



ALUMNI PROFILE

WHO IS HUGH FRASER?

Hon. Hugh L. Fraser (Ret.), O.C., FCIArb, FCollArb

Athlete, Edmonton 1978 Commonwealth Games (Athletics, 100m and 4x100m relay)
Former Vice-President, Commonwealth Games Association of Canada (1990 to 1994)
Former President, Commonwealth Games Foundation of Canada (1991–1994)

Hugh Fraser has accomplished a lot, both on and off the athletics track. He was one of Canada's best sprinters during the 1970's, and competed at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. Since retiring from athletics, he has had an impressive career as a lawyer, judge and arbitrator for sport. During the 1990's, Hugh Fraser made a significant contribution to Commonwealth Sport Canada as a volunteer Board Member.

Hugh Fraser was born in Jamaica. At the age of seven, he moved with his family to Canada so his father could pursue a law degree at Queen's University. Eventually settling in Ottawa, Hugh took up athletics while attending Lisgar Collegiate Institute. He went on to study law at Queen's University and University of Ottawa, where he competed in track and also played varsity football.

Hugh was a member of the Canadian national athletics team from 1971 to 1980 competing as a sprinter. He attended the 1975 Pan Am Games in Mexico, where he helped the men's 4x100m relay team win a bronze medal. A year later, he competed at the Olympic Games in Montreal, where he ran in the Men's 200m and 4x100m relay despite suffering a hamstring injury just prior to the Games. Hugh was again selected to represent Canada at the 1978 Commonwealth Games. He made it to the semi-finals of the Men's 100m and was part of the Men's 4x100m relay team that finish fourth.

After retiring as an athlete, Hugh Fraser began his legal career but continued his involvement in sport. He was a director of Athletics Canada from 1981 to 1983. He was also appointed to the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Sport Canada in 1990, and became President of the Commonwealth Games Foundation of Canada in 1991. He has also been a Member of the Board for the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

After being called to the bar in 1979, Hugh Fraser began working as a barrister in private practice and later as counsel to the Canadian Department of Justice. In 1993, Hugh Fraser was appointed as a judge of the Ontario Court. By 2013, he had become Regional Senior Justice for the Ontario East Region.

Justice Fraser is a well respected mediator and arbitrator for sport. Over the years, he has worked with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Dubin Commission of Inquiry, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), National Hockey League (NHL), Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), International Centre for Dispute Resolution, Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, and others.

Justice Fraser was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2021. He is also a recipient of the Canada 125 Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.