

# Sabathani Community Center Sports Hall of Fame Eligibility & Criteria

## Purpose

To honor and celebrate African American individuals who have had an impact in sports in South Minneapolis, or those individuals of any race whose work has made a significant positive impact on African American athletes, youth, or sports programs in South Minneapolis.

## Nomination Categories

Indicate if you are nominating one of the following:

- Athlete
- Coach or Staff
- Team
- Community Builder/Advocate
- Legacy Contributor (historic or long-term impact)

## Core Eligibility Criteria

Connection to South Minneapolis

Nominee must meet at least one:

- Born, raised, or currently residing in South Minneapolis
- Attended a South Minneapolis school (e.g., South High, Roosevelt, Washburn, etc.)
- Played or coached for a South Minneapolis sports program, club, or rec league
- Made major contributions to South Minneapolis athletics or youth sports

## Athlete Criteria

Nominees should meet several of these:

- Outstanding performance at the high school, club, college, or professional level
- All-conference, all-state, or national recognition
- Set records, earned championship titles, or became a leader in their sport
- Demonstrated sportsmanship, leadership, and integrity
- Represented South Minneapolis in a positive way on or off the field

## Coaches & Staff Criteria

- Sustained success coaching a South Minneapolis team for 5+ years
- Earned championships, playoff success, or major competitive achievements
- Demonstrated leadership, mentorship, and strong positive influence on youth
- Contributed to program building, long-term stability, or player development
- Known for character, inclusiveness, and community commitment

## Community Builder / Advocate Criteria

Ideal for people who aren't athletes or coaches but made a huge impact:

- Founded youth sports programs, leagues, or mentorship initiatives
- Provided major volunteer contributions
- Raised funding or built facilities that changed local sports access
- Long-term advocacy for South Minneapolis youth athletics
- Improved equity, inclusion, or access to sports

## Legacy / Historical Contributor Criteria

- Individuals or teams with historical significance (e.g., early pioneers, barrier-breakers)
- Influential figures who helped shape the culture of sports in the community
- A deceased or retired individual whose impact is widely recognized

## General Requirements

- Nomination – must be nominated
- Must have demonstrated positive character and community respect

- Contributions must be significant, long-term, and well-documented, not just personal opinion

## Selection Process

- Selection Committee will be comprised of up to 7 community members
- Committee will review all nominations and select 5 individuals who best meet the above criteria

## Timeline

- Nominations are open December 5, 2025 through January 19, 2026
- Selection committee will review nominations January 20-30, 2026
- Selected nominees informed week of February 2, 2026
- Celebration/Unveiling of pictures February 27, 2026