

John Kilbride

I'd like to nominate John Kilbride for the James McFall. He is one of the best lacrosse players to ever come out of this province and his playing career speaks for itself.

However, what makes John worthy of the award is all the work he has done to grow the game in this province, notably helping to bring junior A lacrosse to Alberta with the formation of the junior A Mountaineers.

John has spent thousands of hours giving back to minor lacrosse, as well, notably within the Axemen organization.

His resume is below, copied from the senior B Mountaineers website where he serves as head coach.

John has spent the last 30-plus years playing and coaching lacrosse at virtually every elite level in the country including Junior A, Senior A, National Field Level, and NLL. He has proven to be both an excellent talent in the game of lacrosse, but also a superb student of the game.

Combined with his leadership and management skills, John is able to bring to bare his experience to many different elements of the Senior B Mountaineers lacrosse organization.

Coaching experience:

- 2011 - Present: Headcoach Sr B Mountaineers
- 2010 - 2011: Interim Headcoach Sr B Mountaineers
- 2006 - 2010: Director, General Operations / Headcoach, Junior A Mountaineers
- 2003 - 2005: Head coach, Jr B Mountaineers
- 1995 - 2005: Player / Coach, Sr B Mountaineers
- Coached 2 years at each minor level (Tyke through Midget) in Calgary, AB
- Coached Peewee A in Richmond, BC (1 year)
- Level 3 Coaching Certification
- Designed and directed countless player clinics on behalf of various associations (e.g. Axemen, Sabrecats, Winter Lacrosse, Roughnecks, Okotoks Lacrosse)
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Playing experience:

- 30 years
- 2000 - 2003: Calgary Roughnecks (NLL)
- 1999 - 2000: Sr A, New Westminster Salmonbellies
- 1995 - 1999; 2003 - 2005: Sr B Mountaineers
- 1991 - 1994: Sr A, Mapleridge Burrards

- 1991: Drafted 2nd overall in WLA Senior A draft by the Vancouver Burrards (now the Mapleridge Burrards)
- 1989 - 1991: Jr A Richmond Outlaws
 - Won 2 BCJRA Provincial Championships
 - Played in 2 Minto Cups (1989 and 1990)
 - 1990 BCJRA 1st team all-star
 - 1989 BCJRA 2nd team all-star
 - 1991 Jr A Richmond Outlaws Team MVP
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