

THE USARS ROLLER SKATING HALL OF FAME AND HONORS

The USARS Competitive Roller Skating Hall of Fame shall consist of three categories of inductee, athlete, coach and individuals cited for distinguished service. Candidates in each category must qualify solely by the criteria set down for that classification, and activities undertaken relative to a different Hall of Fame category shall not be considered. Enrollment in one category will not disqualify a person for another.

Any candidate for the USA Roller Sports Hall of Fame who received nominations for Athlete, Coach or Distinguished Service in three or more years for the same Hall of Fame category, but was found unqualified by the committee under the published criteria for such position, shall be made ineligible for future consideration, unless additional data which demonstrates greater merit has been submitted, as reviewed by the Committee Chair.

PURPOSE:

Athletes Hall of Fame - The USARS Athletes Hall of Fame was instituted in 1983 to honor those individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating. Only those who, through their skating performances, have materially influenced and enriched the sport shall be considered for election to the Hall. Election to the Athletes Hall of Fame will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee for those persons who have transformed competitive roller skating through their athletic achievements in their chosen event or discipline. Such contributions must be of a lasting nature. See below criteria.

Coaches Hall of Fame - The USARS Competitive Coaches Hall of Fame was instituted in 1991 to honor those individuals who as coaches have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating throughout the organized history of our sport. Selection of candidates will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee. See below criteria.

Distinguished Service Hall of Fame - The USARS Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service to Competitive Roller Skating was instituted in 1994 to honor those individuals who have made exceptional contributions of talent and effort over an extended period of time to assist with the organization and success of competitive roller skating in the United States. Through their efforts they have materially influenced and enriched the sport. While their contributions to roller skating may not have been previously widely understood or acknowledged, there must be clear evidence of such over a protracted length of service. See below criteria.

THE USARS ATHLETES ROLLER SKATING HALL OF FAME

Athletes Hall of Fame - The USARS Athletes Hall of Fame was instituted in 1983 to honor those individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating. Only those who, through their skating performances, have materially influenced and enriched the sport shall be considered for election to the Hall. Election to the Athletes Hall of Fame will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee for those persons who have transformed competitive roller skating through their athletic achievements in their chosen event or discipline. Such contributions must be of a lasting nature. See below criteria.

Purpose:

The USARS Athletes Hall of Fame was instituted in 1983 to honor those individuals and teams who have *by their skating prowess* made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating. Election to the Athletes Hall of Fame will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee for those persons who have transformed roller skating through their athletic achievements in their chosen event or discipline. Such contributions must be of a lasting nature.

Criteria:

1. The person/team must have influenced all other competitors in his or her discipline through one or more of the following: innovations in movement or style; high performance standards; training or competitive techniques; or persistent and inspirational leadership.
2. The numbers of skating titles won by an individual or team, or the length of their amateur career is not an automatic qualification for election to the Hall. However, these factors may be taken into account in considering the individual's high performance standards or their persistent and inspirational leadership.
3. The individual's contribution to the sport of roller skating must have been made during the time he or she was an athlete.
4. Eligibility for election to the Hall of Fame shall not be limited to skaters from one or more specific roller skating bodies. Specifically, not only skaters affiliated with USARS shall be considered, but also those individuals who competed under the auspices of other roller skating sports organizations. These include, but are not limited to: United States Federation of Amateur Roller Skaters, United States Amateur Roller Skating Association, Roller Skating Rink Operators Association, and other, pre-1937 federations such as the Western Skating Association, International Skating Union of America, and the Amateur Roller Skating Association of America.
5. Regardless of which organization the individual skated under, or how great his or her accomplishments are said to be, proof of the individual's contributions to the sport of roller skating must exist for the individual to be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame. Such documentary proof shall consist of published archival and library items, and reports of interviews conducted with the individual's contemporaries. If possible, all of the individual's contributions should be confirmed in at least three different sources.
6. Although the selection of individuals to the Hall of Fame shall not be limited to American citizens, only those skaters who have made significant contributions of a lasting nature to the sport of roller skating in the United States shall be eligible.
7. Individuals must be retired from official national or world competitions and must not have competed at the elite level of that discipline for a minimum of five (5) competitive seasons to be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame.

8. In the case of the death of an outstanding skater who meets all of the requirements, other than #7 listed above, the USARS Board of Directors, by unanimous secret ballot, may waive the time requirement listed under #7.
9. The annual number of individuals or teams that may be inducted in the Athletes Hall of Fame is limited to three or less nominees in the Current category (five years or more retired from competition) and one additional

USARS COMPETITIVE COACHES ROLLER SKATING HALL OF FAME

Purpose: The USARS Competitive Coaches Hall of Fame was instituted in 1991 to honor those individuals who as coaches have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating throughout the organized history of our sport. Selection of candidates will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee.

Criteria: Hall of Fame considerations will involve the following criteria: Coaching innovations; instructional research and development; the quality of skills consistently demonstrated by students; student performances that have materially influenced and enriched the sport of roller skating; and consistent championship successes:

1. The coach must have directed his or her students through one or more of the following accomplishments: (a) Innovations in movement or skating style, (b) highest standards of performance, (c) extraordinary training or competitive techniques, (d) consistent and inspirational achievement. No coach will be considered for the Hall of Fame unless such characteristics as enumerated are broad based and extend over a long period of time. A single champion or a lone idea advanced should not be considered sufficiently meritorious.
2. The number of skating titles won by athletes under their direction, or the length of their coaching career, cannot be considered automatic qualification for election to the Competitive Coaches Hall of Fame. However, these factors may be taken into account when considering the individual's merit as a coach.
3. Candidacy for Hall of Fame does not necessarily need support of institutional memberships or licenses. The test of an individual's contributions will be based on results rather than credentials.
4. Consideration shall be given to the individuals who are themselves responsible for the development and encouragement of successful coaches, who were one time students of the candidate. In other words, a teacher of teachers.
5. Consideration will be given to individuals who over many years have contributed to development of outstanding skaters, even if these pupils achieved their titles later under different coaches. This is recognition given to candidates who consistently produce skaters with quality fundamentals, the clay from which future champions are

molded.

6. Documentary evidence of a coach's accomplishments must be presented with nomination for the Competitive Coaches Roller Skating Hall of Fame. Such proof shall consist of published archival and library items, reports or interviews conducted with the candidate's contemporaries
7. The selection of individuals to the Competitive Coaches Roller Skating Hall of Fame shall not necessarily be limited to American citizens, however, only those coaches who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sport of roller skating in the United States shall be eligible.
8. Only coaches who were or are active in the sport of roller skating for at least ten years may be considered for the Hall of Fame.
9. In the event of the demise or retirement of an outstanding coach who does not meet the above longevity requirements, the USARS Board of Directors may waive item #8 above by unanimous secret ballot at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.
11. USARS Board approves awarding Elite coaching status to USA Roller Sports Coaches Hall of Fame inductees.

Annual Selection Process

The annual selection process for the Hall of Fame of "Current" coaches that meet the minimum coaching service requirements of ten years or more will be limited to three (3) individuals or teams for a calendar year. One (1) additional coach in the "Veterans" category may be selected for the Hall of Fame if they have a minimum of fifteen years coaching experience.

USARS HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO COMPETITIVE ROLLER SKATING

The USARS Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service to Competitive Roller Skating shall honor those individuals who have made exceptional contributions of talent and effort over an established period of time to help with the organization and success of competitive roller skating in the United States. Through their efforts they have materially influenced and enriched the sport. Should a candidate's contributions to roller skating not have been previously widely understood or acknowledged, there must be clear evidence of such activity over a protracted period of service.

Criteria:

1. The individual's contribution to the sport of roller skating as an administrator/official must be measurable, significant and noteworthy.
2. The accumulated efforts of the individual must be predominantly positive, working on behalf

of the national organization and for the progress of the sport, nation-wide.

3. The candidate for the Hall of Fame must have selflessly devoted his efforts to the sport and the organization and not for personal gain or self aggrandizement.
4. Eligibility for induction into the USARS Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service to Competitive Roller Skating shall be considered on the basis of distinguished service in this Hall of Fame category and shall not preclude anyone previously inducted in the Hall of Fame as an athlete or coach.
5. The USARS Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service will be open to all individuals who have contributed to the advancement of the sport of roller skating in the United States, either affiliated with USARS or with other organizations outside of USARS, provided their actions are verifiable and benefit the sport.
6. No annual specification is established on a maximum or minimum number of enrollments for the Distinguished Service Hall of Fame. Initial enrollment will begin in 1994 with examination of the era 1937-60; 1995 will consider the era 1961-72 (incorporation of USARS); and 1996 will bring installation up to date. From 1997 onward, nominations will be as required.

The USARS Hall of Fame Committee shall be responsible for nomination of candidates for Distinguished Service to Competitive Roller Skating according to established Hall of Fame procedures.

CHARLES WAHLIG MEMORIAL USARS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Charles Wahlig's name was affixed to this award after his death in 2007 to commemorate his having been the first recipient of USARS Life Membership in 1960 and in recognition for his long and exceptional service provided to the entire spectrum of roller sports. USARS is honored to perpetuate this tribute to subsequent roller sport benefactors and leaders who have likewise contributed substantial opportunity, programs and achievements for growth and success of American amateur competitive roller skating through their extended service to this sport and to welcome them as Life Members. (Prior to 2009, known as "USARS Life Membership")

M.M. SHATTUCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Begun in 1961 as the "Amateur of the Year Award," the recipient of this award must have consistently demonstrated outstanding service to USA Roller Sport programs throughout the competitive season, whether at the regional, national or international levels.

To win the award, the candidate must:

- a) Be a USARS member in good standing;
- b) Have demonstrated consistently outstanding service to the USA Roller Sports (in any of the three disciplines) throughout the competitive season;
- c) Have demonstrated dedication to regional, national or international competitive roller

- skating through his or her contributions of time, energy, thought and talent (in areas other than competitive achievement);
- 4) Have demonstrated high standards of fairness and concern for athletes, coaches and officials involved in programs.

ELMER RINGEISEN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This award was established in 1983 to honor a current competitive skater in any of the three disciplines who has conducted himself or herself according to the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. This skater exemplifies, in an outstanding way, the pledge of the USARS Code of Conduct. To receive the award, the candidate must:

- a) Be a member of USARS in good standing;
- b) Have demonstrated the true spirit of amateur athletics in word and action throughout the competitive season, accepting both victories and defeats with grace and humility;
- c) Have set an outstanding example of good behavior through courtesy and consideration to teammates, competitors, judges and officials;
- d) Have demonstrated, in a specific situation, that he or she has the highest standards of respect for, and fairness to, fellow participants in USA Roller Sports programs.

BILL SPOONER MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

The recipient of this award must have consistently demonstrated outstanding service to USA Roller Sport programs throughout the competitive season, whether at the local, club, league levels.

To win the award, the candidate must:

- A) Be a USARS member in good standing;
- b) Have demonstrated consistently outstanding service to the USA Roller Sports (in any of the three disciplines) throughout the competitive season;
- c) Have demonstrated dedication to local, club, league international competitive roller skating through his or her contributions of time, energy, thought and talent (in areas other than competitive achievement);
- d) Have demonstrated high standards of fairness and concern for athletes, coaches and officials involved in programs.

GORDON B. "BUDD" VAN ROEKEL LIFE TIME SERVICE AWARD

This award shall be awarded periodically, not on an annual basis, as an individual merits such recognition for the highest level of continuous service to the USA Roller Sports.

DENNIS SNEAD ROLLER SPEED SKATING AWARD

The purpose of this speed skating award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller speed skating through their dedication as speed skating and track officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to speed skating seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and speed skating technical articles. (4) By their actions have been an example of fairness and competent track officiating.

MARIE WALKER AWARD FOR FIGURE SKATING

The purpose of this roller figure skating award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller figure skating through their dedication in the service of competitive roller figure skating under the aegis of USARS as judges, referees, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to roller figure skating seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and roller figure skating technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades earned such recognition.

BILLY SISSON AWARD FOR RINK HOCKEY

The purpose of this roller hockey award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of ball roller hockey through their dedication in the service of competitive ball rink hockey under the aegis of USARS as referees, meet directors, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to roller hockey seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and roller hockey technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades earned such recognition.

GEORGE PICKARD AWARD FOR INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY

The purpose of this roller inline hockey award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller inline hockey through their dedication in the service of competitive inline roller hockey under the aegis of USARS as referees, meet directors, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will

be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to inline roller hockey seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and inline hockey technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades have earned such recognition.

USARS ROLLER FIGURE (ARTISTIC) SKATER OF THE YEAR

Winning this award, first given in 1983, identifies the recipient as the USARS Roller Figure Skater of the Year. It may be awarded to a current roller figure skater or team who typifies the best in roller figure skating through consistently superior performance, outstanding progress through the competitive season or contributions made in showcasing the sport to others.

To receive this award, the candidate must:

- 1) Be a USARS Roller Figure Skating Federation member in good standing
- 2) Have demonstrated clearly superior innovative content and manner of performance in his or her chosen event throughout the competitive year; or, the individual must have made an outstanding effort to improve his or her level of achievement during the competitive year;
- 3) Have demonstrated a willingness to share his or her event knowledge with others through participation in exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics; or, through acceptance of invitations to visit other countries for these purposes;
- 4) Have conducted himself or herself with distinction at all events in which he or she represented roller figure skating for the USA Roller Sports or the United States.

USARS SPEED SKATER OF THE YEAR

Winning this award, first given in 1993, identifies the recipient as the USARS Roller Speed Skater of the Year. It may be awarded to a current roller skater or team who typifies the best in roller speed skating through consistently superior performance, outstanding progress through the competitive season or contributions made in showcasing the sport to others.

To receive this award, the candidate must:

- 1) Be a USARS member in good standing
- 2) Have demonstrated clearly superior performance throughout the competitive year; or, the individual must have made an outstanding effort to improve his or her level of achievement during the competitive year;
- 3) Have demonstrated a willingness to share his or her event knowledge with others through participation in exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics; or, through acceptance of invitations to visit other countries for these purposes;
- 4) Have conducted himself or herself with distinction at all events in which he or she represented speed skating for the USA Roller Sports or the United States.

USARS INLINE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Winning this award, first given in 1996, identifies the recipient as the USARS Inline Hockey Player of the Year. It may be awarded to a current hockey athlete, or team, who typifies the best in inline hockey through consistently superior performance, outstanding progress through the competitive season or contributions made in showcasing the sport to others.

To receive this award, the candidate must:

- 1) Be a USARS member in good standing
- 2) Have demonstrated clearly superior performance throughout the competitive year; or, the individual must have made an outstanding effort to improve his or her level of achievement during the competitive year;
- 3) Have demonstrated a willingness to share his or her event knowledge with others through participation in exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics; or, through acceptance of invitations to visit other countries for these purposes;
- 4) Have conducted himself or herself with distinction at all events in which he or she represented inline hockey for the USA Roller Sports or the United States.

USARS RINK HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Winning this award, first given in 1993, identifies the recipient as the USARS Rink Ball Hockey Player of the Year. It may be awarded to a current athlete, or team, who typifies the best in rink hockey through consistently superior performance, outstanding progress through the competitive season or contributions made in showcasing the sport to others.

To receive this award, the candidate must:

- 1) Be a USARS member in good standing
- 2) Have demonstrated clearly superior performance throughout the competitive year; or, the individual must have made an outstanding effort to improve his or her level of achievement during the competitive year;
- 3) Have demonstrated a willingness to share his or her event knowledge with others through participation in exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics; or, through acceptance of invitations to visit other countries for these purposes;
- 4) Have conducted himself or herself with distinction at all events in which he or she represented for the USA Roller Sports or the United States.

USARS DERBY PLAYER/TEAM OF THE YEAR

The USARS Roller Derby Player of the Year is awarded to a current roller skater or team who typifies the best in roller derby through consistently superior performance, outstanding progress through the competitive season or contributions made in showcasing the sport to others.

To receive this award, the candidate must:

- 1 Be a USARS member in good standing

- 2 Have demonstrated clearly superior performance throughout the competitive year; or, the individual must have made an outstanding effort to improve his or her level of achievement during the competitive year;
- 3 Have demonstrated a willingness to share his or her event knowledge with others through participation in exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics; or, through acceptance of invitations to visit other countries for these purposes;
- 4 Have conducted himself or herself with distinction at all events in which he or she represented for the USA Roller Sports or the United States.

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OLYMPIAN ATHLETES OF THE YEAR FOR ROLLER SPORTS

Each National Governing Body of the U.S. Olympic Committee is asked to submit selections for the male and female athlete of the year in the appropriate sport. NGB selections are submitted-deadline in October- along with a photo and biography (including skating accomplishments) of each athlete, athlete's home address, athlete's school or university.

All information is submitted to a national voting panel to select the USOPC's Sports Man and Sports Woman of the Year. The voting committee is made up of Olympic beat writers, selected national media, USOPC officers and Athlete's Advisory Council members.

COACHES OF THE YEAR FOR ROLLER SPORTS

Criteria for USOPC/USARS Coach of the Year:

1. The Coach of the Year must be actively coaching, having coached a minimum of five years as a coach registered with USARS.
2. The Coach of the Year should have attained status as a USARS Advanced Certified Coach.
3. The Coach of the Year must have had skaters medal in three different events at the preceding year's National Championships in any age group
4. The Coach of the Year should have made a significant impact on athletes performances at the elite level.
5. Although active coaching should be the main reason for receiving the Coach of the Year Award, supporting consideration may be given for the following contribution in the field of coaching:
 - A distinguished career as a coach.
 - Service as a "Coach of Coaches", having been a seminar leader at any level.
 - Assisted in development of coaching materials, such as books, videos, etc., or submitted articles for inclusion in USARS publications.
 - Promoted character development and ethical sport in adherence to coaching ethics and professional behavior.
 - Introduced new training or innovative competition methods.

USARS Criteria for USOPC/USARS Developmental Coach of the Year:

1. The Developmental Coach of the Year must be actively coaching developmental athletes, for a minimum of five years.
2. The Developmental Coach of the Year must have attained status as a USARS Certified Coach.
3. The Developmental Coach of the Year must have had five new competitors compete for the first time at the preceding year's USARS Regional Championships.
4. The Developmental Coach of the Year should have success as a coach at the Senior and Junior Olympic Regional and National Championships.
5. Exhibit ethical coaching and professional behavior, character and fair play in dealing with athletes and officials.
6. Because developing athletes entails developing all aspects of a person - psychological, physical, social - supporting consideration for the Developmental Coach of the Year may include:
 - . Promotion of character development and ethical sport behavior in athletes.
 - Developing excellent athletes who also display excellence in other fields like citizenship, scholastics, art, etc.

USOPC CRITERIA - NATIONAL COACH

A coach of an Elite level club, Collegiate, Pan-Am, World Championship or Olympic Games coach or the coach of an elite athlete who competes at the highest level of your sport.

90% of the criteria weighted as below:

1. World/Olympic Medalists
2. World/Olympic Records
3. Dominance of win
4. Odds of winning
5. Extraordinary measure of the win

10% of the criteria weighted as below or as use as a tie-breaker:

1. Character of coach
2. Ethics of Coach
3. Attitude of athletes

USOPC CRITERIA - DEVELOPMENTAL COACH

A coach of a Youth Club, High School or Junior level athlete or a coach directly responsible for coaching athletes to the National or Junior national level. They can receive payment for services.

80% of the criteria weighted as below:

1. Performance of athlete- Junior Championships, Junior World, Nationals, Pan-Ams or WUGS
2. Coached potential future medalists (athletes who have developed into Olympic level athletes) has a history of developing athletes

- and has applied methods
3. Contributions to developing athletes

20% of criteria weighted as below:

1. Educate coaches and athletes
2. Serves as a mentor
3. Host camps, events, etc.

USOPC CRITERIA- VOLUNTEER COACH

A coach who does *not* receive payment in any form for his/her involvement in coaching at any level. The nominee should actively be coaching youth athletes.

90% of the criteria weighted as below:

1. "Unpaid"
2. Active Coach
3. Develops athletes
4. Love of sport and introducing kids to the sport
5. Passion for coaching
6. Sport-community service