

# Damonte Ranch High School Hall of Fame

The Damonte Ranch High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be launched in 2024 as a memorial to honor and preserve the legacy of those who have excelled in the past and to inspire our youth to achieve greatness of their own in the future. The hall of fame gives special recognition to outstanding former student-athletes, coaches, contributors, and supporters for their achievements and/or contributions to both Academic and Athletic programs that have had a profound positive impact on Damonte Ranch High School.

**PURPOSE**-The purpose of the Hall of Fame is threefold:

First, to recognize and honor the great athletes, coaches, and contributors who have brought fame to Damonte Ranch High School from 2003 to present

Second, to establish in the hearts and minds of our youth a motivating influence to excel in both academics and athletics; and

Third, to foster pride, preserve good sportsmanship, scholarship, and citizenship in our school, city, and community.

**CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP**-Candidates for membership in the Hall of Fame shall be graduates of DRHS or personnel who meet the requirements set forth in these by-laws. Candidates must receive a 5/7 majority vote from the DRHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee. In all instances, voting will be conducted by the verbal roll call process. Athletes and Teams are eligible 5 years after graduation. Coaches, administrators and contributors are eligible after retirement, leaving the profession, or at the discretion of the committee. Official voting counts shall be documented by the athletic director and supplied to the Athletic Administrator and Principal of Damonte Ranch High School.

Candidates are eligible through seven classifications:

1. State Champions: Individuals from any sport.
2. All-State: Individuals who have been selected to any recognized All State Team.

3. Post High School: All men and women who earned varsity athletic letters during high school and, after high school, brought honor to DRHS by their athletic achievements (including coaching and athletic participation.)
4. Coaches: Head coaches who may have coached on the varsity level for at least ten Years (minimum of 4 years as head coach), won state titles or numerous regional and/or district titles, and/or have coached individuals who have won state titles or received all- state honors.
5. Former DRHS athlete, administrator, or coach: Any DRHS athlete, administrator, or coach, whose career was deemed outstanding or exemplary despite the lack of a state or region title, or someone who has set numerous national, state, region, local or career school records during their career at DRHS. Records would be indicative of their performance during the era in which they competed and are at the discretion of the committee. Administrators based on their commitment to the athletic program, individual contributions, support, involvement, and a continuing role in guiding athletic endeavors.
6. Distinguished Service Award: DRHS alumni/contributor who has been a loyal and devoted volunteer of DRHS athletics in the areas of support staff, officiating, feeder programs, boosters, and volunteer.
7. Special Team: Any DRHS team that has demonstrated outstanding achievement that may include but not limited to a state, regional, and district championships. If inducted, the members will be inducted as a team not individually.

\*Any of the above requirements can be waived by a unanimous vote of the committee in any given year. All statistics and/or awards must be verifiable.

**COMMITTEE SELECTION**-The creation and composition of the committee will be determined in the following manner:

Board Members: (7 Member Committee)

The Board Members shall be comprised of people from the following list:

- The DRHS Athletic Director, who shall serve as a standing Board Member and will appoint a Chairperson
- DRHS Building Administrator
- Retired or former DRHS Administrator
- DRHS Athletic Booster Club Member
- Current DRHS athletic coaches
- Retired or former DRHS athletic coach
- Current DRHS faculty member
- Retired or former DRHS faculty member
- Local business owner/community leader/donor/financial advisor

All Board Members shall be appointed by the DRHS Athletic Director, Athletic Administrator and or Principal, and shall serve for a two-year term initially. At any time, there shall be no fewer than 5 members and no more than 7 members.

All members may be re-appointed for 2-year terms by the Athletic Director and or Principal or Assistant Principal that oversees athletics at the conclusion of their initial term; However, the DRHS Athletic Director and or Principal or Designee may appoint new members at his/her discretion.

#### **Election Process:**

The Board Members shall meet at a time determined by the Chairman in order to nominate, review, and elect candidates. The quorum for any meeting at which election of candidates shall take place shall be a majority of members. Background information on each nominee should be distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting and members should familiarize themselves with the nominees prior to voting. Each Board Member shall have one vote and all votes shall carry equal weight. In order to gain election, a candidate is required to receive a number of votes equal to 75% of those members present at the meeting. Candidates shall be discussed in alphabetical or chronological order as designated by the Chairman.

The outcome of the verbal vote will be shared with the Board Members only. If, in the opinion of the Board Members (as evidenced by failure to obtain the 75%

threshold described above), no candidate nominated in a particular year is worthy of election to the Hall, so be it; it is not necessary to induct new members each year. At the same time, there shall be no limit on the number of members who may gain admission in any given year.

**MEETINGS**-The selection committee will meet at least annually. Meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairperson or any 3 Members.

**VOTING RIGHTS**-The HOF Selection Committee shall operate upon the principle of one member, one vote. A selection committee member may not vote for induction of candidates if he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is on the ballot. An alternate member of the committee will be selected by the Committee to vote in their place. In all instances, voting will be conducted by the verbal roll call process.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**-The selection committee will select a secretary for a two-year term. The secretary may succeed himself/herself if agreed upon by the committee.

**NOMINATION AND ENTRY**-Each year nominations shall be solicited by the selection committee. All nominations received shall be reviewed by the selection committee to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria. Additional documentation may be required to verify eligibility.

Documentation may include newspaper articles, media reports, awards, trophies, etc. A final ballot will be voted on by the selection committee to determine the inductees for the year.

Inductees must receive a 5/7 majority vote. Nominees may be removed from the ballot if they receive no votes for a period of any three consecutive years. Nominees may be re-nominated. Candidates shall be nominated annually. Carryover nominations from previous years will be allowed based on committee approval. Future HOF Committees may consider holding induction ceremonies

every other year based on the number and quality of nominations that the committee is receiving at the time.

**INDUCTION**-The date for induction will be decided annually or bi-annually by the selection committee.

**RETIREMENT OF ATHLETIC UNIFORM**-The retirement of an athlete's jersey is one of the highest honors a school can bestow on a student-athlete. The Hall of Fame Committee will be the group responsible for considering the retirement of an athletic jersey. A jersey may be retired by the following process:

- A. A letter of recommendation in support of an athlete's jersey to be retired shall be made to the athletic director who will take them to the HOF Committee when they meet.
- B. When a jersey is retired, it is the name, not the number, which is retired.
- C. An athlete's jersey may be considered at least 1 year after they graduate.
- D. To retire a jersey, there must be a unanimous vote by the committee that year. Voting will be conducted by the verbal roll call process.
- E. The standard to retire a uniform may vary by situation. Only special people obtain this honor. You cannot quantify "special" by coming up with a checklist of requirements, therefore the following are to be used as guidelines ONLY:
  - 1) There has to be recognition on a NATIONAL level, which involves All- American Recognition, active participation in a nationally recognized event, setting a national record, major success at the college level, or participation at the professional or highest level of their sport.
  - 2) Selected to the Damonte Ranch High School HOF in their particular sport.
  - 3) Hold a major record for a particular sport Such as being the All-Time Leading Scorer for a particular sport.

- 4) Brought significant recognition to Damonte Ranch High School
- 5) The number will be taken out of service if an athlete is elected first team all-state or receives the top award the state of Nevada and NIAA awards, such as Mr. and Miss Basketball.

## RECALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND/OR JERSEY RETIREMENT

If at any time the HOF Committee determines the student athlete, who was honored with the HOF Induction and/or jersey retirement, no longer meets the criteria listed above or has become a person of reduced character, the HOF Committee has the authority to rescind the honor. A 5/7 majority vote by verbal roll call is required.

## AMENDING THE BYLAWS

The by-laws concerning the DRHS Hall of Fame policy may be amended by a majority vote of the Hall of Fame committee. All amendments approved by the committee will go into effect at the beginning of the following induction year. (Hall of Fame year ends on the induction day.)

## RECOMMENDED TIMELINE

<b>January</b>	Nomination forms available/News release/Website
<b>April 30</b>	Nomination deadline
<b>May/June</b>	Hall of Fame committee meets to narrow pool of nominees and establishes the slate of candidates to be voted on
<b>May/June</b>	Vote
<b>June 30</b>	Annual honorees announced and invited

<b>Sept/Oct</b>	Annual ceremony (Homecoming Football game)
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