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6. Categories

6.1 Athletes

A player who has demonstrated sustained and outstanding playing performances at the highest levels of lacrosse considering the era of lacrosse played.

6.2 Contributors

Individuals who have made exceptional contributions that furthered the growth, reputation, and character of the sport, in the development, administration, media, and coaching .

Types of Contributor Candidates: As a broad category, there can be many distinct types of contributions considered. Candidates may have made contributions in one or more of these categories.

The following outlines several broad categories, although it is not necessarily all inclusive.

- Founders and Developers: These candidates would have played a pivotal role in developing the rules of the game and how it is played.
- Administrators: These candidates would have made their impact on the administration of the sport. This could include the provision of watershed strategic leadership, the fostering of new divisions of play, extended and material contributions in the day-to-day administration, etc.
- Organizers: This includes individuals who have made their mark in organizing significant play-related activities. This could include establishing and fostering the growth of significant summer leagues and clubs, organizing tournaments that defined the sport in their time, and generally promoting the growth of the sport by making something special happen.

- Media/Promoters: This subcategory could include everything from contributions to the stock of quality media, the authoring of seminal print materials, doing effective groundbreaking public relations work for Ultimate, or having a significant role in commercial products related to Ultimate.

- Coaches: In the first couple of decades of the sport, player-captains served the role of coach, in defining new play strategy, and putting together championship teams. As time goes on, it appears there may be more true coaches whose role may be appropriately recognized in the Ultimate Hall of Fame. Questions to Consider: Here are some questions (with no

“right” answers) to ponder in considering whether the contributions of a Contributor candidate merit Ultimate Hall of Fame recognition: · Can the history of Ultimate be written without including this candidate?

- Officials: Recognized by peers as an outstanding game official and relates well to athletes and fellow game officials. Represented lacrosse as a Game Official at the highest level on many times over an extended period and been responsible for conducting educational and developmental activities related to the rules of the game.

Questions to ask:

- Was the way the game was played significantly impacted by changes introduced by the candidate?

- Was the way the sport was administered or organized significantly impacted by changes introduced by the candidate or by their contributions?

- Did the candidate make his/her impact over an extended period of time? Is that impact still being felt today

- Were the candidate's accomplishments widely recognized at the time and/or did they become apparent only after the passage of time?

- Did the candidate have a significant playing career which, while perhaps not sufficiently outstanding to qualify for an Ultimate Hall of Fame spot solely on playing merits, nonetheless strengthens the overall candidacy?

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