

## ***Grand Island Sr. High Football Hall of Fame***

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Inaugural Committee Members: Mike Anderson, George Ayoub, Brian Gallagher, KC Hehnke, Jim Jeffries, Orv Qualset, Aaron Semm, Dan Thayer, \*Greg Uhrmacher, Matt Vrzal, Brad Wells, John Wemhoff (Honorary Member: Joe Kutlas, GISH AD) \* = Chairman of the selection committee

Archive/Historical Committee Members: Tom Hill, Sandy O'Malley  
Marketing and Technical Advisor: Jeremy Watson ( 1Vision Productions)  
Special Project Advisor: Bobby Mills

**Mission:** To chronicle the history and tradition of Islander Football by recognizing outstanding players, coaches, teams and contributors of the past and to promote and preserve Islander Football history for the future.

**Selection Process:** A committee of twelve members will be established to consider nominations and vote on those worthy of Hall of Fame (HOF) status. Nine of the twelve members must vote in favor of a nominee in order for the nominee to be inducted into the HOF. Committee members will serve as long as they are willing and able to serve. Replacement committee members will be selected as needed by recommendation from committee members. Committee members will abstain from voting if nominated for the HOF or if related to a nominee. (GISH AD will act as the 12th voting committee member in those cases. A member of the Archive committee may stand in as well.)

**Nomination process:** Nomination forms will be made available online or can be picked up from or mailed from the Activities Office at GISH. Nominations may also be completed online via the Islander Football HOF facebook page or the GI FB website linked to the GISH Athletic website. Nominations can be submitted by anyone at anytime (former coaches, athletes, fans, relatives etc.). The HOF "Archive & History" committee may nominate potential inductees as well. A person cannot nominate himself. Former players and coaches must be at least 5 years removed from graduation/retirement to be eligible to be nominated and inducted. Teams may be nominated and inducted after 10 years. Contributors may be inducted at the discretion of the selection committee. The deadline for consideration each year will be April 30th. Selections will be made and announced in May each year. Nominations will be kept on file for at least 5 years. After 5 years, the selection committee can choose to keep or eliminate each individual nomination.

### ***Selection Criteria for the Islander Football Hall of Fame - Players:***

A player must be officially nominated to be a HOF inductee. Nominees must be voted in by at least 75% of the selection committee. Players receiving this honor would be considered true difference makers during the era in which they played. Some of the criteria for being inducted

into the HOF is as follows: Man of honor and integrity, All State caliber player, possible Nebraska Shrine Bowl selection, a school record breaker or record holder, has possibly gone on to excel at the collegiate or professional levels, possibly a member of other halls of fame. No more than 5 players will be inducted annually (with the exception of the inaugural class or at the discretion of the committee).

***\*Islander FB HOF “Legends”:*** *This category exists for already deceased Islander Greats. Up to 2 “Legends” will be inducted each year. (committee reserves the right to induct more than 2, particularly in the first class of inductees)*

**Coaches:** Coaches are eligible for induction 5 years following their retirement from coaching football or at the discretion of the committee. Head coaches as well as assistant coaches are eligible for hall of fame recognition. For coaches to be considered for the hall of fame they will have needed to meet most if not all of the following criteria: 10 or more years of coaching at GISH, they must have been a significant contributor to GI football, they must have achieved a measurable level of excellence as a coach ( ie. overall record, Conf., District or State Championships, playoff appearances as a head coach or assistant etc.), they must have been a man of honor and integrity. Other things taken into consideration will include, but not be limited to, coaching honors and awards, community contributions and contributions to local, state or national coaching organizations. Only 1 coach will be inducted per year. (committee reserves the right to induct more than 1 in special circumstances)

**Teams:** Teams are also eligible to be inducted into the hall of fame. A maximum of 1 team per year can be inducted. A team must be at least 10 years removed from it’s last game to be eligible for nomination and induction. A team must have achieved a high degree of excellence ( ie. Championships won or played for, remarkable achievements, highly ranked, records set etc.) to be considered for induction. The members of the team must have represented GISH with distinction on and off the field.

**Contributors:** Long time contributors to Islander Football may also earn induction into the hall of fame. To earn this distinction, a contributor must have made significant contributions of time, effort or financial support for the betterment of Islander Football. Contributors can be inducted by the committee and at the discretion of the committee based on nominations. Examples of those worthy of this honor may include: Families with a distinguished history of involvement in the program, long time boosters, athletic trainers, team doctors, media personalities, announcers, statisticians and donors.

**Honoring those inducted:**

- \* Islander Hall of Fame (Including Legends):
  - \*Picture / Plaque displayed in GISH
  - \*Honored during pregame or halftime of game

- \*Inducted at HOF dinner
- \*Presented HOF crystal mantle piece.
- \*Eventually enshrined on outside memorial
- \* Coach -
  - \*Picture / Plaque displayed in GISH
  - \*Honored during pregame or halftime of game
  - \*Inducted at HOF dinner
  - \*Presented w/ HOF crystal mantle piece
  - \*Eventually enshrined on outside memorial
- \* Team -
  - \*Honored during pregame or halftime of game
  - \*Team picture / commemorative plaque on the wall
  - \*Each team member will receive a small mantle piece or medallion
  - \*Team eventually enshrined on outside memorial
- \* Contributor -
  - \*Picture / Plaque displayed in GISH
  - \*Honored during pregame or halftime of game
  - \*Inducted at HOF dinner
  - \*Presented w/ HOF crystal mantle piece

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**Islander Football “Hall of Honor”:**

A future branch of the Islander Football Hall of Fame. Hall of Honor members will be selected based on nominations, recommendations of former coaches, recommendations of the “archive/historical” committee and the selection committee. Some examples of the criteria that may be applied to the Hall of Honor include but are not limited to: Man of honor and integrity, former team captain or squad leader, All Conf. caliber player, All City or All Region caliber player. In addition, statistical accomplishments as well as other distinctions (ie. playing collegiately ) will be considered. The goal of establishing the Hall of Honor is to recognize former players and coaches who made significant contributions to Islander Football but may not quite have the credentials for the HOF. Goal of launching the Hall of Honor will be the fall of 2017.

- \* Hall of Honor - Honored with name on banner or sign in the stadium (TBD)
  - \* Recognized at induction dinner ( possibly in a HOF program)
  - \* Possible photo included on a display in the school
  - \* Presented with some type of personal award or apparel (TBD)
  - \* Goal to launch in 2017