

CBA Hall of Fame Application Form : Entry # 3196

Name of Nominee

Ron Zappolo

Media Nominee Worked In:

Both

Total No. of Years Worked in Colorado Broadcasting

36

Status:

Living

Nominee's Contact Information

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Nominee Information

Nomination Type

Nominator

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Nominee Details

Nominee's Work History

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Company/Call Letters	Position Held	Year Started	Year Ended
KOA TV & Radio	Sports	1977	
KCNC-TV	Sports Anchor		1990
KUSA	Lead Sports Anchor	1990	2000
KDVR	News Anchor	2000	2013

Description of Merit

Contributions to Profession:

Ron's contribution to the broadcasting profession is less about one single breakthrough and more about sustained influence, credibility, and evolution within local news market. He helped shape how local sports was delivered by making sports coverage more story-driven and personality-led and not just highlights.

Broadcast Career Highlights:

Nearly 4 decades on-air in the Denver market and one of the most recognizable and trusted local tv personalities. His highlights aren't just moments, they're milestones that shaped his reputation across decades in Denver. The South Park show even created a cartoon of him that appeared on a couple of their episodes!

Broadcast Recognition & Awards:

Broadcast Pioneer of Colorado Hall of Fame
Colorado Sports Hall of Fame
Emmy Silver Circle

Local, State, or National Broadcast Activities:

Ron Zappolo's broadcast career is overwhelmingly defined at the local and state level, with influence that feels national in credibility, even if his day-to-day work stayed rooted in Colorado.

Community Service:

The Adoption Exchange
Frequent presence at community/school and local businesses and civic gatherings

Reason Nominee Should Be Chosen:

Ron Zappolo is a strong candidate for induction into the Colorado Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame because his career checks every box the honor is meant to recognize: longevity, impact, versatility, and community trust.

Supporting & Additional Material Uploads

Recommendation Letters

- [Colorado-Broadcasters-Association.pdf](#)
- [Colorado-Broadcasters-Association1.pdf](#)

Notes



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May 5, 2026

Colorado Broadcasters Association
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Dear Selection Committee,

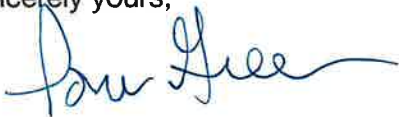
I'd like to add my support for Ron Zappolo's induction into the CBA Hall of Fame. To put it simply, Ron was - and remains - the preeminent sportscaster in Colorado's rich broadcasting history. When he arrived in Denver in 1977, he immediately changed the way sports was covered, bringing depth, opinion and color that had not yet been felt in this market. He undoubtedly changed the game here in Colorado.

In an era that saw Denver blessed with terrific sportscasters, Ron was clearly the one that people turned to for the latest on their teams. He also delivered play-by-play of some of the biggest games, and developed the contacts & friendships that gave him unique access to stories, and insight that he would then share with viewers.

Of course he later made the transition to anchoring the news, and never lost a step, covering the biggest stories in the state...and remaining a trusted source for Coloradans.

Ron Zappolo has always made his newsrooms & newscasts better - to the benefit of viewers - and certainly belongs in the Colorado Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

Sincerely yours,



Tom Green

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