

SCFOA Hall of Fame

SCFOA Hall of Fame Selection Criteria

Nominations: Any registered official of SCFOA or retired member of SCFOA may, through their District Director, nominate individuals for election to the SCFOA Hall of Fame. The deadline for the nominations sent to the SCFOA Vice President **shall be February 1 of each year.**

Criteria for Election: The following criteria will be used in evaluating nominations for election into the Hall of Fame. The nominees will be categorized into two areas; qualification for active SCFOA members and qualification for retired SCFOA members. All criteria must be fulfilled while a member is in good standing with the SCFOA. No nominee may be elected into the Hall of Fame without meeting or exceeding the following criteria:

Minimum Qualifications for Active Members

The minimum qualifications shall apply to active officials, who have achieved all of the following:

- Received a nomination to the SCFOA Hall of Fame.
- Served as a local district officer or District Director for three (3) years, or served as a state association officer.
- Been an active official in the SCFOA for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
- Officiated a minimum of seven (7) state finals.
- Officiated the Shrine Bowl game.
- Officiated the North-South All-Star game.
- Officiated a minimum of 250 varsity contests.

OR

- A member of the National Federation Hall of Fame and
Received a nomination to the SCFOA Hall of Fame

Minimum Qualifications for Retired Officials

The minimum qualifications shall apply to officials who do not have automatic credentials, have retired from SCFOA, and have achieved, at a minimum, all of the following:

- Received a nomination to the SCFOA Hall of Fame.
- Been an active official in SCFOA for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
- Officiated a minimum of five (5) state finals.
- Officiated either the Shrine Bowl or North-South All-Star game.
- Officiated a minimum of 200 varsity contests.
- Served as a local district officer or District Director for three (3) years or served as a state association officer.

Criteria for Induction

Amending Criteria: The criteria for selection into the SCFOA Hall of Fame, after careful examination by the SCFOA Hall of Fame Committee, may be changed by a majority vote of at least five (5) of the seven (7) members of the SCFOA Hall of Fame Committee.

Verification: Each District Director or designate will be responsible for providing the Hall of Fame Committee the written verification and supporting documentation requested for nominees from their respective geographic district. The Hall of Fame Committee will review and approve all nominations either by the active or retired criteria method for election into the SCFOA Hall of Fame.

Selection Process: Each year a selection committee (the SCFOA Hall of Fame Committee), composed of the sitting President and Vice President of SCFOA and five members of the SCFOA Hall of Fame, are responsible for electing new members into the Hall of Fame. Prior to the Spring Directors' meeting, the committee will review all nominations that were received by February 1st of that year and will, by secret ballot, elect new members from those nominated. Nominees must receive at least five (5) of the seven (7) members' affirmative vote to be elected. Names of officials selected for the Hall of Fame shall be given to the SCFOA Board of Directors and the Commissioner of Officials at the spring meeting.

Should an official not receive the necessary votes for election, the nomination will stay active for a period of three (3) years. All nominations will be voted on annually. If after three (3) years, a nominee is still not elected the candidate's name will be removed from consideration. Following a one-year waiting period, the candidate can be re-nominated for election into the Hall of Fame.

Recognition: Each year, newly elected members of the SCFOA Hall of Fame will be formally presented at the annual clinic. In addition, each member will have their name and class year inscribed on a name plate and affixed to the South Carolina Football Officials Hall of Fame plaque located in the South Carolina High School League office. The name plates for the new inductees will be added prior to the Induction Ceremony. Inductees will also be awarded their own, personal wall plaque at the ceremony.

Induction Ceremony: An Induction Ceremony will be held every two (2) years in January to induct the members that were elected in the previous two years. The SCFOA Hall of Fame Committee shall decide the time, date, and location of the ceremony.

Ceremony Funding: A portion of the annual SCFOA dues will fund the SCFOA Induction Ceremony.

"Any official elected to the HOF under the retired official qualifications will no longer be eligible to be assigned varsity games that are assigned by the SCHSL." Any official that is assigned and officiates a High School game assigned by the SCFOA after becoming a member under the retired officials will be terminated immediately as a member of the Hall of Fame.