



## **ESSENDON BASEBALL CLUB**

### **“HALL OF FAME”**

The Essendon Baseball Club Hall of Fame seeks to recognise and enshrine players and senior coaches who have made a significant contribution to the Club since inception in 1893.

The Hall of Fame recognises and promotes the outstanding achievements of an illustrious group of Essendon’s most respected and celebrated past players and senior coaches.

#### **Structure & Processes**

An inaugural committee is established by the Club’s administration:

- To determine the structure and processes for the establishment and running of the ‘Hall of Fame’ concept.
- To determine appropriate Selection Criteria
- With reference to records, recommendations and any other sources available, to compile a list of potential candidates that meet the selection criteria,
- To recommend a shortlist of the most suitably qualified candidates for admission into the Hall of Fame at the inaugural Hall of Fame event.
- To pass the list of potential candidates to the Hall of Fame Standing Committee. This list would include candidates that are recommended for inaugural admission into the Hall of Fame as well as a bank of others deemed suitable for future consideration.

A Standing Committee is established by the Club’s administration:

- To make recommendations for inclusion to the Hall of Fame on a biannual basis, with reference to the bank of previously recommended nominees.
- To accept and consider any additional candidates nominated by members which must be submitted using the prescribed form.
- These additional nominations, if deemed suitable, are added to the standing bank of nominations.
- All nominees contained in the ‘bank of nominees’ will have equal initial weight in the biannual selection process, regardless of when they were added to the bank.

- No more than one candidate per annum will be recommended for induction to the Hall of Fame.
- To ensure a transparent and accessible process is established to enable the nomination of candidates for inclusion to the Hall of Fame by members.
- To consider membership of the Standing Committee as the need arises.

### **Basis for Discretion**

A core underpinning of the Hall of Fame concept, is that selection criteria is framed and applied to enable the inclusion rather than the exclusion of past and current champions of the Essendon Baseball Club Community. Given the vagaries of competition structures over the years, the Standing Committee will therefore have an element of discretion (sparingly used) in the application of the Selection Criteria, to ensure that demonstrably suitable candidates are not excluded from the opportunity to be considered for recognition by the Essendon Baseball Club community as champions of their club.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection criteria is a sequence of minimum achievements that ideally have been attained by inductee's to achieve the status of "Hall of Fame" recognition.

1. Nominees must have played and or coached at "Club Coach Level", for a minimum of 10 Years, for the Essendon Baseball Club's first team.
2. Whilst playing for Essendon Baseball Club, the nominee must have been selected (as player or coach) in an elite level of competition such as the:  
National Baseball League  
Claxton Shield  
Australian representative side.
3. A player may only be eligible to be inducted as a Hall of Fame member once they have been retired from playing at the elite level for a minimum period of three years.
4. Other considerations for induction include a candidate's individual record (i.e. Club Champion), ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character.