

**Mr. Cyril (Cy) J. Simmons.**

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2007 as a “Builder”

There was very little basketball in Conception Bay North before Cyril Simmons accepted a teaching position in Carbonear. Over the years, he continually used hard work, dedication, and skill to build interest in the sport. Almost all of the individuals now associated with basketball in the area willingly attribute their knowledge and skills to Cy Simmons. At any basketball tournament hosted locally, almost all of the coaches, referees, or players have gone through his tutelage. Through his building of a basketball program, he raised the level of competition among all other local schools / clubs. Cy is also well known for his dedication to players who were in need of some financial assistance in order to continue playing the game of basketball.



Some of the highlights of Cy’s coaching career so far have been:

- 2007 East Coast Intermediate Boys’ “B” – Silver Medal
- 2007 East Coast Bantam Boys’ “B” – Gold Medal
- 2006 East Coast Bantam Boys’ “B” – Silver Medal
- 1997 Gold Medal – 3A Boys’ High School Provincials
- 1996 Juvenile All – Newfoundland East Coast Basketball Champions
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- 1994 Silver Medal Winter Games Basketball Champions
- 1994 – 95 “Coach of the Year” by Newfoundland and Labrador High School Athletic Foundation.
- 1994 – 95 “Coaching Service Award” by Newfoundland and Labrador High School Athletic Foundation.
- 1994 – 95 “Honour Award” by Newfoundland and Labrador High School Athletic Foundation.
- 1993 Midget All – Newfoundland East Coast Basketball Champions
- 1993 Silver Medal – 3A Boys’ Provincials Basketball Tournament
- 1990 Midget All – Newfoundland East Coast Basketball Champions
- Organizer of the highly successful “Brother Duffy” basketball tournaments. This tournament attracted top teams on the island. As coach of St. Francis, the Crusaders won six times, and reached the championship game 14 times.
- 13 Regional Championships, thus resulting in 13 provincial competitions has head coach of the St. Francis Crusaders.

- Member of the NLBA executive from 1982 – 1984
- Coach for Division 2 Men’s Championship (1996)
- Former founder / organizer / director / president of the CBN Men’s Basketball League, which not only provided games for local talent, but also acted as host for several provincial tournaments, including women’s tournaments.
- Coached a team that travelled to Vancouver, BC and played teams from Washington State.
- Selected as coach of the Newfoundland Provincial Midget Basketball team, which competed in New Brunswick.
- Has travelled with the St. Francis Crusaders to compete in Vancouver, BC at the “Shamrock Tournament”.
- Has travelled with the St. Francis Crusaders to compete in Ottawa and Montreal