

THOROLD RUNWAY OF RECOGNITION CONSITUTION

OBJECTIVE

To honour and perpetuate the names and deeds of those individuals whose athletic abilities have brought fame to themselves and their community and of those individuals whose interest in and work for sport has resulted in a climate which benefited athletes and athletics.

1. CRITERIA:

Restricted to Thorold athletes and builders of sport. Please note, Athletes and Builders must be nominated in order to be considered for induction.

ATHLETES

Athletes to be considered for admission to the Thorold Runway of Recognition must have been outstanding in their athletic field of endeavour or must have achieved better than average proficiency in a number of sports, even if not reaching the absolute top level in any one, in competition against peer athletes. This involves those competing on a strictly local level and those going on to district, provincial, national and international events, as well as those who enter professional sports.

Any Athlete Nominated to the Thorold Runaway of Recognition must have retired from active field participation in the sport(s) for which he/she is nominated for a period not less than three years (dating from the end of the season of the sports(s) for which he/she has been nominated). An athlete may be nominated even though he/she has not been retired for the mandatory three years if he/she has reached the age of fifty years.

BUILDERS

Builders are defined as officials (referees, umpires etc), executives, trainers, coaches, etc., whose work for sport over an extended period of time have been outstanding, whether it be in the organization of leagues and facilities, achieving a high degree of success in coaching teams and/or individuals, keeping a league or team alive, providing services of a consistently high level over an extended period of time, etc. However, just because an individual has worked many years for a sport as a builder, does not necessarily mean inclusion in the Thorold Runway of Recognition. His/her work over that period of time, or over most of it, must have been of a consistently high level with regard to services provided or results achieved.

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TEAM

"Teams" shall be eligible for recognition by the Committee under the following criteria. Each team nominated for recognition shall be judged on merit by the Committee. A "team" for Wall purposes is defined as "any group of two or more athletes engaged in the same sport, who work together as a unit in that sport". The team may be made up of members of the same sex or the sexes may be intermixed. A figure skating pair, tennis doubles, curling team, cross country running team, etc, are defined as teams for our purposes. A boxer and his manager do not constitute a team.

2. DEFINITIONS:

Thorold Athlete – for purposes of the City of Thorold Runway of recognition, a Thorold athlete shall be:

- (a) Anyone born in Thorold who spends his/her formative years here and continues to reside in the City.
- (b) Anyone who is not born here, but who comes to this City and over an extensive period of time, proves his/her worth in a athletic sense in Thorold. Said Athlete may be considered even if he/she eventually moves away from this City.
- (c) Anyone in (a) or (b) who, after a local amateur career, moves into professional, university or amateur sport elsewhere and who is deemed worthy of inclusion.

Thorold Builders – For the purposes of the City of Thorold Runway of Recognition a Thorold builder shall be:
As above – Sections (a), (b), (c).

The definition of Builder shall include all above sections – involving coaching, officiating, training, even if not involved in an active on the field role.

Number of Inductees – The total number of annual inductees for the first two years shall be a maximum of eight (8), six (6), and three (3) in each era as shown below:

Eras	(1) Prior to 1945	8
	(2) 1946 to 1970	6
	(3) 1971 to Present	3

Number of inductees after the second year shall be a maximum of ten (10). The Committee should nominate the best available candidates regardless of their era but may in their deliberations use the following only as a guide:

<i>Eras</i>	<i>(1) Prior to 1945</i>	<i>3</i>
	<i>(2) 1946 to 1970</i>	<i>4</i>
	<i>(3) 1971 to Present</i>	<i>3</i>

The Committee may also nominate up to two (2) alternates to be used only if one the ten (10) declines their nomination.

3. AWARDS

Commemoration on the Thorold Runway of Recognition shall take place as follows:

- (a) For each inductee (athlete, team, or builder) a plaque with a photograph will be displayed on the Runway of Recognition. A condensed biography of individuals and teams awarded recognition will be place on the plaques.
- (b) Each living inductee to the Runway of Recognition will receive a keeper plaque. In the case of deceased inductees, the keeper plaque will be provided to their family.
- (c) The name of each team accorded recognition shall be inscribed on a plaque. Team member names may be listed at the discretion of the Committee. One keeper plaque will be presented to the team.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

It is of the utmost importance that there be continuation of the aims and desires of the Recognition Committee. The member of the Committee will remain in place for the term of Council.

If any member resigns or retires for any reason, the Committee will attempt to replace that person maintaining the structure as approved by Council.

The Committee shall select a Chairperson from the members of the Committee.

5. PATH TO INDUCTION ONTO THE THOROLD RUNWAY OF RECONGITION

(a) Nominations

Nominations are made be the general public. The nominations are sent to the Operations Department, along with the supporting evidence. The staff turns over all letters and documentation to the Recognition Committee for discussion.

Nominations must be made in writing and contain the most comprehensive data possible, concerning the record and merits of each candidate. The Chairperson of the Recognition Committee may request further investigation of any candidate

being considered for election to the Thorold Runway of Recognition. There will be a deadline for nominations each year. Nominations shall be considered for 5 years or until they are accepted. The Committee will inform the person making the nomination that the nomination is expiring and that person can re nominate the athlete, builder or team.

Members of the Recognition Committee are not allowed to submit nominations.

(b) Approval

Each nominee is considered separately and evaluated based on the established criteria.

In order for a nominee to be approved as a inductee, there must be at least two thirds (2/3) support of the quorum of the Committee.

(c) Publicity

There shall be no publicity as to proposed nominees or voting at any time. The only names released to the public (announced by the Recognition Committee Chairperson), shall be those names elected to the Thorold Runway of Recognition for any given year. The local newspapers shall be provided with a write up on each of the recipients leading up to the Thorold Runway of Recognition ceremony.

(d) Nomination Forms

Nomination Forms shall be filed by the Committee on a form designed and provided for that purpose (a copy attached to this constitution). The said form shall be properly and completely filled out and shall include all pertinent information of the nominee.

6. SPECIAL AWARDS –

(a) Friend of Sport

The Committee will annually or from time to time honour an individual as a Friend of Sport (or group of individuals as Friends of Sport). Said individual (or group) should have contributed to sport in a meaningful way and not necessarily in a way that would make the individual (or group) a candidate for membership on the Runway of Recognition. Nominations for the award (with details) may be made at any time by any Committee member or by members of the public. Nominations should be on the standard Runway of Recognition nomination forms and are subject to the same rules as nominations for the Runway of Recognition.

This award shall be called the Albert "Trombone" Ciancio Award in memory of and recognition of Albert's years of work for sports in Thorold.

(b) D. Mahler Award for Coaching Excellence

Criteria.

During his/her coaching career the nominee must have shown the following:

- e. Be an active coach or have been an active coach within the past 5 years.*
- f. Excellent teaching ability.*
- g. Be a motivator of his/her athletes/teams and a leader within his/her sport(s)*
- h. Be a Mentor*
- i. His/her commitment to furthering his/her knowledge of sport.*
- j. Nominee can be involved in more than one sport.*
- k. When considering a Nominee the selection committee should take into consideration the length of time the nominee has been involved in coaching.*
- l. Equal consideration should be given to coaches at all levels....*

2) Residence.

Nominee must either live in the City of Thorold or have been a coach within the City of Thorold

3) Nominations

Nominee's may come from the community at large, sports organizations and the committee itself.

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