

# Wally Stinson

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It is often the quiet and unassuming who leave their mark on the world. Working with tireless devotion for what they believe in, they are motivated not by ego, but by their unfailing belief that they can make a difference. They are driven not by the need for public recognition, but by their vision of what could be. They are rewarded not by personal glory, but by the joy and success of those for whom their vision exists. Such a person is Wally Stinson.

Motivator, builder and leader, Wally Stinson has devoted his life to helping young people achieve success through the challenge of sport. He began his legacy in amateur sport in his adopted Saskatchewan in the early 1940s. From his first position with the physical fitness division of the provincial department of public health, his distinguished career has included membership in countless provincial, national and international sport organizations.

His steady, honest advice throughout his years on the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada and the National Fitness Council served to better the cause of sport in Canada and around the world.

His belief that every boy and girl should have the opportunity to excel led to the first Canadian High School Athletic Association. Out of this system, young

Canadian athletes now proudly take their places on teams at national championships, the Pan American Games, the Olympic and Commonwealth trials.

His tact, persistence and even temperment made him a valuable member of four Commonwealth Games teams and served him well as he worked with distinction at the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver and for 10 years as games fund-raising campaign chair.

A gentle soul who believes in the value of the human spirit, Wally has touched everyone who has had the honour of working with him. The Commonwealth Games Association of Canada is proud to honour Wally Stinson with the Award of Merit for his lifelong devotion to the betterment of youth in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth family.

