

2024 Sports Banquet Nominating Committee

Marshall Behrens	Rochester Area Referee Assignor/Scheduler
Shelley Boettcher	Rochester Swim Inc. / Former Rochester Sports staff
Ben Boldt	Recreation Director – Rochester Park & Rec
Laurie Brownell	Hiawatha Homes – Adaptive Sports Volunteer
Matt Esau	Executive Director – Rochester Sports
Dick Gosse	Legendary Area Official
Greg Henn	KFAN AM 1270
Ben Lincks	Rochester Sports Sales and Events Coordinator
Guy Limbeck	Rochester Post Bulletin Sports
Kristopher Loving Sr.	Rochester Sports Board/Official Love/ Area Official
Kristine Ihrke	RS Board member and Banquet Committee Co-Chair
George Rownd	KROC Radio Sports Enthusiast
Chuck Siefert	Past RS Board Member/Wrestling Organizer
Heidi Sonju	AAU Shock basketball coach/Dollamur Sports
Steve Strickland	Local Sports Enthusiast
Brandon McElroy	ABC-6 Sports
MJ Wagenson	Local area official
Jeff Wills	Retired Local Official

Sports Banquet Finalists' Selection Process

Nominations for all five categories (Team, Coach, Male Athlete, Female Athlete, and Adaptive Team/Athlete) are submitted to the Rochester Sports (RS) via email or mail. Nominations are accepted from any member of the general public prior to the posted deadline (usually approximately Dec 1st). Nomination criteria is listed on the nomination form. Forms are available on the RS website, www.rochsports.com.

The selection committee comprised of local knowledgeable sports members determines the finalists in each category. The committee makes every effort to rank the nominations and select the finalists based on their athletic excellence and without bias. Once the finalists are determined by the Committee – they each receive one secret ballot vote per category which is submitted to the RS Director who uses these votes to tally each respective winner. Committee members are not aware of the winners until they are announced the evening of the banquet.

Once the finalists are selected the RS notifies them personally. After contact with the finalists has been made the RS posts the finalists on the RS website, www.rochestermnsports.org and sends out a press release approximately December 13th.

If you feel you possess a wide knowledge of the Rochester area amateur sports world and would like to be considered as a possible member of this committee in the future – get in touch with the Rochester Sports office to share this interest.