



# **Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame**

## **Selection Criteria & Process**

## **1. BASEBALL VICTORIA HALL OF FAME**

- The Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame was established in 2024 to honour and preserve the legacy of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to baseball in Victoria. The Hall of Fame recognises excellence across all aspects of the game, including players, managers, administrators, umpires, and scorers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement at grassroots, state, national, and international levels.
- Within the bounds of the agreed budget, Baseball Victoria will be responsible for managing and implementing agreed actions relating to the administration of the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame, with the support of the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group as required.
- Baseball Victoria recognises the national significance and place of the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame, and places importance on positioning the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame as a complementary state-based program underpinning the National Hall of Fame scheme.

## **2. BASEBALL VICTORIA HISTORY AND RECOGNITION WORKING GROUP**

- The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group is the body responsible for managing all aspects of the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame under the authority and approval of the Baseball Victoria Board.
- The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group is appointed by the Baseball Victoria Board and is responsible for:
  1. the creation and maintenance of the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame; and
  2. supporting policies, guidelines and procedural documentation; and
  3. the preservation of Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame history and memorability; and
  4. the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame nomination, voting and induction processes; and
  5. developing and maintaining award recognition protocols for inductees.

## **3. HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**

- Following the inaugural inductions to the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame, the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group will appoint two (2) Hall of Fame inductees to serve on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee for a period of 12 months.
- This Committee will review and consider new members to be inducted into the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame.
- The two (2) Hall of Fame representatives on the Committee will be selected by the History and Recognition Working Group based on established criteria.

## **4. NOMINATIONS**

### **4.1 Criteria for Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Nominations**

- Nominees must have had a prolonged impact on the game of Baseball within Victoria.
- Nominees must have shown
  - dominance in their era for on-field performance as a player or coach; or
  - outstanding contribution to the sport in the realms of administration, officiating (umpiring and scoring) and media.
- Nominees must have given extraordinary service in the interest of Baseball Victoria and Victorian baseball.
- There is no limit on the number of times a nominee can be nominated.
- Nominees as a player or coach must have participated in a competition, league or team as a registered player of a Baseball Victoria Club, State Team, Victorian based Australian Baseball League team, Major League team or other international recognised Leagues.
- Selection is based primarily upon on-field excellence, as opposed to long and loyal service to the game. For on-field personnel (players, managers and coaches), excellence and impact will be evidenced by regular representation at State and National levels, individual awards and outstanding success and achievement on the international stage or professional baseball.
- In recognition of the importance of statistics to the history of baseball, statistical evidence of outstanding performance, applicable to playing and coaching records, must be provided as supporting evidence for Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame nomination. In the absence of available statistical evidence, potential inductees should be supported through other verifiable means, such as written testimonials and/or oral histories (documented) from multiple sources. The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group reserves the right to crosscheck information provided in support of nominees at its discretion as part of the validation process.
- On-field personnel will only be considered for nomination if they have been retired from their on-field roles for five years. On-field personnel are considered “retired” if they have not played or coached at state and national representative level or higher levels for five years.
- Consideration will be given that a nominee must be of good character and integrity and not to be deemed to have brought the game of Baseball into disrepute by inappropriate behaviour either on or off the field. The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group has discretion to choose members of the Hall of Fame based on their character and standing.
- Nominees must be Australian Citizens.
- Nominees must be either a current or previous financial Baseball Victoria member.
- Nominees may be nominated posthumously.

### **4.2 Method of Nomination for Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame**

- The inaugural Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame class will be nominated by the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group and endorsed by the Baseball Victoria Board.
- For the second and subsequent Hall of Fame classes the following entities are eligible to nominate candidates via email to [chet.gray@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:chet.gray@baseballvictoria.com.au):
  1. Each current Victorian club may nominate one (1) candidate
  2. Each affiliated Winter League of Baseball Victoria may nominate one (1) candidate.
  3. The Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria may nominate one (1) umpire.
  4. The Baseball Victoria Scorers Association may nominate one (1) scorer.
  5. The Melbourne Aces may nominate one (1) candidate.

6. The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group may nominate up to 10 candidates.
- Nominations must be in writing using the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Nomination Form found on the Baseball Victoria website ([baseballvictoria.com.au](http://baseballvictoria.com.au)) and signed by an entitled nominator. Note that a nominee cannot nominate themselves.

#### **4.3 Submission Process for Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Nominations**

- The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group will call for nominations each year.
- Submissions of nomination forms must be detailed, signed and complete. Any incomplete nominations form will be returned to the nominator.
- To enable each nomination to be fully assessed, completed nomination forms must be forwarded to Baseball Victoria's History and Recognition Working Group via email no later than the nominated date each year.
- When nomination detail exceeds the space provided for on the nomination form, nominees may continue the submission on a separate sheet ensuring a heading and corresponding heading number are listed on the separate sheet and are included as an attachment to the submission.
- Included in the nomination must be three photos of the nominee depicting their early, middle and later involvement during their baseball career.
- Included as attachments to the submission must be supporting specifications, statistics, certificates and documents that indicate the nominee meets the standard and criteria for selection, paying particular attention to a prolonged impact on the game of baseball in Victoria.
- Involvement in national and international baseball is an important part of a person's contribution to the development of the game and should be included in the nomination form. This information will only be used once the nominee's application has been accepted with the nominees national & international history placed as an appendix to their baseball history.
- On receipt of the nomination, the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group has the responsibility to investigate each nomination for accuracy of details, validity and merit.
- If the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group determines that more information or clarification about the accuracy of detail provided is required, the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group can request the nominating body to revise and resubmit their submission for further analysis, within an allocated time frame as advised.
- The Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group reserves the right to interview both referees identified in nominee submissions and, at the Working Group's discretion, other individuals who may be able to provide valid information about the nominee.
- In order for a nomination to proceed to the Baseball Victoria Board, at least 80% of the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group must support the candidate's qualification as a viable candidate for the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame. Any abstaining votes will be considered a "No" vote. The Working Group will not explain to any nominating party the reason for its vote and decision.
- Following assessment of nominated candidates, the Baseball Victoria History and Recognition Working Group will make a recommendation to the Baseball Victoria Board for ratification.
- The Baseball Victoria Board, upon receiving an endorsement or rejection of a nominee by the History and Recognition Working Group Committee, have the responsibility to ratify the recommendation.
- The Board may seek further information for clarification.
- The Board's decision is final

## 5. THE NOMINATION FORM

### Section 1: The Nomination

Section 1 includes:

- 1 (a) Personal details of the nominee and nominee's next of kin;
- 1 (b) Category nominee has been nominated for excellence in;
- 1 (c) Nominee's Baseball in Victoria history and achievements;
- 1 (d) Nominee's baseball club history and achievements;
- 1 (e) Nominee's baseball awards, trophies and similar recognition history;
- 1 (f) Nominee's National baseball history and achievements; and
- 1 (g) Nominee's International baseball history and achievements.

### Section 1 (a): Personal Details of the Nominee

The following personal details of the nominee are required to be provided in full so that a clear and concise identification of the nominee can be made. These details are also required for the purpose of contacting the nominee should the nomination be successful.

| NOMINEE               |  |                                |            |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------|
| Name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms  |  |                                |            |
| Date of Nomination:   |  |                                |            |
| Club (if applicable): |  |                                |            |
| Postal Address:       |  |                                | Post Code: |
| Date of Birth:        |  | Date of Death (if applicable): |            |
| Email address:        |  |                                |            |
| Contact Phone Number: |  |                                |            |

| NOMINEE'S NEXT OF KIN |  |  |            |
|-----------------------|--|--|------------|
| Name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms  |  |  |            |
| Postal Address:       |  |  | Post Code: |
| Email address:        |  |  |            |
| Contact Phone Number: |  |  |            |

## Section 1 (b): Category Nominated for Excellence

(more than one category can be listed)

1. **Playing**
2. **Managing/Coaching**
3. **Game Official** (Umpires & Scorers)
4. **Media**
5. **Voluntary Administration** (Team Executive Officer, Team Support Staff, etc)
6. **Baseball Administration** (Committee Members, Volunteers, etc)

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## Section 1 (c): Baseball Victoria State History & Achievements

(list the impacts, and **importantly the dates**, of achievements the nominee has had on the game of baseball)

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### Section 1 (d): Baseball Club History & Achievements

(list the impacts, and **importantly the dates**, of achievements the nominee has had on the game of baseball)

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**Section 1 (f): National Baseball History & Achievements (if any)**

(list the impacts, and **importantly the dates**, of achievements the nominee has had on the game of baseball)

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**Section 1 (g): International/Professional Baseball History (if any)**

(list the impacts, and **importantly the dates**, of achievements the nominee has had on the game of baseball)

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## Section 2: Nominator

- A nominee cannot nominate themselves; nominations must be signed by an entitled Member of the League.

| NOMINATOR                               |  |            |  |
|-----------------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| Name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms                    |  |            |  |
| Club (if applicable):                   |  |            |  |
| Official Club Position (if applicable): |  |            |  |
| Postal Address:                         |  |            |  |
|                                         |  | Post Code: |  |
| Email address:                          |  |            |  |
| Contact Phone Number:                   |  |            |  |
| Signature:                              |  |            |  |

### Section 3: History and Recognition Working Group Nomination Endorsement or Rejection

The History and Recognition Working Group upon authenticating and validating the nomination details and merit, may conclude the nomination as sufficient for endorsement or insufficient which will result in a rejection. A History and Recognition Working Group appointed committee member must complete the form below and submit it, via Baseball Victoria's Chief Executive Officer, to the Baseball Victoria Board for ratification.

### Section 4: Board Ratification

The Baseball Victoria Board, upon receiving an endorsement or rejection of a nominee by the History and Recognition Working Group Committee, have the responsibility to ratify the recommendation. The Baseball Victoria Board's decision is final; however, the Board may seek further information of clarification. A Director appointed by the Baseball Victoria Board shall complete the form below outlining the Board's decision and any accompanying reasons and will submit this to the Heritage Committee as soon as practicable after the convened Board Meeting.

The History and Recognition Working Group will notify the Nominator of the decision and reasons (if applicable) within seven days of receipt of the ratification. Only when an applicant is successful will the details of the applicant be released at the official announcement of the endorsement. When a nominee has not been successful, details of the applicant, along with reasons for rejection, will remain strictly confidential be the Baseball Victoria Board, Baseball Victoria, the History and Recognition Working Group.

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| <b>History and Recognition Working Group Recommendation:</b> | <b>ENDORSED<br/>REJECTED</b> | <b>Date:</b> | / / |
| <b>Authorising Person:</b>                                   |                              |              |     |
| <b>Title of Authorising Person:</b>                          |                              |              |     |
| <b>Signature of Authorising Person:</b>                      |                              |              |     |
| <b>Details</b>                                               |                              |              |     |

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| <b>Board Recommendation:</b>                | <b>APPROVED<br/>DENY</b> | <b>Date:</b> | / / |
| <b>Authorising Board Director:</b>          |                          |              |     |
| <b>Title of Authorising Board Director:</b> |                          |              |     |
| <b>Signature of Board Director Person:</b>  |                          |              |     |
| <b>Details</b>                              |                          |              |     |

Nominations are due by Sunday 30 November and should be sent to [chet.gray@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:chet.gray@baseballvictoria.com.au)