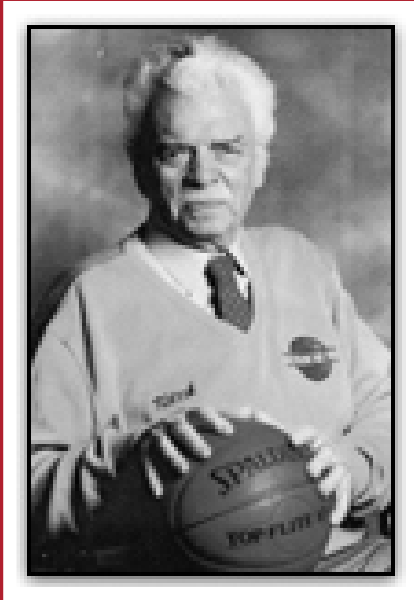


# ONTARIO BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



## Kitch MacPherson Official

### BIOGRAPHY

- Kitch MacPherson began playing basketball at the age of 15 in the old Hamilton Church League for Erskine Presbyterian Church Juniors and Seniors.
- When Kitch was older he joined the Hamilton Golden Flashes, a senior team that is recognized in the Cops Coliseum Hall of Fame for its accomplishments in the Big Six League.
- **1941:** Ankle injuries forced Kitch to retire as a player but he coached the McNab Street Presbyterian Juniors to a Provincial Championship.
- During WWII, Kitch enlisted with the Sixth Canadian Anti-Tank Regiment (33<sup>rd</sup> Battery).
- He was presented with the 'Military Medal' and further served in the Occupational Force before returning to Canada where he decided to pursue basketball officiating.
- Kitch is the first Canadian to be granted an International Referee's Card.
- **1948:** Kitch was the original founding member of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials (OABO).
- **1959:** Kitch worked at the Pan American Games in Chicago followed by the first Russian tour of the U.S.
- Kitch's work with OABO was so highly regarded that for 20 years he was asked to instruct rules clinics all across Canada.
- **1962:** Kitch officiated the second Russian tour of the United States.
- **1965:** Kitch worked his second Pan American Games in Winnipeg.
- **1968:** Kitch did his last international series when he officiated at the World Cup in Philadelphia.
- Kitch was recognized as a Life Member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials and served for six years on the executive of this prestigious organization.
- Kitch has been recognized over the years by the following organizations and groups:
  - Mayor, City of Hamilton
  - Premier, Province of Ontario
  - Hamilton Spectator, 50 Years of Service
  - Jewish Community
  - Canadian University Coaches Association
  - Catholic Youth Organization.
- **1971:** Inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame.
- Interpreter for the Hamilton Board of Approved Basketball Officials.
- For 27 years, he was Supervisor of Officials for the Ontario Universities Athletic Association West Division.
- **1993:** Kitch was named Commissioner of Officials for the OUA West Division.