

# Nelson Hughes

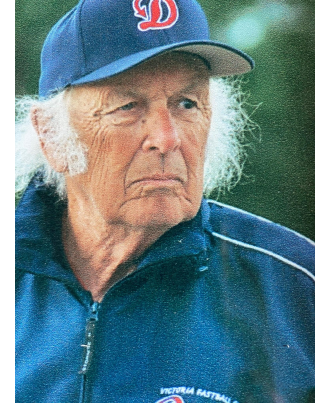
2024 Inductee - Special Recognition Category

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Nelson Hughes has been active in Softball BC activities for 51 years. He started his career as a player in Edmonton, before moving to the west coast, where he first joined the Steveston Men's softball league. Later in 1976, he joined the PoCo Men's League.

After playing for a few years, Nelson began coaching a female team out of Port Coquitlam in 1971, moving from there Victoria in 2004 and starting with the Langford association as a coach.



In 2014 Nelson moved to Kelowna but upkept his volunteer role with the Kelowna Minor Softball group, where he has been the tournament director and member of their executive for the past eight years as well as coaching a U19 team until 2018. He works tirelessly on fields, equipment and was our key person during all the Covid initiatives and back to play stages. He outworks people half his age and is always available to help. You will find him at the park ensuring everything is going smoothly and at evaluations for rep programs and the BC summer games team, he truly is the foundation of KMFS.

Nelson also volunteered with Canada Cup from 1998 until 2018, looking after security and parking annually at Softball City.

He has twice been awarded the Minor Service award and in 2018 was named the Softball BC volunteer of the year in recognition of his many years of service. Nelson's resume is long and his contributions immeasurable. He continues to help KMFS for hours every week and travels with UBCO's softball team as an equipment manager. He is truly an amazing asset to softball!