



ONTARIO AQUATIC HALL OF FAME

Induction Criteria, Procedures & Administration

1. Athlete

The athlete shall have been retired from competition for a minimum of 2 years (see attached criteria).

2. Builder

The nominee may still be an active participant in an eligible aquatic sport (see attached criteria).

3. Pioneer

This shall be any person who meets the criteria. Involvement included the time prior to 1940 (see attached criteria).

Note: Accomplishments recognized in sections 1, 2, and 3 must have taken place while registered with SNC, C.A.S.A. - Ontario Section, Swim Ontario, or with other eligible Ontario aquatic disciplines (see attached criteria).

4. Bob Secord Award

The award is given to persons who rendered distinctive service either directly to aquatic sport, or to sport in general, but benefiting the aquatic disciplines. Recipients of the award may include administrators, athletes, and members of any athlete support group, residents of any country, amateurs or professionals. They may be active or inactive, and the award may be made posthumously (see attached criteria).

5. Other

The Aquatic Hall of Fame reserves the right to induct others whose accomplishments may not strictly meet the foregoing criteria.



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General Induction Procedure and Administration

1. Nominations, using the **approved nomination form**, may be made at any time.
2. Nominations are to be sent to the Hall of Fame Committee.
3. Nominations must be approved by a majority of the committee members at least six months before the inductions.
4. Nominees must indicate a willingness to accept nomination and induction.
5. Biographies must be completed by a pre-determined deadline; be sent to the nominee for editing and approval; and be returned to the Hall of Fame committee in due time.
6. All visual materials for the nominee must be received by the Hall of Fame committee a minimum of three months prior to the induction ceremonies.
7. Lack of timely responses by an intended inductee, may be the cause of deferral of induction to a later year.



ATHLETE

CRITERIA for INDUCTION

1. The athlete shall have been retired from competition for a minimum of two years.
2. The athlete shall have been registered with C.A.S.A. – Ontario Section, Swim Ontario, or with any other eligible Ontario aquatic discipline.
3. The athlete shall have been a medallist at major international competitions, such as Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games, Pan Pacific Championships, World Championships, etc. in individual or relay events.

and/or

4. The athlete shall have been a finalist at Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Championships, etc. in individual or relay events.
5. For open water competitors, please see separately attached criteria.

A complete history of accomplishments in aquatic sport, in chronological order (point form), must be attached to the official nomination form. If the prospective inductee is deceased, the date of death must be included.

Selection of athletes will follow the *General Induction Procedure & Administration* as outlined on the previous page.



BUILDER

CRITERIA for INDUCTION

Following are items for consideration. Nominators are asked to comment on as many areas as are appropriate.

1. Demonstration of leadership in sports at the senior national and international levels, including international committees and support of teams at senior-level games.
2. Service in an administrative capacity at the individual, club, regional, provincial, national, and international levels.
3. Establishment of new clubs and programmes in support of athletes of any age.
4. Coaching success at provincial, national, or international levels.
5. Promotion of efforts regarding inclusion in sport by under-represented groups such as SWAD, aboriginals, females in coaching, ...
6. Training (i.e. course development and presentation) of coaches, administrators, and volunteers in other capacities.
7. Officiating in a senior capacity at the provincial, national, or international levels, and having demonstrated the necessary skills arising from appropriate qualifications, experience, and recognition.
8. Duration of service.
9. Production of “firsts” and “records.”
10. Contribution in particularly specialized areas – i.e. publications, photography.
11. Exhibition of exemplary dedication.



BOB SECORD AWARD

CRITERIA for INDUCTION

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Procedure & Administration

1. Nominations are not solicited.
2. The Bob Secord award is granted when warranted, but not on an annual basis.
3. Recipients are selected at the discretion of the Hall of Fame committee.
4. Nominees or their representatives must indicate a willingness to accept nomination and induction.
5. The award is presented during the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, in the presence of the Bob Secord family members, when possible.



OPEN WATER

CRITERIA for INDUCTION

Any two or more of the following are required for consideration:

1. At least one recognized open water swim which is a distance of at least 21 miles.
2. An internationally recognized swim, such as across Lake Ontario, the English Channel, any of the Great Lakes, the Catalina Straits, the Juan de Fuca Strait; etc.
3. A world title or international medal performance.
4. A world record swim.
5. A “first person” accomplishment (not necessarily a minimum distance of 21 miles).
6. Lifetime commitment to open water swimming, which may not have achieved world record performances, but the magnitude of the swim or the number of swims, is substantial and/or unique.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

CRITERIA for INDUCTION

The Distinguished Service award is given to deserving members from any discipline affiliated with the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame. Distinguished service has been for the benefit of the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame or an affiliated discipline.

Procedure & Administration

1. The Hall of Fame board reserves the right to choose any recipient they deem appropriate for receiving this award, volunteer or staff.
2. The Hall of Fame directors have the exclusive right to choose the recipient; however, proposals from other persons connected with the Hall of Fame will be considered.
3. The award is presented from time to time and is not subject to a pre-determined period.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

CRITERIA for INDUCTION

Honorary members of the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame are groups who have made outstanding contributions to aquatic sport in Ontario and do not meet the criteria for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Contributions must have been made while registered with C.A.S.A. - Ontario Section, Swim Ontario, or with any other Ontario aquatic discipline.

Procedure & Administration

1. Honorary membership is granted only when warranted, and is not awarded on an annual basis.
2. Nominations are not solicited but may be made any time and by anyone, including Hall of Fame Committee members.
3. Recipients are chosen at the discretion of the Hall of Fame committee.
4. Nominees must indicate a willingness to accept nomination and induction.



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NOMINATION FORM

Nominator's Name (please print) _____	
Daytime Phone # (____) _____	e-mail Address _____
Mailing Address, including postal Code _____	

Date _____	Signature _____

Having read the criteria for induction I, _____,

nominate (name of person – please PRINT) _____

for induction into the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame in the category of

Athlete

Builder

Pioneer

Available Contact Information (e.g. current e-mail address, phone #, mailing address)

For the nomination to be considered, you will need to attach the nominee's complete history of involvement in aquatic sport, in chronological order (please use separate sheet). If the above person is deceased, please include the date of death.

Steps to follow:

1. Please mail the original of the completed form with history to the address above.
2. The Hall of Fame committee will confirm eligibility and if accepted, the candidate will be added to the "future inductions" list.
3. Selected inductees will be notified once a date for their induction has been set.
4. The inductee (or next of kin) must accept the induction and complete a general acceptance form.