Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Process

Purpose
To honor former RMC coaches, stand-out athletes, distinguished graduates and athletic supporters of Rocky Mountain College, and its antecedent institutions of higher learning, including the College of Montana, Montana Wesleyan College, Intermountain Union College and Billings Polytechnic Institute (hereinafter together called Rocky Mountain College).

Those people eligible are (1) former RMC coaches; (2) stand-out athletes, with emphasis on All-American, All Conference, All District performers; (3) distinguished graduates; (4) and significant contributors to the college's mission as well as athletic department.

The Hall of Fame will recognize persons from all sports in which RMC competed as a recognized intercollegiate athletic event through its long history. Eligibility for induction is open to those who have died as well as though those still living.

General Information
The numbers of inductees added to the Hall of Fame each year depend upon the Selection Committee's decision, based upon the number and quality of qualified nominations received. The number selected for induction shall not exceed five (5) persons. The minimum number to consider for induction is two (2) persons.

Careful consideration must be placed on balancing the yearly inductees by era, gender and sport.

The timetable to follow is as follows:

- (a) January 1- Announcement and nominee solicitation
- (b) March 1- Closing date for nominations
- (c) April 1- Committee selections and votes
- (b) May 1- Announcement of persons being inducted are presented
- (e) Hall of Fame weekend of the First Home Football game- Hall of Fame banquet honoring inductees, families and friends
- (g) Prior to halftime of the Hall of Fame Football game- Honor inductees in front of crowd

A duplicate of the plaque presented to the inductees of his/her descendants, are placed on the special Hall of Fame wall located in the east entrance of the Fortin Education Center. These plaques are donated to RMC by either RMC Athletic or RMC Varsity Letterman's Club (R-Club).
Selection Criteria
To be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, an individual must first be nominated. Nominations can be offered by anyone except the person being nominated. The Selection Committee will, then, investigate each nominee making sure he/she meets the criteria established for induction. Those nominated receiving the most votes from the committee will be inducted, with due attention to yearly minimal numbers. The RMC president, as Chair of the committee, cannot vote; in effect, the affirmative vote is a recommendation for his consideration.

Guidelines
1. Former RMC coach:
   - (a) Must have made a significant contributions to the College, its students, and its athletic department;
   - (b) Must have been employed by the college as a coach for a minimum of three (3) years.

2. Standout Athlete:
   - (a) Must have been named to an All-Conference, All-State, All-District and/or All-American team at least once
   - (b) If no All-Conference, All-State, All-District, or All-American honors are applicable (because of the period of time, institution, or sport), the nominated athlete must have representative statistical credentials for the committee to consider
   - (c) The nominee must have been in good academic standing. If academic records unavailable, a college diploma will be adequate for criteria purposes;
   - (d) The nominee must have been graduated or been out of the school for at least ten (10) years;
   - (e) A minimum of two years as a letter award recipient with participation in at least one sport.
   - (f) The nominee must be a graduate

3. Distinguished Graduate:
   - (a) The nominee must be a graduate of the College
   - (b) A minimum of one year as a letter award recipient with participation in at least one sport
   - (c) A major emphasis is to be placed on distinguished service within their respective fields;
   - (d) The nominee must have displayed positive influences on society in a professional field, as a citizen, and/or of service
   - (e) The nominee must represent well the spirit of our institution's heritage.
4. Honorary Inductee:

- (a) A non-alumni who has made outstanding contributions to the RMC Athletic Department and its programs

**Selection Committee & Selection Process**

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall consist of eight (8) persons, including (1) RMC President, Chair; (2) RMC Faculty member; (3) RMC Athletic Director; (4) RMC Alumni Director; (5) a prominent community member (non-alumni); (6,7,8) three graduates of the College who are familiar with RMC’s athletic history. New members are chosen by the four RMC representatives if vacancies transpire.

The Selection Committee shall use the following process in selecting yearly inductees for the Hall of Fame:

- (a) A nomination can be offered by anyone except the person being nominated. Reasons for nominating this person must accompany the nomination
- (b) All nominations must be directed to the Chair of the Selection Committee;
- (c) To declare eligible each nominated individual, the committee researcher will validate the nominee's credentials and past record;
- (d) Nominees are then compared by category
- (e) The Committee will discuss all nominees before voting and recommending to the Chair
- (f) Nominations stay active for five (5) years at which time the nomination ceases. The same athlete may then be re-nominated through proper procedures for the subsequent five (5) year terms.