

To the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee and staff,

I would like to propose a committee-led review of the biographies, to make sure that the inductee biographies all rise to the same level of excellence. In short, some biographies would benefit for a gentle polish, either to clarify statements for modern readers who lack context, or to update information.

Most visitors to the Hall would be unaware that the biographies are as of whatever year they're inducted. Visitors likely presume that what they're reading is representative of the entire career of the athlete, coach, or builder.

In past months, the challenge of mid-career inductions was mentioned by other members in open session of the Committee. While most inductions are delayed until retirement, a world title or championship allows a fast-track.

As a result, there are Olympians in the earliest phases of their careers, missing their later achievements. There are jockeys who have doubled their achievements at time of induction. There are multiple instances of people inducted as athletes, but who have since also contributed locally or beyond as coaches or builders. There's a broadcaster who has switched networks multiple times since induction, as well as calling one of Canada's best known goals of the 21st century.

Other issues noticed:

- Standard practice is that deceased inductees have their birth and death years at the top of the induction. There's a couple of cases where this didn't happen.
- There are many instances where the inductee passed away after induction. One bio even says that the individual "has shown no signs of slowing down," but received an obituary from Frank Juzenas a decade ago. I would like the committee to consider retroactively adding birth and death years to the top of those induction texts, lest visitors think that there's a swath of 120-year-olds in the Hall.
- There's at least one instance where the names of other honours held by inductees may have changed. The Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame is now the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, for instance.
- There may be typos in some biographies. One references the local lacrosse
- Some accomplishments would benefit from extra context. One inductee was responsible for establishing age limits within lacrosse in Brampton. For all but a handful of modern visitors, context on why that's important would help solidify this inductee's importance.
- There's one inductee listed as a current Brampton resident at time of induction, but a media biography of his daughter, who was born before the induction took place, says that she is a lifelong resident of another city.

- One inductee's parents submitted nomination papers with a nickname that the inductee doesn't like and doesn't recall ever being called. (Many other nicknames are very appropriate, as some inductees were better known in their sport or in Brampton by said nickname.)
- Spelling mistakes, where they occur, such as the "bonze" medal mentioned.
- I've found only one factual error, a posthumous inductee whose middle initial is wrong.

Finally, in some cases it would be a great thing to acknowledge that some of the builders are still contributing. One 2013 inductee reached her 30th year of volunteering in 2023.

All of these changes will be conducted with the mindset of strengthening the justification that past Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committees had in inducting these individuals. No action should be taken on biographies to weaken or otherwise impune the honoured members.

In past months, I have read through many of the biographies, to establish which inductees are living or dead, to establish which inductees have newer accomplishments, etc. I created a spreadsheet with notes, which can be used as a starting point, but ultimately the input of other committee members would be crucial to point out things that I haven't found.

Again, the goal is to polish, not to reinvent.

Regards,

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