Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

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History

- Founded in 1966, by Herb Simpson (first Exec. Director)
- First class inducted in 1972 (and every year since)
- Designated “official state Hall of Fame for Virginia” in 1996 by the General Assembly
- 334 inductees, 90 in National Halls of Fame
- Athletes from 22 sports have been inducted, along with coaches, administrators, and media members
- 501 c 3 Non-Profit
1977 – 2004: Portsmouth City Hall, Norfolk County Clerk’s Office
Portsmouth, VA

2005 - 2017: VA Sports Hall of Fame and Museum
Portsmouth, VA

2017 - Present: Admin. Office/Walk The Hall
Virginia Beach, VA (Town Center Area)
New Platform

• No longer a “museum”
  - Walk The Hall
• Focus is on events, programming, and content
• 2019 events/programs
  - 757th Inning Stretch – January
  - 2019 Induction Weekend (48th Annual)
  - Changing the Game – May (Mental Health/Sports)
  - Hall of Fame Hoops – June
  - 2019 Golf Classic – October
  - Student Athlete Achievement Awards – December
• Content
  - Spotlight Series, Hall Call Podcast
Education Foundation
2007 - 2019

• Separate 501 c 3 non-profit foundation

• Interactive outreach programs focusing on the connection between sports, math and science through statistics, physics and geometry

• Uses movement to enhance SOL based lessons and encourage love of learning

• Over 200,000 students participated in these programs, many from low-income school districts

• Student-Athlete Achievement Awards

• Closed in 2019
What’s Next??
Student Athlete
Achievement Awards

*** NOTICE ***

15th Annual
Student Athlete Achievement Awards
Application Period
August 1, 2019 - October 18, 2019

The Hall of Fame is looking to honor student-athletes that exemplify excellence in Athletics, Academics, and Community Service. Eligible student-athletes must:

- Attend a high school in Virginia (public or private)
- Be a junior/senior during the ’19 - ’20 academic year
- Have a minimum 3.0 G.P.A
- The application/nominating period will begin August 1st and run through October 18th

4 winners will receive $1,000 scholarship awards. All nominations and supporting documents MUST be completed online. Visit www.VaSportsHOF.com for more info and to nominate a deserving student-athlete.

2018 Student Athlete Achievement Awards Finalists

2018 Stats

- 120 nominations from 90+ schools
- Four $1,000 scholarships awarded
- Two appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy
- One 4-year full scholarship to Campbell University
- One qualifier for U.S. Olympic Swim Trials
Benefits of Playing Sports

Physical Health
- Fun
- Enjoyment
- Self Esteem
- Communication
- Exercise
- Balance
- Body
- Heart
- Emotional Health
- Relationships
- Fellowship
- Camaraderie
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Concerns

Youth Sports Participation is Down

Per Aspen Institute, *State of Play 2019 Report*

- **38%** of kids ages 6 to 12 played team or individual sports on a regular basis in 2018, down from **45%** in 2008 (Sports and Fitness Industry Association)

- **24%** of youth ages 6 to 17 engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day, down from **30%** in 2008 (National Survey of Children’s Health)

- Average age children quit playing a sport; **10.5 years**

- Average length of participation; **2.9 years**

- Full Report at [www.aspenprojectplay.org](http://www.aspenprojectplay.org)
Reasons

Mental Health Among Youth Athletes

- Clinical/Situational Mental Health
- Youth Sports Specialization
- Burnout
- Social Media
- Lack of resource

Income Inequality: Access to Sports

- Youth Sports = $15B
- Pay for Play
- Rec Leagues replaced by Specialized Organizations
- All are not welcome
Mental Health

Sports In Virginia

Changing the Game

• Brought together sports professionals to discuss issues related to mental health at all levels of sport

• Former athletes, sports psychologists, medical professionals, school administrators

• Mental health curriculum is now mandatory in Virginia public schools. How is that passed on to coaches, trainers, parents?

• How are Virginia’s NCAA programs recognizing/reacting to mental health issues?

• Target audience: student-athletes/families, coaches, administrators
Looking Ahead

Partnership with Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters

- CHKD Sports Medicine
- Coaches Clinics
- Programs/forums
- Understanding how sports affects mental health both positively and negatively

Additional Initiatives?

Aspen Institute, State of Play 2019 Report

Less than 20% of youth coaches have been trained within the past three years in CPR/basic first aid, concussion management, general safety and injury prevention, physical conditioning, sports skills and tactics, or effective motivational techniques.
Income Inequality

- Kids from lower-income homes face increasing participation barriers. In 2018, 22% of kids ages 6 to 12 in households with incomes under $25,000 played sports on a regular basis, compared to 43% of kids from homes earning $100,000 or more. Kids from the lowest-income homes are more than three times as likely to be physically inactive.

Aspen Institute, *State of Play 2019 Report*

**Average cost to play 1 sport is $693/year**

- 1,032 youth sports parents surveyed
- 21 sports included
- Take away top 2/bottom 2, cost is **$827/year**
PARTICIPATE, DON’T SPECTATE!!

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