If there are two Nominees tied for the most votes, the committee panel will do a second vote of just those two Nominees. The nominee with the most votes will be the Inductee for that year.

### **Fan vote**

Fan voting will run between the months of May and June. Poll results at the end of June are not official. Results will be reviewed and duplicate votes will be thrown out. The top three (3) Nominees from the Entertainer Category will be taken as the Fan vote, and top three (3) Nominees from the Dedicated Category will be taken as the Fan vote.

## **The Entertainer Category**

### *Drivers*

Each committee member will vote for three (3) Nominees of their choice. Nominees with 75% of the vote will be Inducted into the Nodak Speedway Hall of Fame.

*Example: Fifteen (15) person panel, with 75% of the vote, a Nominee would require 11 votes to be Inducted.*

## **The Dedicated Category**

*Drivers, Car owners, Pitman, Board members, Volunteers, Employees, Sponsor/Donors, and Fans*

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## **PANEL MEMBER SELECTION**

### **Hall of Fame members**

The Hall of Fame Director will notify the Hall of Fame member requesting their presence at the Nomination and Induction meetings.

### **Current Nodak President and current Board member**

The Hall of Fame Director will request the Nodak Speedway Board to appoint a Board member to represent the Nodak Speedway on the Nominating and Induction Committees.

### **Past Nodak Speedway Presidents**

The Hall of Fame Director will contact Past Presidents requesting their interest in serving on the committee. Past Presidents also may express interest in participating at any time.

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*If you are a Hall of Fame member or Past President and not receiving committee information, please email [nodakspeedwayhof@gmail.com](mailto:nodakspeedwayhof@gmail.com) or message the Nodak Speedway Hall of Fame Facebook page.*