



Colorado Snowsports Museum & Hall of Fame

Nominee Qualifications & Application Overview

Overview

Each year, the Colorado Snowsports Museum & Hall of Fame inducts four new Hall of Fame members, in addition to selecting a Pioneer. All nominees must have significantly contributed to the snow sports industry in the state of Colorado. The Hall of Fame has inducted more than 200 athletes, coaches, patrons, and supporters of snow sports in Colorado since its first class in 1977.

The accomplishments of the individual must have had a direct benefit to Colorado, through competition, by encouraging the growth of the sport in the state or by exporting ideas, talent, techniques or products developed within the state that went on to have national or international significance.

Note: While an individual could have made significant contributions on national or international levels, the nominee must have resided in Colorado for a minimum of ten years, demonstrating lasting impact. The residency minimum could be reduced in extraordinary circumstances, which must be clearly described in the nomination.

Criteria

Candidates must be nominated under the criteria of one of the following categories: **Athlete**, **Sport Builder**, **Inspirational**, or **Pioneer**. The Nomination Committee will evaluate the merit of each nomination to ensure the candidate meets the standard established by the Hall of Fame committee. Each candidate must be sponsored by an individual who is not a family member; the sponsor is responsible for compiling and submitting the full and complete 6-part nomination packet.

Note: The application must be submitted complete in full before a candidate will be considered for nomination.

Hall of Fame Categories

Athlete - to qualify, the nominee must have an outstanding record of accomplishment at national or international levels of competition, resulting in a direct benefit to the State of Colorado. They must have achieved the highest levels possible in their discipline. An athlete can only be nominated after retirement from competition. Nominations must speak to the athlete's specific accomplishment of one or more of the criteria listed below.

Minimum criteria for consideration as a candidate:

- Olympic or Paralympic medalist
- FIS or IPC World Championships medalist
- Top three-season finish in FIS or IPC World Cup Overall or discipline standings
- X Games medalist in skiing or snowboarding
- Athletes that competed before the creation of the World Cup or comparable tours that have distinguished themselves as notable international athletes for their achievements in the most recognized events of their time
- Freeride or big mountain athletes that achieved the highest level of national or international notoriety related to their athletic accomplishments
- Professional skiers in alpine, snowboarding, or speed skiing that consistently won events or placed in the top three season standings on professional tours

Sport Builder - to qualify, the nominee must have made major and lasting contributions in areas of an organization, promotion, or development of the sports of skiing and snowboarding in Colorado. Nominees must have had a clear statewide impact with their contribution and be widely known for their work. Normally a prolonged period of demonstration is necessary for an individual to be recognized as a ski and snowboard sport builder. However, there may be isolated instances of one action that dramatically and permanently changed the future of the entire industry that would qualify.

Inspirational - to qualify, the nominee must have inspired the sport, which has led to and enhanced the knowledge, pleasure, or pursuit of skiing and snowboarding in Colorado. This category includes filmmakers, authors, performers, ski area operators, or any individual that has performed an inspirational act that has a clear, well-known statewide impact. Normally a prolonged period of demonstration is necessary for an individual to be recognized as a ski and snowboard sport builder. However, there may be isolated instances of one action that dramatically and permanently changed the future of the entire industry that would qualify.

Pioneer - The individual is 65+ years old and is among the "first-generation" of the Colorado ski and snowboard industry. Their athletic, sport builder, or inspirational accomplishments were firsts. Candidates in this category must have been retired from their qualifying activity for 25 years, or have participated in the activity for at least 25 years. The Pioneer selection is made by the Colorado Snowsports Hall of Fame Nomination Committee and approved by the Board of Directors before the annual election.

