GUIDELINES

FOR THE

Maryland State Trapshooting

HALL

OF

FAME

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Guidelines
for the
Maryland State Trapshooting
Hall of Fame

Mission Statement
Purpose

THE MARYLAND STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME shall provide a means whereby Maryland residents may be acknowledged and honored for their contributions to the sport of Trapshooting. Acknowledgement shall be bestowed to Trapshooters who have had outstanding accomplishments in registered trapshooting competition over a period of years and to those individuals who have devoted themselves in an exceptional manner, voluntarily, to the general improvement of trapshooting within the State of Maryland.

Section I

The name of this organization shall be **The Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame**.

Section II

Selection Process – Eligibility

1. Nominations

All nominations for selection to the Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame shall be submitted to the Selection Committee on an Official Nomination Form.
Official Nomination Forms shall be available:

1. In the annual MSSA booklet.
2. On the MSSA website.
3. During the Maryland State Shoot.

2. Qualifications

All nominees under either the competitor, contributor, or combined categories:

1. Shall have resided in the State of Maryland for at least ***20*** years or more.

2. Shall have been a competitor or contributor for at least ***20*** years or more.

3. Must be or have been a member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

4. Must have demonstrated integrity and good character throughout his / her career in trapshooting, whether in a competitive, administrative, or other capacity. The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to determine whether a nominee meets this standard. In making its determination, the Committee may consider substantiated instances of misconduct, including prior legal or administrative findings, disciplinary actions, or other documented conduct that, in the Committee's judgment reflects adversely on the nominee's integrity or character or could bring discredit upon the nominee, the MSSA, or the Trapshooting Hall of Fame. The Committee shall consider the nature, severity, and circumstances of any such conduct, as well as its relevance to the nominee's qualifications for induction.

EXCEPTION: In the case of untimely death or disablement terminating an active career (shooting or administrative), then a minimum of 10 years <u>may</u> be considered when the nominee has been deceased or retired from serious competition for at least two (2) years.

Hall Of Fame nominees shall be selected from three (3) categories:

1. **Competitor –** a shooter who has made impressive records in registered trapshooting at the State, Zone, or National level.
2. **Contributor –** a person who has voluntarily contributed to the promotion, administration, management, improvement and growth of registered trapshooting in Maryland.
3. **Combined –** a combination of both of the aforementioned categories.

A maximum of two (2) persons may be inducted into the Maryland Trapshooting Hall of Fame each year. It shall not be mandatory to select an inductee or inductees annually unless a deserving candidate is nominated.

Section III

Appointment of the Selection Committee

The committee shall be composed of the following five (5) members.

1. The Director of the Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame (elected by the MSSA Past Presidents)
2. The most recent Past President of the Maryland State Sportsmen's Association.
3. Present Maryland State ATA Delegate
4. Two ATA members from the State of Maryland (appointed by the HOF Director and current MSSA President following the October MSSA meeting, but before January 1st).
5. In the event that the positions of HOF Director, Past President, or ATA Delegate are not filled by three unique individuals, additional ATA members from the State of Maryland will be included to maintain the committee at five (5) members. These appointments will be made by the current committee members.

The intent is to provide resident shooters some cooperative jurisdiction in the selection process. The HOF Director and President shall appoint members by January 1st following the time that the President has started his / her term in office. All committee members must be residents of the State of Maryland and members of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

Any appointee to the committee may be removed from office for cause by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame committee at any regular or special meeting.

Note: Officers, Directors and Delegates agreed that the first Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame Committee would be selected by January 1, 2019. Further it was agreed that the first selection(s) to the Hall of Fame would be honored at the 119th Maryland State Shoot to be held in the year 2019.

Section IV

Duties of the Selection Committee

The HOF Director (as appointed by the MSSA Past Presidents) shall assume responsibility as the Chairman and therefore be responsible for seeing that the Selection Committee properly discharges its respective duties. The members shall meet as often as deemed necessary in order to perform their required duties. The Chairman shall keep minutes of meetings and when requested, shall report committee activities at any regular or special meeting of the Maryland State Sportsmen's Association. The selection committee shall perform the following duties:

1. Actively solicit information regarding potential honorees for the MD State Trapshooting HOF.
2. Review all MARYLAND STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME Official Nomination Form submissions from the past to the present.
3. Select up to two potential inductees whose accomplishments are substantiated and based on the following criterion:

   SHOOTING MERIT – For individual collective outstanding shooting achievements. Candidates must have shot a minimum of 25,000 singles and shall have won a minimum of five (5) major championships (ATA or organization of the era). Major championships are defined as being Grand American Championships, State Shoot Championships, ATA Zone Championships, Satellite Grand Championships or prior to the above, any major shoot of that time and era.

   CONTRIBUTOR AWARD – For an individual who voluntarily provided exceptional, outstanding and unselfish work in Maryland State Trapshooting for a period of many years. Examples would be someone who has been instrumental in establishing, operation or administration of a gun club, the state or the national association or someone who has donated time or money to the sport of trapshooting.

   COMBINED – A combination of both of the aforementioned categories.

   AFFILIATION REQUIREMENT – Shall have been a Maryland resident for not less than twenty (20) years and shall have been active and competitive in Maryland and in the ATA (or association of the era) for at least twenty (20) years.

4. Review all recommendations directed at improving the Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame and report committee recommendations at a MSSA regular meeting.

NOMINATION AND ELIGIBILITY FORM
For
MARYLAND STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME

Date: _____

The Maryland State Trapshooting Hall of Fame will consider nominations as a Competitor, Contributor or Combined. Competitors must have shot a minimum of 25,000 singles and won five major championships. Contributors must have provided exceptional and unselfish work in Maryland trapshooting. All nominees have resided in the state for a minimum of 20 years, actively competed in, and/or voluntarily contributed to the sport of trapshooting for a minimum of 20 years.

Name of nominee: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Death, if deceased _____

Address and Phone Number: _____

First year of competition: _____ Last year of competition: _____

No. of years at MD State Shoot: _____ No. years at Grand American: _____

SHOOTING MERIT: List five (5) major championships won:

1. _____ Year _____ Location _____
2. _____ Year _____ Location _____
3. _____ Year _____ Location _____
4. _____ Year _____ Location _____
5. _____ Year _____ Location _____

Other Trapshooting Major Trap Accomplishments: (records set, high averages, State/ATA team)

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE: (describe) _____
_____
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Name, Address and Phone number of person submitting form: _____
_____

Mail to:

MD State Trapshooting Hall of Fame
c/o HOF Director – Ray Hughes
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Include additional pages with as much detail and information as possible