

Hall of Honour (HOH)

Induction Standards, Qualifications & Categories



GENERAL CRITERIA

- a) All required information must be submitted to the committee
- b) Applicant must receive at least TWO recommendations / nominations from master level instructor (5th Degree & up), recognised by a qualified organisation, or their Grandmaster (8th Degree & up)
- c) Nominations and application forms will be distributed for review by the committee to determine the final inductees
- d) To be eligible, a candidate's record must be free from any record of punishment by any community or organisation due to misconduct or conviction of a crime
- e) Recognition is open to a broader number of inductees in order to recognise those individuals who have made lifelong contributions to the Martial Arts from 1940's to present including Grandmasters ranging in age from 70-90 years old

Nominees are required to meet at least the following criteria:

- Distinct Martial Arts philosophy, has continuously upheld high ethical standards
- Has continually served as a positive role model for students by providing an example of positive Martial Arts behaviour and philosophy in everyday life
- Has continuously trained, taught, and applied Martial Arts principles in everyday life
- Best demonstrates responsibility, integrity, and excellence in life in general
- Has earned outstanding achievements and inspired other human beings
- Is dedicated to promote the advancement of Martial Arts for human development and has shown commitment to the World Martial Arts Alliance, its philosophy, goals, values and purpose

Categories and Specific Qualifications

1. **Pioneer** – Minimum age 65
 - a) 9th Degree + more than 47 years of training and more than 40 years of teaching
 - b) Pioneering Martial Arts and its culture – exceptional service in their respective countries
2. **Grandmaster** – Minimum age 53
 - a) 8th Degree and higher – more than 35 years of training and more than 25 years of teaching
 - b) Exceptional service in the Martial Arts community for more than 25 years and service as an instructor or officer in a recognised Martial Arts organisation
3. **Lifetime Achievement** – Minimum age 53
 - a) 8th Degree and higher – more than 35 years of training and more than 25 years of teaching
 - b) Exceptional service in the Martial Arts community for more than 25 years and service as an instructor or officer in a recognised Martial Arts organisation
 - c) Accomplishments, accolades, and achievements throughout Martial Arts career far exceed the customary expectation of martial artists of similar age and rank
4. **Leadership** – Minimum age 43
 - a) 8th Degree and higher – more than 35 years of training and more than 25 years of teaching
 - b) Exceptional service in the Martial Arts community for more than 25 years and service as an instructor or officer in a recognised Martial Arts organisation

- c) Extraordinary contributions to local, regional, national, or global Martial Arts communities
5. **Literary Achievement** – Service began before year 1980
- a) Martial Arts rank is not required. However, Martial Art rank will take precedence in selection
 - b) Outstanding merit and achievement in one or more of the fields of educational and innovative training information, history, philosophy, or the raising of public awareness of Martial Arts, particularly regarding the development of character
6. **Ambassador**
- a) Martial Arts rank is not required. However, Martial Art rank will take precedence in selection. The Ambassador Award is presented to individuals who embody the ambassadorial spirit of Martial Arts and have made selfless contributions. It honours the leadership and exceptional devotion to Martial Arts that may not be the recipients primary athletic focus. The nominee does not have to been a Martial Arts practitioner to be considered. Nominees must at least meet the following criteria:
 - b) In good standing with the Martial Arts community and has positively represented Martial Arts
 - c) Demonstrated exceptional abilities in working with different Martial Arts organisations and disciplines effectively
 - d) Made noteworthy contributions toward the advancement of and in support of Martial Arts
 - e) Recognised and respected as a role model in his/her profession and community
 - f) Exceptional and excellent leadership qualities
 - g) Long-standing membership and/or participation in national or international organisations that further the promotion of Martial Arts and have a distinct Martial Arts philosophy
 - h) Demonstrates continuous support for the work of major organisations promoting the spread of Martial Arts spirit and culture
7. **Master** – Minimum age of 30
- a) 5th – 7th Degree – more than 15 years of training and more than 10 years of teaching
 - b) Exceptional service in the Martial Arts community for more than 10 years and service as an instructor or officer in a recognised Martial Arts organisation
8. **Instructor** – Minimum age of 21
- a) 3rd – 4th Degree – more than 6 years of training and more than 3 years of teaching
 - b) Exceptional service in the Martial Arts community for more than 5 years and service as an instructor or officer in a recognised Martial Arts organisation
9. **Competitor** – Male & Female
- a) Competed and won more than 10 total 1st place finishes in the listed disciplines in championships with history and general recognition
 - b) Competitor categories (Male & Female) – Forms/Kata, Sparring, Weapons, Breaking, Demo and others (please specify) _____
 - 1. Legendary Competitor – 50 years & older – competed for more than 20 years
 - 2. Ultra-Competitor – 30-49 years old – competed for more than 10 years
 - 3. Senior Competitor – 18-29 years old – competed for more than 5 years
 - 4. Junior Competitor – 17 years & under – competed for more than 5 years
10. **Coach** – Minimum age of 30
- a) Actively coached for more than 10 years in tournaments and produced more than 5 champions in championships with history and general recognition
 - b) Best demonstrates responsibility, integrity, and excellence in Martial Arts coaching

- c) Outstanding achievement in coaching that inspires athletes
- d) Dedicated to facilitating the advancement of athletic competition in the Martial Arts
- e) The nominees are required to meet at least the following criteria:
 1. Continuous training & coaching Martial Arts students at Black/Advanced belt levels
 2. Distinct Martial Arts philosophy and upholds high ethical standards
 3. Demonstrates concern for all-around development of athletes and instills guidelines reflecting responsible conduct beyond the competitive arena
 4. Continuously applies and improves relevant training theory & coaching techniques
 5. Demonstrates respect for officials, athletes, parents, teaches a philosophy of sportsmanship
 6. Demonstrates a leadership role in competitions, tournaments committees, and/or athletic organisations

11. Referee – Minimum age of 30

- a) Actively refereed for more than 10 years in championships with history and general recognition
- b) Best demonstrates responsibility, integrity, and excellence in refereeing Martial Arts events
- c) Outstanding achievement and inspiration of athletes
- d) Dedicated to facilitating the advancement of competitive sport Martial Arts
- e) The nominees are required to meet at least the following criteria:
 1. Continuous training and refereeing in Martial Arts
 2. Distinct Martial Arts philosophy and upholds high ethical standards
 3. Demonstrates concern for all-around development of athletes and instills guidelines reflecting responsible conduct beyond the competitive arena
 4. Continuously applies and improves relevant training theory & coaching techniques
 5. Demonstrates respect for officials, athletes, parents, teaches a philosophy of sportsmanship
 6. Demonstrates a leadership role in competitions, tournaments committees, and/or athletic organisations

12. Martial Arts Promoter

- a) Martial Arts rank is not required. However, Martial Art rank will take precedence in selection
- b) Induction recognises the individuals who has displayed outstanding merit and achieved effective results in promoting and innovating the integrity of Martial Arts by developing and organising events such as championships, exhibitions, festivals, conventions, seminars, and the business aspects of Martial Arts

13. Martial Arts Performer

- a) Induction recognises the individuals who has performed his/her Martial Arts skills for the public such as playing a part in a movie, public demonstration at Martial Arts events, or otherwise performed for the public
- b) Created a higher level of performance skills and improved Martial Arts performance as a performing art. His/her performance has influenced the public regarding Martial Arts skills and has promoted the virtues of Martial Arts culture
- c) Motivating Martial Artists to perfect their skills and creating incentive for the public to study Martial Arts
 1. Legendary Performer – 50 years & older – performed for more than 20 years
 2. Ultra-Performer – 30-49 years old – performed for more than 10 years
 3. Senior Performer – 18-29 years old – performed for more than 5 years
 4. Junior Performer – 17 years old & under – performed for more than 5 years

14. Martial Arts Spirit

- a) Induction recognises individuals who have exhibited Martial Arts spirit, tenets, and Martial Arts culture to others throughout their lives and influenced others in a most positive way
- b) Martial Arts rank is not required. However, Martial Art rank will take precedence in selection

15. Martial Arts Sponsor

- a) Martial Arts rank is not required. However, Martial Art rank will take precedence in selection
- b) Induction recognises individuals or organisations that have displayed outstanding support of and achieved effective results in promoting Martial Arts through dedicated and consistent sponsorship of athletes, events, and organisations that foster the advancement of Martial Arts throughout their regions, nations, or the world

16. Martial Arts Family

- a) Martial Arts rank is not required. However, Martial Art rank will take precedence in selection
- b) Induction recognises the family that has exhibited Martial Arts spirit, its Tenets, and Martial Arts culture to others throughout their lives and influenced others in a positive way

17. Martial Arts Mystery

- a) Consideration may fall outside of the traditional criteria and their achievement may not be in the field of Martial Arts
- b) Has made some extraordinary, special, and unique contribution which benefits Martial Arts or, if not a Martial Artist, which exemplifies Martial Arts spirit or great courage. The recipient or their accomplishments represent the vision of WMMA and are tied to truth, goodness, beauty, and fun in Martial Arts or another discipline