

Mr. Robin Short, Sr.

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2001 as a “Builder”



Dating back to the 1950's, Robin Short has had a long association with basketball whether it was as a player or as a coach. While his records as a player would be enough to name him as a Hall of Famer, he is recognized especially for his commitment and poise as a coach. Robin has coached basketball from the late 1950's and his influence on the basketball stage is second to none. In 1987 – 88, the Government of Canada recognized Robin's leadership abilities when he was appointed to the Coaching Council of Canada. By the early 70's,

Robin and long time friend, Gordon Breen, formed the St. John's Metro League, which today is one of the oldest leagues in the province. They created the league after determining that there was not a place for the “mature” players in St. John's to have a game of basketball. In the early years it was definitely their league... it would be nothing for one of them, if they saw some unruly behavior on the court, to walk on the floor in the middle of the game and ask a fellow to leave, there wasn't any room for that kind of play in the Metro League... Robin's organizational skills and his large sense of fair play is a legacy in the Metro League even today.... It is still a great place guys of plus years and sizes to “Get a play game of ball”.