

Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Nomination Criteria & Nomination Form



PURPOSE:

The Okemos High School Athletic Hall of Fame is intended to honor the rich heritage and tradition of the great teams, individuals, and contributors to Okemos Athletics throughout the years.

CRITERIA FOR INDUCTION:

STUDENT-ATHLETES:

- Any person who distinguished himself or herself while a student athlete at OHS.
- Must be graduated from OHS for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Completed their interscholastic athletic career at OHS and have earned at least one (1) varsity letter.
- An athlete must have made a significant impact on OHS athletics, had an outstanding career, demonstrated good character, and achieved acceptable academic standards.
- The following criteria will be considered:
 - Individual Honors, School Record Holder, Outstanding College and/or Professional Accomplishments

INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED THE OKEMOS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

- An individual, athletic administrator, coach, or staff member must have served OHS within the athletic field; five (5) years of service preferred (can be currently employed).
- Other contributors to the OHS Athletic Department, who were not graduates, student-athletes, coaches, or administrators, are eligible for induction and may be nominated on their behalf detailing the contributions made.
- Of the previously stated individuals, one must have made a significant impact on Okemos Athletics. He/she must have had an outstanding career, setting high personal and professional standards.

TEAMS:

- Teams will be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame using the following criteria: undefeated season, conference championship(s), MHSAA Tournament success, etc.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SELECTION AND INDUCTION PROCEDURES:

- Anyone may submit a nomination to the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, but someone may not nominate him or herself.
- Nomination forms must be complete and must be accompanied by a photograph of the nominee. A photograph from the era of the nominee is preferred, but a current photo may be acceptable.
- Nomination forms must be submitted no later than June 8, 2015, for consideration in the inaugural induction class.
- All selected for induction into the inaugural hall of fame class will be announced in August 2015.
- All nominations not selected will be kept on file for five (5) years. There is no need to submit the same nomination each year.
- The induction ceremony will take place on October 1, 2015.
- Each inductee shall have a plaque on display at Okemos High School.

Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form



Nominator Information:

Name: Rod Ellis, President of Okemos Alumni Association

Email: RodEllis1000@aol.com Phone: 616-437-3706

Nominee Information:

Name: Richard Ewing

Connection to School (check all that apply):

Student-Athlete from 1949 to 1953

Championship Athletic Team Member 1952 and 1953

Current Address: 6481 Robin Dr.

City: Harrison State: MI Zip: 48625 Country: US Phone: 989-539-2826

Current Occupation: Retired

List of sports played or coached, letters received, significant honors and years at OHS:

Competed in 10 State Championship Finals races while at OHS 1949-1953

4 State Championship Titles (1952 and 1953 100-Yard Dash and 880-Yard Relay)

2 Runner-up State Titles (1952 and 1953 220-Yard Dash)

3 Meet records at Invitationals or Regionals (Track)

10 times set Okemos school records (Track)

8 Varsity Letters in 2 sports (Football and Track)

Involvement in athletics following career at Okemos High School: College Track Scholarship at Central Michigan

Outstanding professional or occupational accomplishments: Enlisted in the Army and attained the rank of Sargent in 18 months. 40 year career with Consumers Power called in to install and maintain gas lines all over Michigan. Maintained a life of health and fitness.

Additional comments to support nomination: The complete saga of this storied athlete is told in the publication “Okemos Sprint King” attached as part of this nomination.

Dick Ewing is one of those “forgotten” athletes whose accomplishments should be an inspiration to all future generations. Regardless of family or economic background, hard work and self-determination was his key to success. Ewing’s fame is more than a name on the wall and, hopefully, his story will be read and repeated by aspiring students at OHS.

Please return this form with a photo of the individual or team to:

Okemos High School Athletic Department
2800 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Or email this form with a photo of the individual or team to:

Mr. Ira Childress
Athletic Director
Okemos High School
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Submitting the nomination to the Okemos Athletic Hall of Fame:

Dick Ewing, class of 1953, “The Okemos Sprint King”



Ira Childress, Okemos Athletic Director and Rod Ellis, OHS class of 1965, President, Okemos Alumni Association. December 1, 2017 Photo by Kerry Byrnes '63