

# Nonie McCann, Kumsheen Secondary Coach

## *About Nonie McCann:*

Nonie is a teacher and athletic director at Kumsheen Secondary in Lytton, BC. She started coaching in 1973, and currently coaches boys and girls volleyball, and girls basketball at Kumsheen.

## *Why She Got Into Coaching:*

“I love to play the game and my coach taught us that you keep the sport alive by coaching others.”

## *First Coaching Experience:*

“I coached a teen girl’s basketball team in what is now Langford. It was amazing! My team came from all walks of life and had so much fun playing in the Victoria league at the time. Since then I moved to Lytton and now have coached generations of young people here in school volleyball and basketball teams; both male and female.”

## *Her Most Rewarding Experience:*

“Having so many people come up to me as adults and thank me for coaching them. Seeing young people experience the joys of competing and making life-long friends has been most rewarding.”

## *Biggest Challenges:*

“Getting people in big schools to understand our challenges in a school of less than 100 students with grades 8 to 12. Having enough kids to make a team and go and play.”

## *What do Athletes look for in a Coach:*

“Someone who cares about their athletic and human development, who knows and loves their sport, and is fun to work with at being the best you can be.”

## *Proudest Moment:*

“When my Senior Girls Basketball team made the Zone Playoffs in 2000. (It only happened once. It was so exciting!)”

