

Hall of Fame

What is the Hall of Fame?

The Bendigo Baseball Association has been in operation since 1935, with the first season in 1937. Not only do we recognise the efforts of our current players at our Awards Night, but also the efforts of those who have graced the diamonds before us, and ultimately – who we owe the successes of the Association and its Clubs to.

How are the Hall of Fame Inductees Selected?

The Hall of Fame Inductees are selected by an independent selection panel consisting of two delegates from each Club in the league, as well as three representatives from the Veteran's Committee. Every Club needs to provide/maintain a list of ten past players or other members of their Club for consideration of election. Any candidates who receives 75% of the ballots cast shall be elected by membership of the Bendigo Baseball association Hall of Fame.

Who is an Eligible Candidate?

Eligible candidates for the Hall of Fame can be a Player, Non-Player (Coaches, Scorers, Umpires, Administrators') or a Representative. The candidate can be from the past or present provided they meet the criteria.

- For a **Player** to be considered, candidates in the category, must have played A Grade baseball in Bendigo for at least 3 years, as from the inception of the BBA. A player's record at other levels of baseball will be considered when deciding eligibility, thus recognizing their contribution to Bendigo Baseball, and their representation of Bendigo Baseball in the wider baseball community. A player must have been retired for at least 5 years before becoming eligible for nomination, but may otherwise be involved in baseball.
- A **Non-Player** must have given service to their club and/or the BBA for a period of 10 years. Candidates nominated for induction in this category may be currently involved in baseball.
- A **Representative** person nominated under this category will be judged to their combined contribution under a range of categories, including player, coach, administrator, umpire, scorer. Persons nominated for this category may be currently involved in baseball.

Nominations will remain on the ballot for a period of up to 5 years. If the person is not elected after this period, their name will be removed permanently from the ballot.

While the majority of inductees haven't been involved with us over recent years, it is important to acknowledge and respect our history and those who were forerunners of the game in Bendigo, and that the game and playing conditions were very different in the beginning to what they are now. We can all learn from the Hall of Fame Members.