

THE VILLAGES DIVISION 3 RECREATION SOFTBALL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

The Division 3 Recognition Program is designed to recognize players and support personnel in The Villages Division 3 Recreation Softball League for outstanding performance and service to the League.

Recognition will be considered in two different areas:

1. Players and support personnel will be nominated and may be inducted into the Division 3 Softball Hall of Fame.
2. Players will be recognized for individual milestones.

DIVISION 3 HALL OF FAME

The Division 3 Recreation Softball Hall of Fame (HOF) is designed to recognize players for outstanding performance in play. As well, recognition will be afforded those players and support personnel for extraordinary, dedicated service to the League.

A HOF Committee will be designated by the Division 3 Board to determine those players and support personnel that may be worthy of being inducted into the Division 3 HOF. The Committee will consist of 4 players and 1 Facilitator. The players will NOT be members of the Division 3 Board, however, the Facilitator may be a member of the Board.

HOF Committee members will consider any, and all nominees for the Division 3 HOF. Using the criteria, they will determine the player or support personnel's eligibility and worthiness to be inducted. The Facilitator is there to assist in whatever information that might be needed and to expedite the proceedings. The Facilitator is not a normal voting member of the HOF Committee. However, the Facilitator may be included in the discussion of players and personnel and will be the deciding vote in any cases of a tie.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

In order to be considered for the HOF in the Performance area, a player must meet the following criteria:

- Be in good standing with the League
- Must have participated in a minimum of 500 games
- Must be a top performer in some or all, of the following areas
 - Hitting
 - Pitching
 - Defense
 - Softball Acuity
 - Positive influence for teammates and league

In order to be considered for HOF in the Service area, player or support personnel must meet the following criteria:

- Be in good standing in the League
- Should have made significant contributions to the League in any of the following positions
 - Manager
 - Umpire
 - Score Keeper
 - Board Member
- Must have participated in one or more of the above areas in a minimum of 15 seasons

NOMINATIONS:

Any player or support personnel may be nominated to the Division 3 HOF by any member or support personnel in The Villages Division 3 Recreation Softball League. A nomination will be made by completing the attached online form. The form will then be presented to the D3 Board member at the sub desk. The Board member will place the form in the HOF folder in the D3 lock box.

AS STATED ABOVE, ALL NOMINEES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE DIVISION 3 HALL OF FAME.

RECOGNITION:

The Division 3 Board will purchase recognition material for the Division 3 HOF. This will include a Perennial Board that will display individual names of inductees into the HOF. Inductees will also be provided a distinctive D3 HOF pin and certificate that will also be procured by the Division 3 Board.

MILESTONE RECOGNITION

Division 3 Softball players will be recognized by presentation of an individual Certificate of Achievement for any of the following milestones:

- 1500 Hits
- 800 Games
- (TBD) Total Bases
- (TBD) RBIs/Runs Scored

There will be a special award presented to any player that achieves the milestone of 2000 hits.

PRESENTATION

The Division 3 Board will purchase individual awards to be presented to players that have been inducted into the D3 HOF or reached any of the above milestones.

The Commissioner of the Division 3 Board will make a presentation to the player(s) achieving any of the milestones. Presentation will be made either at the time of the achievement or between the end-of-season Semi-Final games.

Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at the end-of-season Championship Game and presented the HOF pin and certificate by the Commissioner of the D3 Board.

