

Dave Nutini, Rossland Secondary

Coach

About Dave Nutini:

Dave Nutini, a teacher at Rossland Secondary, is retiring from teaching after 31 years. He's coached junior boys basketball (5 years) and skiing/snowboarding (28 years).

Why He Became a Coach:

"I learned that there were many good things that could be taught through participation in sport. Sport is a great platform to pass on the importance of respect, responsibility, independence and self-worth just to name a few things that come to mind at the moment."

First Coaching Experience:

"My first coaching experience involved many late night road trips on winter roads. On a more positive note, it was great to see student athletes, not only learn the skills of basketball, but also the life skills associated with working as a team. I especially enjoyed seeing kids learn to fend for themselves while on trips away from home!"

Most Rewarding Experience:

"Watching student athletes excel at sports that are new to them. Over the years I have pushed students to compete in sports that they did not think they were very good at, and had them achieve great results."

Biggest Challenge for Coaches:

"Funding. I have treated school sport the same as community sport. Athletes have to pay to participate. This is unfortunate but at the same time I have never turned away an athlete due to a lack of money."

Proudest Moment:

"Provincial Championship 2004-2005 in girl's snowboarding with my daughter on the team. First time I had coached one of my own children."

