

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

HALL OF FAME POLICY

(as amended 10/2025)

PREAMBLE

The RDCA cricket Hall of Fame (HOF) seeks to recognise and enshrine players, coaches, umpires, administrators, scorers and media personalities who have exhibited outstanding sustained significant service, effort, excellence and influence on the Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc. (RDCA), since its formation in 1920, either through roles held within RDCA management or through its affiliated clubs.

To be nominated as an inductee into the Hall of Fame the nominee must have demonstrated attributes including longevity, quality of performance, integrity, sportsmanship, good character, administrative dedication and to have promoted the values of the RDCA.

Nominations may be submitted by clubs, the RDCA executive, the RDCA Umpires Association, the RDCA HOF sub-committee or individuals. Nominees will also be considered from clubs that no longer exist or who have been involved at multiple clubs within the RDCA.

Nominees may be living or deceased.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will only be accepted on the appropriate Hall of Fame nomination form provided by the RDCA on its website ("Seniors-Documents"). Submissions must clearly state the nominee's statistics and contribution to the RDCA as per the qualifying guidelines. Formal nominations will be called for on the 1st of November in each year and close on the 15th December annually however nominations will be accepted at any time during the year. Clubs or individuals may nominate multiple candidates each year provided they each meet a qualifying criteria. Information gathered for unsuccessful nominations will be kept on file and will be considered with new nominations received each year thereafter. Additional information for previous nominees can be submitted at any time. As many of our clubs were formed prior to World War 2 details on some potential nominees may be sketchy. We ask clubs to diligently search their archives to provide as much detail as possible about their nominees. Note that it is NOT the role of the Hall of Fame sub-committee to undertake research on behalf of nominators. Note also that nomination does not guarantee entry of the nominee into the Hall of Fame at any time.

SUB COMMITTEE ROLE

The Hall of Fame sub-committee will consist of a Chairperson appointed by the Board of Management and two additional members recommended by the Chairperson and who will be presented to the RDCA Board of Management for its consideration and approval. The sub-committee members will be unbiased and transparent in all decisions in relation to the Hall of Fame. In the event of a tied vote for a nominee the Chairperson of the subcommittee will have the casting vote.

All correspondence regarding the Hall of Fame should be directed to the email address history@rdca.com. The Hall of Fame sub-committee will receive nominations for assessment, will review all applications based on merit and each year will advise the recommended nominees to the Board of Management for consideration. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame nominees must secure at least 75% support of the Board of Management. Up to 4 inductees may be approved each year with no minimum requirement for any given year. Nominees elected to the Hall of Fame will be inducted at the RDCA Senior Presentation night, Annual General Meeting or at an official function organised by the Board of Management.

LEGEND STATUS

The Hall of Fame will include a special category of inductees known as Legends. Individuals selected for Legend status will have had a major impact above and beyond Hall of Fame status in advancing cricket and the success of the RDCA. To be elevated to Legend status nominees must have already been elected to the Hall of Fame. Each year one additional member of the Hall of Fame may be considered for Legend status.

Nominations for Legend status will be the responsibility of the Hall of Fame sub-committee and will be recommended to the Board of Management for consideration. To become a Legend a nominee must secure at least 75% support of the Board of Management.

RDCA HALL OF FAME QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

Nominee involvement and qualifying criteria relates to the RDCA and the former Yarra Valley Cricket Association (YVCA) competition. Performances in RDCA/YVCA cricket will be prioritised, but the Hall of Fame sub-committee reserves the right to acknowledge nominee qualifying performances accrued for RDCA/YVCA affiliated clubs prior to the establishment of an appropriate RDCA/YVCA competition, examples of which may include Women's Community Cricket, all Abilities Cricket or Winter Cricket. The nominees qualifying playing statistics must be in the highest club graded team for a minimum of 15 seasons. The nominee's integrity, character, sportsmanship and

promotion of the values of the RDCA, the former YVCA or other qualifying competitions should be evident.

To clarify, only performances and service within a qualifying competition/guideline will be considered when assessing any nomination.

BATTING

Must have scored a minimum of 1st XI 8000 runs. Consideration also to individual achievements, association representation and awards, and club awards.

BOWLING

Must have taken a minimum of 1st XI 400 wickets. Consideration also to individual achievements, association representation and awards, and club awards.

ALL-ROUNDER

Must have scored a minimum of 5000 1st XI runs and taken a minimum of 250 1st XI wickets. Consideration also to individual achievements, association representation and awards, and club awards.

WICKETKEEPER

Must have taken a minimum of 200 1st XI dismissals. Consideration also to individual achievements, association representation and awards and club awards.

ADMINISTRATOR

Minimum twenty-five (25) years served on the RDCA committees and ten (10) years in executive positions. Minimum thirty (30) years served as a club administrator and ten (10) years in executive positions.

UMPIRE

An officially appointed umpire for a minimum of 25 years in all grades and umpired a minimum of three Grand Final matches in the top three grades of qualifying competitions. The number of years served on the RDCA/YVCA umpires executive should be a minimum of ten (10) years and noting positions held. The number of years and total games umpired in RDCA/YVCA and other qualifying matches will be considered. Consideration will be given to individual achievements together with association representation and awards.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING CRITERIA

The Hall of Fame sub-committee will also consider the following when assessing nominees.

- *Total number of games played and the grades (club and representative-) in which they have played.
- *Contribution to the promotion of Junior cricket.
- *Individual club awards and service.
- *Combined number of years as a player, administrator and umpire.
- *Contribution as a club coach, team manager or scorer.
- *Significant media and sponsorship involvement promoting the RDCA, and the former YVCA competitions
- *Nominees going on to have a playing or administrative role at District, State and International level.
- *The level of service and overall contribution to cricket in the RDCA, and the former YVCA competitions.

NOMINATION CHECK LIST

1. Read and understand the Hall of Fame policy – see the RDCA website under “Senior-Documents.”
2. Nominators identify possible candidates/nominees
3. Ensure that the proposed nominee meets the qualifying criteria of the policy.
Note that it is NOT the role of the Hall of Fame sub-committee to do this.
4. Complete the Hall of Fame nomination form ensuring that the qualifying criteria is clearly documented and verified
5. Submit nomination form to history@rdca.com