



## SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

Dear Minnesota Softball Enthusiast:

The Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet is held the third or fourth Saturday in October or first weekend in November every other year. Nominations are accepted through June 1 of each year. The purpose of the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame is to select and honor candidates who have been active as players, coaches, managers, umpires, administrators, organizers, volunteers, promoters, sponsors, league director, media or those who served in any other capacity related to the game of softball in Minnesota. Candidates shall be chosen on the basis of their integrity and contributions to the game of softball. The length of playing time or related participation shall be considered as a factor in the evaluation of the candidates.

The categories and requirements governing selection of an individual to the Hall of fame are:

**A. Superior Performance:**

Nominee must have played or managed at the highest levels. Must have played at least 15 years and be at least 55 years of age. Must have played in at least 12 state tournaments. Team must have finished in top 8 at least 5 times. Batting average above .300 (FP), .600 (SP) and .400 (MP). A pitcher must have pitched at least 100 innings per season and won 70% of games. Extra hits for winning a state tournament, state MVP, playing in national tournaments, national championship or All-American Team.

**B. Meritorious Service:**

Nominee must have served as a volunteer, manager, umpire, coach, sponsor, league administrator, promoter, organizer, media person or player. Must have worked or played with a team noted for longevity. League administrator or sponsor must have at least 12 years. Other groups at least 20 years. Players must have been active for 20 years or more, played on teams in state tournaments, played on teams that won an invitational tournament. Must be nominated by a player from another team. Pitchers and managers must have a winning record. Extra hits for playing on a team that won a state tournament at Class C (FP)/Class D (SP) or above, or named an MVP of a tournament. Nominees nominated solely for their umpiring achievements must be at least 55 years, umpired at least 20 years, umpired in at least 10 state tournaments and averaged umpiring at least 40 games per year (FP & MP) or 80 games (SP). Extra hits for serving as a district, state, metro umpire-in-chief or state tournament umpire-in-chief.

**C. Pioneers of Yesterday:**

Played organized softball prior to 1970 (FP), 1980 (MP & SP), active in playing for more than 20 years. Pitcher has a winning record, players must have played in state tournaments, played on teams that won invitational tournaments, and won league championships.

Selection to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame shall be by the applicable committee members of the Hall of Fame. The committee members shall solicit names from interested parties throughout the state of Minnesota. Parties placing a candidate in nomination must furnish pertinent information relating to the qualifications of their candidate(s) to the Hall of Fame. The deadline shall be June 1 of the current year.

The committee members shall meet shortly after the nomination deadline. They shall screen the candidates each year and select not more than fifteen inductees.

We need your help in nominating deserving people (active, inactive or deceased) for induction into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Banquet has been a huge success each year.

Enclosed is a form for submitting your nominations to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame. Please make copies of the form if you are nominating more than one person. Please include as much documentation on the individual's accomplishments as possible (e.g. newspaper accounts, etc). Please remember the June 1 deadline.

Thank you.

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Executive Director



## Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame

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# MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved \_\_\_\_\_

Is that softball community's program currently affiliated with the MSF, the MN Softball Hall of Fame Administrator/Custodian? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check the Nomination Category: ☐ Superior Performance  
☐ Meritorious Service  
☐ Pioneers of Yesterday

Check all that apply: ☐ Player ☐ Manager/Coach  
☐ Promoter ☐ Administrator  
☐ Umpire ☐ Sponsor

Check all that apply: ☐ Fastpitch  
☐ Modified Pitch  
☐ Slowpitch

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
(If a relative, must have a seconding nomination by non-relative)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Seconding Nomination Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's Personal Stats\_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's Personal Accomplishments\_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's Team Accomplishments\_\_\_\_\_

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**- ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY -**

Attach a one or two page narrative, ***as you would want their bio read at the nominee's potential induction ceremony***. Provide pertinent accomplishments of nominee in city, district, state, regional or national competition. **(See reverse side for sample bio)**. Also, attach newspaper clippings, letters of reference or other forms of documentation. **Include statistical information in the bio.**

Send to: Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Committee • 118 12th Ave. N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075  
(651) 451-3140

**DEADLINE FOR SENDING THIS NOMINATION IS JUNE 1**



## **HALL OF FAME PROFILE**



### **BARB NORTHWAY - STATE OF MINNESOTA**

#### **Nominated by Minnesota Softball Community**

When it comes to Minnesota Softball, especially JO, Women's and Co-Rec no one has contributed more in organizing and promoting the game.

Barb Northway served as the Associate Director of the Minnesota Sports Federation from 1982 until 2004 and during that time devoted countless hours to making sure Minnesota softball participants both young and old, had the best organized, professionally administered softball program possible.

Proof that Minnesota did come in the form of countless membership awards from the national organization which recognized Barb for high membership totals, quality of programming and years of service.

During her tenure Minnesota had a 700% increase in Junior Olympic Softball participation and 300% increase in adult softball.

Recognizing her talents and dedication she was named National JO chair in 1994 and served until 1998. She also served on the National board of directors in 1990-1991 and established a "meet the candidates" forum where voting delegates could ask those running for national president their position on various important issues in the softball world before casting their vote for a candidate.

Barb was elected to the High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004, the same year she was recognized for 22 years of outstanding leadership by the ASA.

During her "career" with the Minnesota Sports Federation Barb administered at least 10 national softball tournaments in Minnesota and repped several outside the state. During tournament time it was not uncommon for Barb to work 90-100 hour weeks and work eight weeks in a row without a day off. (Her family gathered here this evening can attest to that.) Her attention to detail and service to the participants could not be replicated.

Barb wasn't satisfied accomplishing her ample day today event staging, accounting and human resources duties though, she went well beyond that by establishing the "High School Girls Fastpitch All Star Series" In 1984 with assistance from the High School Coaches Association President Tom Begich.

She also assisted on "Softball Night at the Dome" and the "Softball Hall of Fame" for many years and created the "Junior Olympic Softball Festival" with assistance from Dave Anderson of the Elk River Softball Community.

Barb encouraged Eden Prairie to bid on a Junior Olympic Fastpitch National Tournament which they secured. She then worked with Mike Jensen and his staff to assure its success. It remains the only Junior Olympic Girls Fastpitch National Tournament the state has ever hosted.

Last but not least she created annual clinics for Junior Olympic players and coaches to assure they were at the top of their game.

In 1998 Barb was honored by the State of Minnesota by being presented the Minnesota Breaking Barriers award during the National Girls and Women's in Sports Day at the State Capitol. The award is given to individuals who have succeeded in breaking through barriers to provide athletic opportunities for girls and women in sport. Not only has Barb provided those opportunities, but she also found time to partake herself being named all-conference in girls high school basketball and playing women's slowpitch softball competitively for many years. She practiced what she preached when it came to the value of participatory team sports.

Upon "retiring" from the Minnesota Sports Federation in 2004 Barb went on to direct the Rockford Community Center for seven years during which time she hosted several MSF basketball and volleyball state tournaments.

Today she serves as the Deputy Director of Park and Recreation for the City of Plymouth which is widely known and respected for its system of parks, trails, facilities and recreational programming.

It is our honor indeed to welcome Barb Northway to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame this evening.