



**NATIONAL SENIOR SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME**  
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## NATIONAL SENIOR SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Nominations should be submitted to NSSHF at the above address prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration in that calendar year. Copies of nomination booklets should be sent via **registered mail** to the NSSHF Headquarters address (shown above), **and** to the respective Credential Committee member. **The booklets will not be returned and will become the property of the NSSHF.**

### Credentials Committee

Steve Simmons (Eastern US Points Path Nominees)	22410 Murray Shorewood, MN 55331
Gary Tryhorn (Western US Points Path Nominees)	169 Pioneer Ave Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Layla Bryan (All Women Nominees)	121 County Road 406 Goldthwaite, TX 76844
Autra Ayres (Men's Pioneer Path Nominees)	1103 Lilleux Rd Houston, TX 77067

### Pioneer Nomination Path

All Nominees must be a minimum of 70 years old and must have participated a minimum of 10 years in senior softball. The following are the identified categories that are available for nominations:

#### **Player Manager Director Umpire Sponsor Special Category**

The Pioneer Nomination path is totally different from the Point System path, for example: Pioneer players may never have had the opportunity to win as many All-American or All-World awards as the players today. A large number of associations did not even offer these All-tournament team awards in the early years of senior softball.

The decision on who is elected in this category is based upon the following:

- Their actual playing ability
- Their on the field accomplishments
- Level of competition ( Major Plus & Major)
- The number of years of participation in senior softball
- Their over all contribution to senior softball and its development
- Any All American or All-World team selections that they have received

#### Men's Pioneer Advisor Committee

Autra Ayres (TX) Carlos Becerra (CA)  
 Charles Collins (OH) Mike DeSorbo (FL)  
 Ted Lawson (MD) Joe Windes (OK)  
 Ridge Hooks (OK)

#### Women's Pioneer Advisor Committee

Layla Bryan (TX) Judy Lee Schreiber (TN)  
 Vicki Oltean (CA) Fran Dowell (CA)  
 Sylvia Mergl (Canada)

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## Point System Nomination Path

### **Who is eligible?**

All nominees must be a minimum of 60 years old, have participated a minimum of 10 years in senior softball, and may begin earning nomination points at age 50. The following are the identified categories that are available for nominations:

### Player

Players may earn the following points from playing in National or World Senior Tournaments.

Major Plus & Major Classification	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All Tournament	1 Point
AAA	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All Tournament	½ Point

A player must have a minimum of 8 total points to be considered for nomination. The player must provide booklets with the following information:

- Completed NSSHOF Application
- Picture of the nominee in uniform
- Pictures of all the All-World or All-American awards
- Newspaper Articles or written documents
- Letters of recommendation from former Managers, Players, Sponsors, or NSSHOF Members

### Manager

Managers may earn the following points from play in National or World Senior Tournaments.

Major Plus & Major Classification	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All Tournament	1 Point
AAA	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All Tournament	½ Point

A manager must have a minimum of 4 total points to be considered for nomination. The player must provide a booklet with the following information:

- Completed NSSHOF Application
- Picture of the nominee in uniform
- Pictures of all the All-World or All-American awards
- Newspaper Articles or written documents
- Letters of recommendation from former Managers, Players, Sponsors, or NSSHOF Members

### Director

Directors will earn 1 point for directing a National or World Senior Tournaments.

A Director must have directed a minimum of 8 National or World Tournaments to be considered for nomination. The Director must provide a booklet with the following information:

- Completed NSSHOF Application
- Picture of the nominee in Tournament Director uniform
- Pictures of all the association awards received as a Tournament Director.
- Newspaper Articles or written documents
- Letters of recommendation from specific Association Directors, Managers, Players, or NSSHOF Members

### Umpire

Umpires will earn 1 point for umpiring in a National or World Senior Tournament.

An Umpire must have umpired in a minimum of 10 National or World Senior Tournaments to be considered for nomination. The Umpire must provide a booklet with the following information:

- Completed NSSHOF Application
- Picture of the nominee in Umpire uniform
- Pictures of all the association awards received as a umpire.
- Newspaper Articles or written documents
- Letters of recommendation from specific Association Directors, Managers, Players, National Umpire in Chiefs or NSSHOF Members

## Sponsor

Sponsors must have actively sponsored teams for a minimum of 10 years in senior softball. Their teams must have played in a minimum of 8 National or World Tournaments in senior softball. The Sponsor must provide a booklet with the following information:

- Completed NSSHOF Application
  - Picture of the nominee
  - Pictures of all the All-World or All-American awards that their teams have won.
  - Newspaper Articles or written documents
  - Letters of recommendation from the above Association Directors, Managers, Players, other Sponsors, or NSSHOF Members
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### **Who votes on these nominations?**

Each of the following associations cast 1 vote. ASA, Huntsman, ISF, ISSA, LVSSA, NASCS, NSSHOF, SPA, SSWC.

Process: The Credential Committee reviews and validates all nominations. They prepare a biography of each candidate and forward it to the Hall of Fame Headquarters. The bios are reviewed again and then are sent out to each association. Each association will then cast their votes. The ballots are sent back to the Hall of Fame and counted. The winning candidates are notified and select their induction site.

### **What happens to the nominees that are not elected?**

The remaining nominees that are not elected are carried over to the following year. They will be notified that their application will be carried over to the next election. They will be asked to send any updates concerning awards (All-World or All-American) of that year to the NSSHOF prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **How long does a nominee remain on the list?**

The nominees are never removed after they have met the nomination requirements. The only way they are ever removed is if the nominee requests it.