

BY-LAWS
GRAHAM
SPORTS HALL OF FAME

ARTICLE 1

Authorization

The Graham Sports Hall of Fame is authorized and operates under the authority of the Graham Recreation and Parks Commission and is organized under the consent of the Graham City Council.

ARTICLE 2

Purpose

The purpose of the Graham Sports Hall Of Fame is to recognize and perpetuate the noteworthy athletic tradition of the Graham Community by honoring and memorializing individuals, teams, and/or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to this tradition.

ARTICLE 3

Administration

Section 1

The Sports Hall Of Fame Selection Committee under the consent of the Graham Recreation and Parks Commission shall administer the business and affairs of the Graham Sports Hall Of Fame and shall coordinate the banquet and conduct the induction ceremony.

Section 2

The Hall Of Fame Selection Committee will consist of at least nine (9) members and no more than nine (9) members (inclusive of the chairperson). The Graham Recreation & Parks Commission or designated committee will present names to the Graham City Council for concurrence.

Section 3

The Hall Of Fame Selection Committee shall nominate a chairperson of the committee and the chairperson shall agree to serve as chairperson for a two-year period and may be re-appointed for another two-year term.

Section 4

The term of members of the Hall Of Fame Selection Committee shall begin on July 1st and shall run for a six-year successive term ending on June 30th. Three new members shall be selected bi-yearly to serve the six-year term. The initial nine-member committee shall serve a one and one-half year term representing the inaugural term. On or before the 1st yearend, the initial nine-member committee shall then devise an equitable method between the members to determine which of the nine members shall serve the various terms (two, four and six years). Members shall not serve successive terms and a minimum period of at least two years must pass before a member may repeat as a committee member.

Section 5

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will consist of a group of prominent men and women and members should be a resident of the Graham community. No elected official will serve on the committee while they serve in an elected official capacity.

Section 6

The Graham Recreation and Parks Director and the sitting chairman of the recreation commission shall be ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Section 7

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee for the Graham Sports Hall Of Fame will meet as necessary for presentation of candidates, discussion, and selection of possible recipients.

Section 8

The Hall Of Fame Selection Committee may choose to select an individual, corporation, or company to receive a "Special Award" for outstanding contributions that shall be designated as a "Hall of Honor" recipient.

ARTICLE 4

Duties

Section 1

The Hall Of Fame Selection Committee shall be responsible for the selection of inductees for membership in the Graham Sports Hall Of Fame. The committee shall have full province in the decision-making for each induction and the selection process. The committee shall also organize and conduct each ceremony.

Section 2

The Graham Recreation and Parks Commission shall sponsor the ceremonies for enshrinement and sponsor the awards presented to candidates selected into membership in the Graham Sports Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame may include teams as well as individuals. The Graham Recreation and Parks Commission shall provide a formal plaque for placement in the Hall of Fame for any individual enshrined and a duplicate award to the individual. In the case of teams being enshrined the Graham Recreation and Parks Commission shall provide the formal plaque for the Hall of Fame and a suitable plaque, or medal, of recognition shall be provided each individual of that team.

Section 3

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee with the advice and consent of the Graham Recreation and Parks Commission shall determine the type of awards given signifying induction into the Graham Sports Hall Of Fame.

Section 4

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall consider individual candidates for entry into the Hall of Fame by written letter request. In the case of team accomplishment, the committee may act without a formal letter of recommendation, provided such team accomplishment is minimally at the high school level. The Graham Recreation and Parks Commission and the Graham Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall advertise the process. Recommendations should be delivered to the Graham Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee, c/o the Graham Director of Recreation and Parks, PO Box 357, Graham, NC. Written letter requests should include the accomplishments of the individual and the statistical data and background upon which the recommendation is being made. Letters of recommendation shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee by August 1st to be considered for induction the following year with the exception of the inaugural year which shall be June 15, 2003. These dates may be modified as necessary by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

ARTICLE 5

Criteria for Eligibility of Candidates

Section 1

The candidate must have exemplified exceptional Athletic Achievement or service at least ten (10) years immediately preceding the date of induction (this By-Law may be altered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee under extenuating circumstances. An example would be the terminal illness of a worthy candidate).

Section 2

The candidate's athletic achievements and contributions to sports must have been recognized over the area serving the Graham Community, enhancing the reputation of the Graham Community as well as themselves. The candidates must be of good character.

Section 3

Any candidate who has been selected for induction and cannot attend the induction ceremonies has the choice of designating someone to accept for him. In the event the candidate is deceased, every effort will be made to reach their spouse or next-of-kin to make the acceptance for him. Exceptions to the above cases will be made only by vote of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

ARTICLE 6

Election of Inductees

Section 1

For election to the Graham Sports Hall Of Fame a candidate must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the nine (9) members of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. No member may abstain from a vote (unless the vote involves that of a blood relative of the committee member) and no absentee votes shall be allowed. In clarification of the two-thirds majority, a minimum of six members of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee must be present to take a vote and in that case all must vote in affirmation. The voting with greater than six members of the committee present would require voting in affirmation (6 of 7, 6 of 8, or 6 of 9). All other business of the Hall of

Fame may be instituted or ratified by two-thirds affirmation of those present during formally announced meetings.

Section 2

The maximum number of candidates (team and individual) who may be inducted into the Graham Sports Hall of Fame in each year shall be four (4) at the inaugural event and four (4) each Bi-annual year after. No minimum number of candidates must be inducted.

Provided a team receives the votes required for enshrinement, and in an effort to appropriately honor the accomplishment(s) of a given team, every effort shall be made not to induct individuals from that team in the same year or enshrinement ceremony.

The maximum number of individuals inducted in the Graham Sports Hall of Honor shall be two (2) each year.

Section 3

The committee may select alternate candidates.

ARTICLE 7

Amendment of By-Laws

The Graham Sports Hall Of Fame Selection Committee with the approval of the Graham City Council may amend these By-Laws.