The College of the Ozarks Sports Hall of Fame was started in 1985 with four inductees. The following guidelines are used to determine additional inductees.

1. At least two inductees will be added each year. The inductees must be able to attend the induction ceremonies. If one of the inductees is deceased or in poor health (preventing them from attending), an additional inductee will be added so that two inductees are present at the induction ceremonies.

2. Any team that wins a national championship may be included for selection into the Hall of Fame upon waiting at least 10 years after winning a national championship. Only one team may be inducted in any year. If a team is one of the inductees; the coaches, players, and managers of the team would be invited to attend the ceremonies and banquet, and those present would be introduced.

3. Induction will be at the halftime of a Saturday home basketball game in January or February. In case of inclement weather, a later game will be picked. A banquet and reception will be held before or after the game for inductees, their families and special guests, athletic committee members, administrators, coaches, past inductees, etc.

4. Two plaques will be made for each individual inductee, with one placed in the Hall of Fame and the other given to the inductee. If a team is selected, only one plaque would be made and that plaque would be placed in the Hall of Fame.

5. Individual nominees must have made a significant contribution to the College of the Ozarks Athletic Department, either by playing, coaching, or supporting. For a player to be nominated, he or she must have graduated from C of O and have been out of school for at least five years (extenuating circumstances will be considered).

6. Nominations may be made by any alumni, former or present coach, faculty, staff, administrator, fan, booster, parent, friend, classmate, etc. Nomination forms will be sent out in the fall alumni newsletter and are available online.

7. All nominations will be screened by the Athletic Committee…which will select the inductees.

8. Once a person is nominated, their name will remain in the pool of nominees for ten years. After ten years, their name will be removed from the pool of nominees until they are nominated again.

9. The expenses for plaques, banquets, etc. are funded through the Athletic Department. Inductees are responsible for their own travel expenses.