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1. Nominations for Class of 2025 and Awards

Nominations must be submitted by Saturday 14th September 2024 10pm GMT to allow an adequate period for internal factual, ethics and viability review.

See the website for more details – and please help us identify all potential candidates:

- [Criteria | IMSHOF](#)
- [Process | IMSHOF](#)
- [Forms | IMSHOF](#)

IMSHOF have recently change the previous description of swimmers as solo and elite. We are now distinguishing based on three types of marathon swims:

Solo swims in straits, channels, rivers, lakes, and oceans - example the English Channel. This would also include solo swimmers (together) – example tandem in Catalina, 4 in Gibraltar, etc.

Races in Majors: currently World Aquatics (previously FINA) competitive swimming in the Olympic Games, World Championships, and 10K Marathon Swim Cup Events.

Other races: LEN, national championships, Rottneest, Lac St. Jean, Capri-Naples, World University Games, Lake Zurich, S.C.A.R., etc.

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To maintain high standards, IMSHOF takes an aggressive approach with ethics:

Honorees will live the values associated with the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame including commitment, integrity, courage, respect and excellence.

Drug Test Failure (adverse analytical findings, atypical finding, and other assorted anti-doping rule violations) by WADA or an authorized WADA body in any aquatics sport prevents a nominee from being selected and results in the removal of an honoree from the IMSHOF. This does not apply if the finding is overturned on appeal (reduction or removal of any punishment on appeal is not considered if the finding is not overturned). This can be a current test or a future test on an old sample.

Conviction of Sexual Assault on a Child (and all appeals exhausted) by a local court prevents a nominee from being selected and results in the removal of an honoree from the IMSHOF.

Fraud in an organized fashion to create false marathon records (example an organization altering observer logs or selling false marathon completion certificates) prevents a nominee from being selected and results in the removal of an honoree from the IMSHOF.

Safety is a top priority in the sport and individuals or organizations which repeatedly engage in unsafe practices do not meet our ethics criteria.

Encourage participation by all interested swimmers and contributors. Individuals or organizations which repeatedly engage in creating entry barriers or a non-welcoming environment based on disability; race; country of origin; sex or sexual orientation/preference do not meet our ethics criteria. IMSHOF continues to monitor these criteria and evolve it over time.

Unfortunately, the five specifics above may not be exhaustive in the future. IMSHOF deplors any ethical violations that seriously diminish the reputation of the IMSHOF and the sport of open water swimming. Even a charge or suspicion of such an ethical violation may cause a nomination or announcement to be withdrawn.

For inductees, IMSHOF will generally wait for a determination by the courts (and appeals exhausted) before removal is considered. Where an individual or organization has been removed from IMSHOF - there will be no references or pictures on the website.

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2. TikTok – IMSHOF now publishing

IMSHOF is NOW publishing to TikTok. We hope this will appeal to a younger group of marathon swimmers, contributors and followers.

Please follow us on URL @.imshof (note the preceding “.”)



IMSHOF continues to publish to Facebook, Instagram, IMSHOF website, YouTube and newsletters.

3. New Videos (now 107 on file) and Articles

[Ros Hardiman](#) - challenges getting to/from swims/events faced by a swimmer with physical disabilities

[El Cruce](#) – 10 km race with 1,000 swimmers

[Trent Grimsey](#) – English Channel speed record observed

[John Kinsella and Sandra Bucha Kersher](#) – from high school together to winning on the professional circuit together

[Historian Dr. Marilyn Morgan Westner](#) – open water swimming from 1900 with special emphasis on African American swimmers

[An interesting journey to France](#) – Dave Buckley from his first marathon (in a wetsuit) in 2022 to an English Channel crossing in 2024

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4. The museum in Fort Lauderdale

Good news on the future construction – see images of proposed build:

[ISHOF's \\$218 Million Construction Project is finally just around the corner! September 2024! - ISHOF](#)



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5. Patrons & Special Thanks

An anonymous donator is making an offer. For the first five to sign up (\$150) to become a Silver Patron, they will match your donation and upgrade you to Gold Patron. ACT NOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED >

[IMSHOF Silver Patron Membership – HallOfFameSwimShop](#)

A description of the program is on [Patrons & Special Thanks | IMSHOF](#)

New logos have been introduced and included on biographies. See examples Honoree Michael O. Read, MBE biography and Honoree Richard Broer Executive Committee page.



Silver Patron



Silver Family Patron



Silver Organization Patron



Gold Patron



Gold Family Patron



Gold Organization Patron



Platinum Patron



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**Michael P. Read, MBE, Honor Swimmer,
Great Britain, 1978**



Platinum Patron



Richard Broer

Honor Administrator, Netherlands
2017

On committee since 2017

Responsible for Ceremony booklet
Chairperson of the Technical Open
Water Committee of Royal
Netherlands Swimming Association
Marathon swimmer



Gold Patron

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