



## NOMINATION FORM

2025



Nominee Don Martella Birth date 5/30/1944  
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Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved Hibbing  
Is that softball community's program currently affiliated with the MSF, the MN Softball Hall of Fame  
Administrator/Custodian? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
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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 Don Olson Date of Nomination 8/10/2024  
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We are submitting for the 2025  
Hall of Fame induction.

# **Don Martella's**

## **Personal Stats**

I played 18 years of Fast Pitch Softball.

I played shortstop all the years I played.

Batted clean up all the years I played.

My batting average was 315-320 every year.

Led my team in batting average, RBIs, and home runs (at least 15) every year I played.

## **Nominee's personal accomplishments**

I started playing softball when I was a sophomore in highschool.

We were Class B.

Then we won the league which we had to move up to Class A the rest of my career.

Most of my playing days I played in Hibbing.

Our sponsors in Hibbing were Victory Bar, Freddy's Nuhaven Bar, and Mr. Mike's Bar.

I moved to the Twin Cities for a teaching job and ended up playing for The King of Clubs for two years. A couple of my team mates during that time were Pinky and Bob McNamara.

I earned a couple of MVP in tournaments.

While I was playing we were in the State Tournament every year representing Hibbing.

We also played in the International Tournament in Thunder Bay, Canada.

We played against the best Duluth and Cloquet teams as well as Peter's Meats out of Eau Claire and the strong Scandia Teams.

### **Nominee's Teams Accomplishments**

Our team was very good. Duluth and Cloquet were our toughest competitors up North.

Don's Mobile (Babbitt) and Bill's Magic Tavern (Virginia) were also good.

We won many tournaments.

We played in many tournaments throughout the state of Minnesota, Superior and Eau Claire Wisconsin, and Thunder Bay, Canada.

Our team's major accomplishment was to play in the 1968 State Tournament final against Scandia.

We lost 3-2. Greg Benson hit a three run homer to beat us.