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2006 Canadian Olympic Hall Of Fame Inductees Coach Category: Dr. Douglas Clement

Widely regarded as one of the top track and field coaches in Canada, Dr. Douglas Clement is a two-time Olympian who has also been selected to represent Canada in at least 30 international events as a coach, general manager and medical staff member.

A track and field competitor for Canada in the 1950s, Dr. Clement competed in the 400 metres and the 4x400 metre relay discipline at the 1952 Olympic Games and the 800 metres and the 4x400 metre relay event at the 1956 Olympic Games. A member of two Canadian British Empire Games squads, Dr. Clement helped Canada capture a silver medal as a member of the 4x400 metre relay team in 1954.

While Dr. Clement experienced great success as an athlete, he would begin to make his mark in Canadian sport as a coach following his retirement shortly after the 1958 British Empire Games.

In 1961, Dr. Clement and his wife co-founded one of the premier track clubs in Canada – the Richmond Kajaks. As the originator of the Kajaks, Dr. Clement would go on to coach top-ranking track athletes in Canada and on the international stage for the next 38 years.

Throughout his career, Dr. Clement coached over a dozen athletes to the international level including Charmaine Crooks, Lynne Kanuka, Paul Williams, Graeme Fell, Simon Hoogewerf, Tom Howard and Ken Elmer. This group of athletes won medals at the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan American Games and Commonwealth Games. Jointly, they held the majority of Canadian records in middle distance running for men and women.

A medical school graduate from the University of British Columbia, Dr. Clement is the founder of the largest Sports Medicine Clinic in Canada and is a leading proponent of exercise being a contributor to the prevention of heart disease.

Through the past 25 years, he has authored or co-authored 65 articles published in medical and sports journals.

In addition, Dr. Clement has also received numerous accolades and awards including the Order of Canada, the Sports Medicine Council Lifetime Achievement Award, the Vanier Outstanding Young Men Award, the Longines Wittnauer Award, the Sport BC Coach of the Year Award and Coaching Association of Canada's Geoff Gowan Award.

Has also been inducted as a builder into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame and the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

Dr. Clement currently lives in Vancouver and continues to orchestrate many of British Columbia's and Canada's most important track meets.

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