



MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION FORM



2026 Mystic

Nominee Mitch Grossell Birth date 3/863
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Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved St. Charles, Lewiston, Rochester, Winona, Goodview
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
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Nominee's Personal Stats Pitched competitively-1978-2016, 39 years. Estimated 1100 wins with 408 losses.

(Not including any games played as a pickup player or rented player. Also not including any games played

at the 40+, 45+, 50+, or 55+ level). Won over 65 Invitational tournaments, well over 30 with Johnny's from

St. Charles, in career. Won many MVP and All-Tournament awards throughout career. 1997- MVP

Class B State Wl. Wasson's Supper Club; 1998- MVP MN Class C State- Harley Davidson. Pitched in

almost every MN District, State, or Regional tournament from 1979-2016 (Class C, B, or A) usually placing in the top 10.

Nominee's Personal Accomplishments Mitch was known for pitching every inning of every game his teams played when he was in his prime, twice he pitched 7 games in one day, with 53 Innings being his most in 1 day.

Mitch started coaching girls youth softball with the MSF in 1995 and he continues to still coach during the summer still.

Mitch has coached a community team - Winona Winstars, Warriors, Sandlot, and others to multiple State

Championships from 10U-18U, including summer and Fall ball. Mitch also has coached HS @ WSHS for the last 24 years. Winning State in 2017 and placing 2nd three times. Mitch is also an Asst. Coach with Saint Marys

University. Mitch has also coached over 45 All-State pitchers, being a well known pitching coach.

Nominee's Team Accomplishments Outlaws- 40+, 45+ - multiple State Championships

1987- Class B Johnnies East Bar 3rd Place state, 1987- Class B Johnnies East Bar- 2nd place Regional

1988- Class B Johnnies East Side Bar- Nat'l Qualifer winner; 1993? Class B Shorty's Bar 3rd; 1998- Class C

Champs- Harley Davidson; 2009- Class B 3rd- Jonnys Saloon; 2011- Class B 2nd- Jonnys Saloon; 2012

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Mitch's team also competed in 8 ASA Nat'l tourneys and another 20 NAFA &

ISC. Mitch's HS team has won their Section and competed in the MN State tourney 7 of the last 9 years. SMU went

- 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.**

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DEADLINE FOR SENDING THIS NOMINATION IS JUNE 1

Mitch Grossell had his Passion and Pride for Fastpitch softball installed into him by his Grandfather, 1991 HOF inductee Earl Kreuzer.

Mitch would tag along with his Grandpa Earl & Grandma Dorthy as they followed Green Terrace, Big O, Artic Cat (All-American Bar), Boohers (Happy Chef), Wilbur Lime, and Sheenigans softball teams around every weekend. He was hooked. By the time Mitch was 13 he was demonstrating pitches at Winona State, Saint Mary's, St. Theresa's and other local colleges in the area as his Grandpa helped the colleges out.

Mitch began playing in the Winona Fastpitch league in 1978 and pitched competitively for 39 years. Mitch's teams won many league Championships in the Winona City, Winona County, Rochester Area, Dairyland, St. Charles through the years. Mitch has been on many State Championship teams including multiple 40+ and 45+ teams, but his most successful years pitching came playing with Jonnys Saloon (St. Charles). The State championship always seemed to slip out of their hands. Playing for Jonny's was unique for Mitch as most of the players were Sons of Mitch's previous competition, when he played for teams- Big O, Mankato Bar, Go's Place, S&H, Cove Bar, Johnnie's East Side Bar, Shortys, Wassons, Matijka Recycling, Harley Davidson, York Tigers, Club 95 and many others as a pick up.

In 1996 Mitch also started coaching Girls youth softball and from the start he was hooked. To this day Mitch still actively coaches, his teams have won multiple State championships in the Summer and Fall from 10u-18u.

In 2000 Mitch was asked to help coach at Winona High School, again he was hooked, and to this day, he is still there. The Winhawks have won their Section 7 of the last 9 years and Won the State Championship in 2017, while also placing runner up three times.

In 2024, John Tschida and Saint Mary's asked him to also be part of the Staff at Saint Mary's. The Cardinals went onto to finish in the DIII College World Series.

Mitch has also been one of the best pitching coaches in the area (WI,MN,Iowa,) helping over 45 All-State pitchers through the years.

To Mitch's family and friends Softball and his name have always went hand in hand. There isn't anyone who has more Passion and Pride for the sport of Softball than Mitch Grossell