



Shawn has been involved in Gymnastics in Nova Scotia since the early 1970's first as an athlete and currently as a coach. As an athlete, Shawn was a strong competitor and won a bronze medal on high bar at Nationals in 1976. Shawn trained at Dartmouth Titans before he competed at Dalhousie University where he won several CIAU (now USports) medals. He was named Dalhousie Athlete of the year in 1976 and won the Climo Award. Shawn was coached by fellow inductees Jim Hoyle, Tak Kikuchi and Keiji Yamanaka and it was Lynne Pascoe who convinced Shawn to start coaching girls in 1977.

Shawn has been the Competitive Director at TAISO Gymnastics Training Centre for over 40 years and was instrumental in the acquisition and building of the present structure on First Lake Dr in Lower Sackville. Shawn has coached numerous Provincial and Atlantic Championships from all levels and ages and has coached various female gymnastics teams to Atlantic, Eastern and National Championships from 1987 to present. Many gymnasts won medals at all levels under Shawn's guidance. He also coached at the Canada Winter Games in 1987 in Cape Breton, NS and 1995 in Grand Prairie, Alberta.

He was on GNS Board of Directors for many years between 1996-2016 and volunteered for 20 Years as the Women's Program Chair for Gymnastics Nova Scotia. He received a GNS Service Award from GNS and Sport Nova Scotia in 2000, was GNS's Coach of the year several times and Gymnastics Canada's Coach of the Year in 1987.

Shawn was Co-chair of the organizing committee for the first Eastern Canadian Championships that took place in Halifax in 2003 and he was an instrumental member of the organizing committee for the Elite Canada Competitions that took place in Halifax in 2016 and 2017. At the 2011 Canada Games hosted in Halifax, he was the technical advisor for women's artistic gymnastics.

On the international side, Shawn coached an Acro Tumbler to Worlds in South Africa in 1999 and he was an assistant Coach of the Canadian team to International competitions in Belgium (2014) and Portugal (2016). He has been a presenter at many GNS Symposiums and clinics and is well respected by his peers in the gymnastics and sport community at all levels in Nova Scotia and across the country.

SHAWN HEALEY