

ARIZONA SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2026 BALLOT NOW OPEN: A SHOWCASE OF EXCELLENCE IN ARIZONA'S SPORTS ARENA

Explore 61 nominees who shaped Arizona sports and cast your vote for the 2026 Hall of Fame class by November 2 at 5 p.m. Arizona time.

SCOTTSDALE, AZ, UNITED STATES, October 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission](#) (ASEC) proudly announces the 61 nominees for the [Arizona Sports Hall of Fame 2026 ballot](#). Recognizing exceptional achievements in sports, the ballot celebrates athletes, coaches and sports contributors who have left an indelible mark on Arizona's sporting landscape.



A GLIMPSE OF ESTEEMED NOMINEES

The 2026 ballot features an array of talented individuals, each exemplifying excellence in their respective sports. Nominees include:

Jade Carey (Gymnastics): Phoenix native and Olympic gold medalist in floor exercise at Tokyo 2020 and team competition at Paris 2024.

Tedy Bruschi (Football): University of Arizona standout, three-time Super Bowl champion and College Football Hall of Fame inductee.

Kevin Warren (Basketball and Sports Contributor): Phoenix native, former Grand Canyon University basketball standout, Chicago Bears president and CEO, and former Big Ten commissioner.

Tommy Nuñez (Basketball and Sports Contributor): The NBA's first Hispanic referee, who officiated for 30 years and founded the National Hispanic Basketball Classic to support youth.



The Arizona Sports Hall of Fame is about more than records and championships. It's about the people who have made Arizona proud and inspired others to believe in what's possible."

*Nikki Balich-Cammarata,
Executive Director*

Reggie Jackson (Baseball): Former Arizona State University standout, five-time World Series champion and National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee.

Sherry Cervi (Rodeo): Arizona native, Marana High School graduate and four-time world champion barrel racer inducted into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame.

[Pat Murphy](#) (Baseball): Former Arizona State University head baseball coach who earned back-to-back National League Manager of the Year honors in 2024 and 2025 and

led the Milwaukee Brewers to the 2026 World Series, their first appearance since 1982.

VOTING DETAILS:

- Where to Vote: View all 61 nominees, read their mini bios and vote at www.azsportshof.com.
- Voting Period: October 19 through November 2, 2026. Voting closes at 5:00 p.m. Arizona time on November 2.
- Voting Rules: Voters may select as many nominees as they wish, but each person may submit only one ballot.

VOTING CRITERIA

The candidate shall be an individual who has merited recognition and distinction in sports and who has brought fame and honor to the State of Arizona through outstanding sporting accomplishments or contributions. Candidates are eligible through any one of three criteria:

1. A native of Arizona.
2. Immediately recognized as an Arizonian.
3. Have made at least two significant contributions in the athletic community in the State of Arizona.

About the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame:

Established in 1957 by the Phoenix Press Box Association, the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame, now under the stewardship of the Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission, celebrates and honors the legacy of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and other key contributors who have significantly shaped the landscape of Arizona sports. For more information and to explore the 2026 nominees, visit www.azsportshof.com.

About the Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission

The Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission (ASEC) brings people together through sport to create opportunity and strengthen Arizona. Founded in 1988, ASEC is among the oldest sports commissions in the United States and operates as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Its

mission is to represent the citizens of Arizona by bringing sporting events to the state, helping promote existing events, and supporting youth and amateur sports.

ASEC has built and safeguarded many of the institutions that define Arizona sports. The commission has overseen the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame since 2009 and the Grand Canyon State Games and the Lori Piestewa National Native American Games since 2012. It was the founding organization and original owner of the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl, which debuted in 2015. Today, ASEC owns and operates the Arizona Basketball Coaches Association (ABCA) and Section 7 Basketball, one of the most prestigious boys and girls high school basketball recruiting events in the country. Learn more at www.AZsportsENT.com.

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