



Black 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame

**2nd Annual Black 16 Inch
Softball Hall of Fame
Induction and Banquet**
"Honoring Legacy, Celebrating Excellence"

November 7, 2025
6:00 pm – Midnight
Belvedere Chateau
8055 W. 103rd St.
Palos Hills, IL 60465





Introduction

Preserving the Legacy of Black 16-inch Softball

The Black 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame was established in 2024 to honor the rich history and impact of Black 16 Inch Softball on our community. We are dedicated to preserving the legacy of this unique sport and celebrating the achievements of players, coaches, and contributors.

Our organization is committed to providing a platform for storytelling and education, ensuring that the spirit of Black 16 Inch Softball lives on for future generations.

The Black 16" Hall of Fame (Chicago, IL)

Founding Date: January 1, 2024

Founding Board: Aaron Cobbs; Michael Coleman; Percy Coleman; Kenneth Dorsey; Ken Green; William Hardison; Sherman Martin, Jr.; Tony Moore; Anthony Pearson; Sharif Walker; Austin Ware; William Weatherspoon

Fiscal Sponsor: Citywide Softball

EIN #: 70-316757



About Us



Mission

The mission of the Black 16" Softball Hall of Fame (BSHOF) is to recognize and salute the accomplishments of notable African American Achievers, Role Models and Supporters contributing to the outstanding legacy and influence towards the game of 16" Softball. The mission emphasizes three guiding principles: Equity, Honor, and Inspiration.



Vision

Establish lifelong individual and family commitments while building competitive legacies through the game of 16" Softball.



Values

- Commitment
 - Integrity
 - Courage
 - Respect
 - Excellence
 - Black Culture Wellness – The unique, authentic expression of the values and principles, self-determined by the Black community that lead to the long-term health, wealth, and well-being of the Black community.
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Meet Our Board of Directors



Officers



Tony Pearson
President



William Weatherspoon
Vice President



Kenneth Dorsey
Secretary



Sherman Martin, Jr.
Treasurer

Directors



Aaron Cobbs
Director



Percy Coleman
Director



Kendall Green
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William Hardison
Director



Regina King
Director



Renette McCurry
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Tony Moore
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About The Event

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Michael Coleman
Master of Ceremonies



The Evening's Line-Up

- Cocktail Hour
- Welcome, Tony Pearson, Chair
- Presentation of Roses
- Family Style Dinner Service
- Chair Remarks, Tony Pearson
- Hall of Fame Inductee Presentations
- In Memoriam – A Special Remembrance for past players.
- Reserved Showcase Space – Historic Memorabilia
- Music, Photo Booth and Dancing

Sponsorship Package



Heritage Package

The Heritage Sponsorship Package offers an exclusive opportunity to align your brand with the rich legacy and cultural significance of 16-inch softball within the Black community. This package is designed for sponsors who value tradition, community impact, and the preservation of history.

- Logo recognition on program cover.
- Logo recognition on step-and-repeat.
- Name recognition in event-related press release.
- Verbal name recognition at the start of event.
- Opportunity to speak as lead-in to inaugural inductee award presentations.
- Opportunity to display one company-provided banner or signage at event.
- Name recognition on event Web site.
- 5 event tickets

\$5,000



Teamwork Package

The Teamwork Sponsorship Package is designed for sponsors who believe in the power of collaboration and community. This package highlights your commitment to fostering strong relationships and supporting the collective spirit that defines 16-inch softball.

- Logo recognition on menu.
- Full page ad in the program book.
- Name recognition in event-related press release.
- Verbal name recognition at the start of event.
- Name recognition on event Web site.
- 2 event tickets

\$3,000



Legacy Package

The Legacy Sponsorship Package offers a prestigious opportunity for sponsors who wish to be deeply connected with the enduring impact of 16-inch softball within the Black community. This package is ideal for those who value the preservation and celebration of a history that has influenced countless lives.

- Full page ad in the program book
- Name recognition in event-related press release.
- Verbal name recognition at the start of event.
- Name recognition on event Web site.
- 2 event tickets

\$2,000



Program Book

Back Cover Ad (Premium) – \$300

- A full-page, full-color ad on the back cover of the program book, offering the highest visibility.

Inside Front Cover Ad (Premium) – \$250

- A full-page, full-color ad will be placed on the inside front cover, ensuring prominent placement.

Inside Back Cover Ad (Premium) – \$150

- A full-page, full-color ad on the inside back cover is another high-visibility option.

Full-Page Ad – \$100

- A full-page ad inside the program book, available in color or black and white.

Half-Page Ad – \$50

- A half-page ad, offering a more affordable option while still providing significant exposure.

Quarter-Page Ad – \$25

- A quarter-page ad, ideal for smaller businesses or personal messages of support.

Business Card Ad – \$15

- A business card-sized ad, perfect for individuals or small businesses wanting to show support.

Patron Listing – \$10

- A simple text-only listing, often used for personal messages or small acknowledgments, categorized by Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels.

Memorial Tribute Ad – \$20

- A space dedicated for ads that honor the memory of past players, coaches, or loved ones, often available in various sizes.

Team or Group Ad – \$75

- A section where teams or groups can place ads together, celebrating their participation or history in the sport.



Thank you!

Hope you are interested!

For any general questions and media requests regarding the event:

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