



# Basketball WA

## Hall of Fame Charter

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## 1. Charter of the WA Basketball Hall of Fame

The purpose of the WA Basketball Hall of Fame (HOF) is to enrich the heritage of basketball in Western Australia by recognising on-court personnel, including players, coaches, referees, and technical officials who have made outstanding and impactful contributions to the game.

Basketball has a long and rich history in WA and has significantly contributed to the social and sporting fabric of the State. Enshrining "Basketball's Best" preserves and promotes this heritage for the broader WA community.

## 2. Governance

The ultimate authority of the Basketball WA Hall of Fame rests with the Basketball WA Board.

Basketball WA is responsible for:

- Creation and maintenance of the Hall of Fame Charter.
  - Supporting policies, guidelines, and procedures.
  - Preservation of Hall of Fame history and memorabilia.
  - Management of the nomination, voting, and induction processes.
  - Development of award recognition protocols for inductees.
- The NBL1 West Commission ("the Commission") is responsible for reviewing all HOF nominations and making recommendations to the Basketball WA Board.
  - The Basketball WA CEO (or their delegate) will manage and implement all agreed actions relevant to the HOF administration, with support from the Commission as required.
  - The Basketball WA Board will make all final decisions on nominations and will form the Hall of Fame Voting Panel.
  - Basketball WA recognises the national significance of the Basketball Australia Hall of Fame and positions the WA HOF as a complementary, State-based program.
  - This Charter will be reviewed and updated annually by the Basketball WA CEO (or their delegate).

## 3. Criteria for Nomination

Any individual considering nominating a player, coach, referee, or technical official must ensure the candidate satisfies the following mandatory criteria:

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### 3.1 Character and Integrity (Primary Criterion)

- Nominees must demonstrate the highest standards of character, integrity, and overall influence within basketball and the broader community.
- No nomination will be considered unless the nominee satisfies the standard of good character.
- The Commission reserves the right to conduct a formal vetting process, which may include an interview with the Commission Chair or nominated representatives, to ensure the nominee's integrity and character.
- Inductees must have maintained acceptable standards of sportsmanship and must not have brought the sport of basketball into disrepute.

### 3.2 WA Connection and Contribution (Secondary Criterion)

In addition to the character assessment, nominees must have a demonstrable connection to Western Australian basketball, evidenced by one or more of the following:

- Representation of Western Australia at state or national level.
- Significant contribution to WA basketball as a player, coach, referee, or technical official.
- Notable involvement, influence, or success within the WA basketball ecosystem.
- Inclusion of WA juniors who pursued most of their professional careers outside Western Australia.

### 3.3 On-Court Excellence

Nominees will also be assessed on their on-court excellence, demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- Achievements at the highest levels of the sport.
- Individual awards and honours.
- Representative success at state, national, or international level.
- Outstanding contribution to the sport.

Nominees must have participated in a recognised WA basketball team, club, or program in an on-court capacity.

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### *3.4 Statistical and Historical Validation*

Nominations must include supporting evidence such as:

- Statistical records.
- Written testimonials.
- Documented oral histories.

### *3.5 Retirement Period*

Players and technical officials must have been retired from their on-court roles for a minimum of three (3) years prior to eligibility.

Coaches are not required to be retired to be considered eligible.

## **4. Nomination Guidelines**

### *Nomination by Era*

Basketball history will be assessed in distinct eras:

- 1946 – 1960 (Formation of Basketball WA, national championships)
- 1961 – 1980 (National / World championships, Olympics, domestic competitions)
- 1981 – 2000 (SBL, national leagues, world championships, Olympics)
- 2000 – present (Modern era, SBL/NBL1, national leagues, Olympics, professional leagues)

## **5. Rules and Procedures**

- Nominations may be submitted by clubs, community members, and individuals.
- All nominations must be submitted in writing on the Official Hall of Fame Nomination Template, available on the Basketball WA website.
- Nominations must be received within the timelines and deadlines prescribed by Basketball WA and published on the Basketball WA website.
- A category-specific nomination template will be made available for each nomination category (Player, Coach, Referee or Technical Official).

- Nominations submitted on behalf of an association must be authorised by the President, Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer or formally delegated representative of the nominee's team, association, or program.
- Nominations submitted by individuals, including self-nominations, must include the full name and contact details of the nominator. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations will be invited annually, at a time determined by the Basketball WA CEO (or their delegate).

## 6. Vetting and Validation

The Commission will undertake a comprehensive vetting and validation process, including:

- Confirmation that nominees satisfy the primary criteria of character, integrity, and overall influence.
- Validation of the nominee's connection to Western Australian basketball.
- Review of statistical records, testimonials, and oral histories.
- If required, interviews with nominees, referees, or other relevant parties.
- Seeking additional information or clarification from nominating bodies.
- Ranking of eligible nominees, with no more than five inducted in any one year.
- Review of any gaps or inconsistencies between the Basketball Australia Hall of Fame, the WA Hall of Champions (WAIS), and the WA Basketball Hall of Fame.

The Commission reserves the right to request resubmission of nominations if additional information is required.

## 7. External Consultation

The Commission may engage external individuals or experts with relevant basketball knowledge, historical perspective, or community standing to assist in the assessment, vetting, and validation of nominees. External consultation may include:

- Providing historical context.
- Assisting in the assessment of character and contribution.
- Offering an independent perspective to uphold the integrity of the selection process.

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## **8. Hall of Fame Voting Panel**

The Hall of Fame Voting Panel will comprise the Basketball WA Board. Voting principles and panel composition are subject to change by the Basketball WA Board.

- All Voting Panel members will receive and acknowledge this Charter as part of their onboarding.
- A nominee must receive a "Yes" vote from a minimum of 75% of total votes cast to be inducted.
- A valid quorum of board members is required to convene this vote.
- Voting methodology will be determined by the Basketball WA Board Chair.