



Westlake Basketball Hall of Fame Guidelines

Purpose:

The Westlake Basketball Hall of Fame recognizes former Westlake High School basketball players, coaches, and contributors who have demonstrated excellence, leadership, and sportsmanship, both on and off the court, and have significantly contributed to the success and legacy of the basketball program.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Players:

- Must be **at least 24 months removed** from the Westlake High School boys' basketball program.
- Displayed outstanding athletic performance during their high school basketball career.
- Demonstrated leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to the team and school.
- Preferably received recognition such as All-League, All-State, or similar awards.
- Academic achievements and community involvement during their high school years will also be considered.

2. Coaches:

- Must have coached at Westlake for a minimum of **3 seasons**.
- Demonstrated excellence in coaching, leadership, and contribution to the development of the basketball program.
- Coaches should have positively influenced the lives of players both on and off the court.
- Successful team performance (e.g., winning seasons, championships) and personal accolades (e.g., Coach of the Year) are considered.

3. Contributors:

- Non-players or coaches who made a significant impact on the Westlake basketball program (e.g., administrators, volunteers, or community leaders).
 - Contributors are evaluated based on their support and dedication to the program, promoting its success and values over an extended period.
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Nomination Process:

1. Nomination Submission:

- Nominations can be submitted by anyone affiliated with Westlake (coaches, alumni, students, family members, community members).
- The **Nomination Form** must be completed and submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee online by the designated deadline.

- Supporting documents (photos, statistics, media coverage, letters of recommendation, etc.) should accompany the nomination form to provide evidence of the nominee's qualifications.
 - 2. **Eligibility Confirmation:**
 - Nominees will be vetted by the Hall of Fame Committee to ensure they meet all eligibility requirements, including the 24-month removal period for players.
 - If eligibility criteria are not met, the nomination will not be considered for that year.
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Selection Process:

1. **Evaluation:**
 - Each nominee will be evaluated based on the following:
 - Athletic achievements (e.g., statistics, awards, team contributions).
 - Leadership and sportsmanship demonstrated during their time at Westlake.
 - Contributions to Westlake High School and the community.
 - Post-high school success and continued impact on the sport and the program (optional but beneficial).
 2. **Voting:**
 - The Westlake Basketball Hall of Fame Committee, composed of former players, coaches, school administrators, and community representatives, will review all nominations.
 - Each committee member will vote, and nominees must receive a majority vote for induction.
 - The committee may choose to induct a set number of individuals per year, based on the pool of qualified candidates.
 3. **Categories:**
 - **Player Category:** Recognition of former Westlake players who have excelled on the court.
 - **Coach Category:** Recognition of past coaches who have demonstrated leadership and contributed to the success of the program.
 - **Contributor Category:** Individuals who have significantly supported or contributed to the Westlake basketball program in non-playing roles.
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Recognition:

1. **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony:**
 - Inductees will be honored during an official ceremony at Westlake High School. The ceremony will take place during a **designated home game** each year.
 - Inductees will receive plaques or awards commemorating their induction, and their names will be added to the **Westlake Basketball Hall of Fame Display** in the school's athletic facilities and/or official websites.
2. **Commemorative Display:**
 - The HOF section of the Westlakehoops.com website will feature pictures, bios, and highlights of each inductee's basketball career and contributions.

Annual Timeline:

1. **Nomination Period:**
Nominations will be open annually from **November 1 to November 30**. Submissions must be received by the November 30 deadline for consideration in that year's selection process.
2. **Selection Period:**
The Hall of Fame Committee will review nominations from **December 1 to December 16**. Final selections will be made, and inductees will be notified by early December and formally announced via press release.
3. **Induction Ceremony:**
The annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place during a **designated home game** each year at Westlake High School.

Amendments and Revisions:

The Westlake Basketball Hall of Fame guidelines may be amended or revised by the Hall of Fame Committee. Changes to eligibility criteria, nomination processes, or induction protocols will be communicated to the school and community members.