I. PURPOSE

Northeast Mississippi Community College has produced many exceptional athletes and individuals who have made very significant contributions to the college’s athletic interests. There existed a need to insure that these exceptional athletes, coaches and administrators would be properly recognized or memorialized as distinguished sports dignitaries of Northeast. Therefore, in 2007, the Alumni Office at Northeast appointed a committee to develop the guidelines for the administration of the Northeast Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

II. CRITERIA

a. Former Northeast athletes shall be eligible for selection to the Sports Hall of Fame on the basis of his or her record as a player and/or contributions to the college only after he or she has been out of active intercollegiate athletics for at least 3 (three) years.

b. Former Northeast coaches and/ administrators shall be eligible for selection on the basis of his or her records as a coach, athletic director, and/or contributions to the college only after he or she has been out of regular and active coaching or out of regular and active athletic administration at Northeast Mississippi Community College for at least 3 (three) years or at the discretion of the selection committee.

c. Support of Northeast Mississippi Community College Athletics will be considered in the selection.

d. Inductees must be able to attend the induction ceremonies. If they cannot attend, they shall be honored the following year. In the event of a posthumous induction, a representative of the family must be able to attend.

e. After the initial induction, the Northeast Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame will induct a maximum of 5 (five) honorees annually.

f. A 2/3rds (two-thirds) vote of the committee shall be required for election into the Sports Hall of Fame.
g. If a nominee is not selected the year his or her name is submitted, his or her nomination shall be retained for consideration by the selection committee.

III. NOMINATION

All nominations must be submitted to the Director of Alumni Activities on the Sports Hall of Fame nomination form by February 1 to be considered for induction the following fall. Selections will be made by July 1 each year.

Anyone on the selection committee or past inductees may also submit nominations. Nominations can be made at any time during the year.

IV. SELECTION

a. A selection committee, which will be chaired by the college’s Athletic Director, will be comprised of the chairman and nine additional members to include the director of alumni activities and the head coach of each sport or his/her designee.

b. Two-thirds (2/3rds) of the selection committee must be present in order to select inductees.

c. The selection committee shall conduct its proceedings and selections in executive session and all matters that come before it, including the vote of the committee, shall be treated as privileged and confidential.

d. The selection committee shall consider and evaluate all nominees placed before it by the nomination ballot, together with all information pertaining to such nominees including such information as the members of the selection committee may provide through personal knowledge and investigation.

e. The selection committee shall keep an accurate and continuing record of all nominees and all members elected to the Sports Hall of Fame and such records shall be considered to be the property of Northeast Mississippi Community College.

f. In the event a member of the selection committee is nominated to the Hall of Fame, this member would be required to recuse himself or herself from voting for that year.

g. One additional member will be added to the selection committee each year. This member will be selected from past inductees on a one year rotating basis by the selection committee.