

Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Kevin Walsh Builder 2022



Kevin Walsh's commitment and passion for figure skating have been instrumental to skater development and the evolution of the club's programs since joining the Mount Pearl club in 1981 (today, the Mount Pearl-Paradise Skating Club).

Kevin has coached all levels and ages from Pre-CanSkate to Senior; Adult; Pairs; Dance; and various Synchronized Skating levels, including teaching both parent and child. He also served 38 years on the Mount Pearl Club Executive, 18 years as Skate NL Coach Rep, 36 years as Avalon Region Schools Director, 15 years as Avalon Coach Rep, and several NL and Canada Games assignments.

Kevin introduced Synchronized Skating to the Mount Pearl (and CBN) clubs in the early 80s. Now, 40 years later, the Mount Pearl-Paradise club has a thriving Synchronized program with up to 9 teams registered for each competitive season - Kevin still coaches 2 of the teams.

With the help of the local coaching team, Kevin has typically led the charge each year to run a successful annual year-end ice show, celebrating the accomplishments of all skaters, regardless of age

and competitive stream. While Kevin usually remains behind the curtain, sometimes, you may catch a glimpse of him helping a pre-can skater who has fallen or participate in an Ice Show number wearing a costume or wig. That's Kevin!

Kevin has coached and mentored many competitive skaters throughout his career, including national and international skaters and accompanied skaters to numerous Atlantic and National events in singles, pairs, dance, and synchronized events, and coached or assisted Canadian and World competitors when they trained in the province: including Rebecca Babb & Joshua Babb, Joey Russell, and Kaetlyn Osmond. Kevin's career achievements include a National Coach of the Year Award, Canada Games Team Coaching assignments and North American Challenge Coach, several national Competitive Coach nominations, and being the first and only NL coach to become NCCP Level 4 certified.

The skating community is Kevin's family. Certainly, his commitment to skating has gone far beyond his role as a professional coach, as he has shaped the positive image and brand that is the Mount Pearl-Paradise Skating Club. A coach, mentor, and friend to skating.

In recognition of his outstanding commitment and contribution to skating the Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize Kevin Walsh with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.