

Maury Sullivan

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Maury's interest in ballooning dates to 1981 and has included sport and competitive ballooning. Maury initiated the establishment of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival Enshrinement Balloon Classic in 1986, served as the event chairman from 1986 to 1988 and served as the event's Competition Director in all but four years. Maury has a commercial rating and has logged more than 850 hours.

Maury and his teammates placed third in the 1999 US Teams and Maury was recognized as Rookie of the Year at the 2000 NABA US Nationals in Canton, Mississippi. During his active competitive career, Maury was a consistent top twenty pilot in the NABA National Ranking system ranking 12th (2005); 21st (2003); 8th (2002); and, achieving his highest ranking of 2nd in 2001.

Maury has served as event director for the following:

- 2009, 2010, and 2015-2019 US National Hot Air Balloon Championships
- 2011 1st Mexican National Championship
- 2012 Deputy Director of the 20th World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Battle Creek, Michigan.
- 2016 US Women's National Championship
- 2021-2022 US Team National Championship
- 2018 31st Brazilian National Championship

Jury experience includes the following:

- 24th World Hot Air Balloon Championship, member
- 2024 US National Championship, President
- 2025 Pro Football HOF Balloon Classic, President
- 2025 Flag City Balloon Festival, President
- 2025, Coupe Gordon Bennet, member

In 2012, Maury was recognized for his sustained contributions to the Balloon Federation of America with its highest award - the Shields-Trauger Memorial Award