## Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

## ...Where Legends Live

## **Timeline**

**July 2004** 

_	Ken Avallon reads Philadelphia Inquirer "Morning Bytes" article by Frank Fitzpatrick, "Why Not a Hall?"	 May 2002
Genesis	"Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame Foundation" is registered as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation.	 June 2002
	First Board of Trustees meeting is held.	 July 2002
Birth	Organizational meeting is held and whitepaper is developed: "The Case for a Hall of Fame" -	November 2002
2	Inaugural "Founders Committee" meeting is held.	December 2002
	Constitution and Bylaws are created and ratified.	March 2003
	Federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit status is attained.	April 2003
Incubation	First media coverage: Philadelphia Inquirer article:  "A Call for A Hall: Creating A Showplace for Philly Sports".  Recruitment of Advisory Panel members begins. Initial panel members	June 2003
	include Stan Hochman, Kevin Mulligan, Glen Macnow, Media mayor Bob McMahon, Andy Musser, Rich Westcott, Al Shrier, Don DiJulia, Sal Paolantonio, Jack McCallum, Vince Nicastro, and Phil Martelli.	
	Charter Class is selected.	August 2003
Early	Hall of Fame's initial strategic alliance: Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia.	October 2003
	Initiates first programs with colleges, working with students from Drexel, West Chester and Notre Dame	November 2003
Stages	PA Governor Ed Rendell kicks of Charter Class Induction Ceremony. Over 270 people including Philadelphia Mayor John Street and new hall of famers Chuck	February 2004
	Bednarik, Steve Van Buren, Robin Roberts, Joe Frazier, Harry Kalas, Paul Arizin and Sonny Hill attend the fundraiser.	
	Hall of Fame acquires numerous architectural artifacts from Veterans Stadium, salvaged before its implosion including turnstiles, ticket windows, benches, lockers, signs, sections of the outfield wall and playing surface.	May 2004
	First public display of Hall of Fame's museum collection of Philadelphia sports artifacts while sponsor at the Dad Vail Regatta.	

Sponsorship of first youth program, a free baseball camp for city kids at the Francisville Recreation Center near the Fairmount section of the city.

Sustained Growth