



COUNTY OF BRANT  
**SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

**2025**

# Bob Coyne

BUILDER



**Hometown: Burford**

**Year of Birth: 1946**

A lifelong advocate for inclusive sport and youth development, Bob Coyne's coaching and leadership career spans over five decades across ice hockey, track and field, and inline hockey.

- Began coaching in 1966 with Shallow Creek Outdoor Youth Hockey
- Coached athletes in the Ontario Blind Sports program and at W. Ross Macdonald School for the Blind (1969–1998), leading programs in cross country, track and field, hockey, baseball, and football
- Power skating instructor for the Wayne Francis Power Skating School (1977–1984), and founder of the Bob Coyne Power Skating School (1984–2018)
- Provided power skating training for elite junior teams including the Brantford Alexanders and Hamilton Steelhawks
- Coached numerous championship-winning OMHA teams in Burford and Paris, including a bronze medal win at the Stockholm Cup in Sweden (1986)
- Founded and operated Major Jr. A Hockey Camps (1981–1990)
- Offered skate sharpening services at the World Junior Hockey Championships (1986)
- Led Brantford and Burford Minor Hockey Association teams through AAA, rep, and Mini Mac programs (1978–2018)
- Guided teams to international tournaments in Sweden, Finland, and Russia
- Recognized with the BMHA President's Award (1994–95, 2009–10)
- Served as President of both Brantford and Burford Minor Hockey Associations
- Contributed to the development of inline hockey as a coach and mentor, earning four gold and one silver medal coaching Team World Inline (1999–2004)
- Named Coach of the Year in 1997 after leading the Brantford Thunderhawks to the Walter Gretzky Cup Championship
- Consultant for Team Canada Inline and Head Coach of the University of Pittsburgh Panthers Roller Hockey Team
- Represented Brantford at the International Children's Games (2004)
- Founding member of the Ontario Minor Roller Hockey Association
- Honoured with the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism (2011) and the Paul Harris Fellow Award (2012)