

Operating Code for Sport Leadership Committee

1. Name

The name of the committee shall be the Sport Leadership Committee of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Sport Leadership Committee is to select the individuals to receive the Pathfinder and Trailblazer Awards.

3. Organization

3.1 The committee shall be organized as a standing committee of the Association.

3.2 The committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members including the Chair. Members shall be the three section officers of the Sport Management Section, three section officers of the Sport Section, and three at-large members.

3.3 The Chair shall be appointed by the President.

4. Operation

4.1 The committee shall be responsible for soliciting nominations for the Pathfinder Award.

4.2 The committee shall be responsible for soliciting nominations for the Trailblazer Award.

4.3 Upon receipt of formal nomination packets from the TAHPERD office, members will be responsible for the selection of the Pathfinder Award Recipient.

4.4 Upon receipt of formal nomination packets from the TAHPERD office, members will be responsible for the selection of the Trailblazer Award Recipient.

5. Awards

5.1 The names of the awards governed by this Committee are: Pathfinder and Trailblazer

5.2 The purpose of these awards is to:

5.2.1 encourage and recognize outstanding leadership and professional involvement by educators/professionals in girls and boys sports in Texas.

5.2.2 Forward the names of these individuals, where appropriate, as candidates for the District and National awards given through the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD).

5.3 Pathfinder Criteria – candidates must:

5.3.1 Must have been a TAHPERD member for five (5) years preceding their nomination

5.3.2 Recognized excellence and dedication to the advocacy and recruitment of girls and women in sport and sport leadership in the State of Texas.

5.3.3 Exhibit leadership and service to the profession in girls and women's sport.

5.3.4 Demonstrate enthusiastic promotion of girls and women's sport within the HPERD profession.

5.3.5 Provide three (3) letters of recommendation from employers, colleagues, and/or prominent persons in the profession.

5.4 Trailblazer Criteria – candidates must:

5.4.1 Must have been a TAHPERD member for five (5) years preceding their nomination

5.4.2 Recognized excellence and dedication to the advocacy and recruitment of athletes in male and/or female sport and sport leadership in the State of Texas.

5.4.3 Exhibit leadership and service to the profession in male and/or female sport.

5.4.4 Demonstrate enthusiastic promotion of male and/or female sport within the HPERD profession.

5.4.5 Provide three (3) letters of recommendation from employers, colleagues, and/or prominent persons in the profession.

6. Nomination/Application

6.1 Requests for nominations are to be published in the Spring issue of the *TAHPERD Journal* and/or newsletter and through forms provided at the TAHPERD Convention and on the TAHPERD website.

6.2 At the time of nomination, nominees must have been members of TAHPERD for five (5) years.

6.3 Any educator/professional who meets the criteria outlined may apply personally for the awards or be nominated by a colleague.

6.4 Nominations may be submitted to the TAHPERD Office on the form distributed at Convention, published in the *TAHPERD Journal*, or emailed by March 31.

6.5 Additional data must be submitted upon request to the General Committee Chair.

6.6 Members of the General Committee are not eligible as candidates.

6.7 See the Operating Code of the Awards Committee for a timeline for nominations, balloting, and notification of award recipients.

6.8 Descriptions of the award recipients are to be published in the Fall issue of the *TAHPERD Journal*.

- 6.9 All materials pertaining to TAHPERD award recipients will be submitted, by the appropriate deadline, by the TAHPERD Office to the appropriate committee chair in the Southern District for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance to be considered for the District award. A small travel stipend will be provided to TAHPERD members receiving a District award to assist them in receiving the award. District recipients must register and attend the SDAAPERD Convention. Materials concerning District recipients will then be submitted by SDAAPERD for consideration at the national level (AAHPERD).
- 6.10 To be eligible for District or National awards, recipients must be members of AAHPERD. Current Southern District Division Vice Presidents and past SDAAPERD award recipients are not eligible to be selected for the same SDAAPERD award.

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