

Operating Code

Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance

Sport Leadership Committee

1. Name

1.1 The name of the committee will be the Sport Leadership Committee of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD).

2. Purpose

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

3. Organization

- 3.1 The committee will be organized as a standing committee of the Association.
- 3.2 The committee will consist of nine (9) voting members including the Chair. The committee will consist of the three (3) section officers of the Sport Management Section, the three (3) section officers of the Sports Section, and three (3) at-large members.
- 3.3 The Chair and new members will be appointed by the President-elect and approved by the Board of Directors.

4. Operation

- 4.1 The committee will be responsible for soliciting nominations for the Pathfinder Award.
- 4.2 The committee will 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 Award and Trailblazer Award.
- 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
- 5.3 Pathfinder Criteria candidates must:
 - 5.3.1 Must have been a TAHPERD member for five (5) years preceding their nomination
 - 5.3.2 Be recognized for 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, one each from employers, colleagues, and/or prominent persons in the profession
- 5.4 Trailblazer Criteria candidates must:
 - 5.4.1 Have been a TAHPERD member for five (5) years preceding their nomination
 - 5.4.2 Be recognized for 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, one each from employers, colleagues, and/or prominent persons in the profession

6. Nomination/Application

- 6.1 Requests for nominations are to be published in the TAHPERD electronic newsletter and through information provided at the TAHPERD Annual Convention, Leadership Conference, and on the TAHPERD website.
- 6.2 At the time of nomination, nominees must have been a member of TAHPERD for five (5) years.
- 6.3 Any member who meets the criteria outlined may apply personally for the awards or be nominated by a colleague.
- 6.4 Nominations must be submitted to the TAHPERD Office using the process on the TAHPERD website.
- 6.5 Additional data must be submitted upon request to the General Committee Chair.
- 6.6 Members of the Sport Leadership 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.
 - 8 Descriptions of the award recipients are to be published in the Fall issue of the *Texas Journal for HPERD*.



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