

JAMES NAISMITH
BUILDER



Dr. James Naismith— Builder Induction Class of 1978

- Born in Almonte, Ontario in 1861
- Studied Physical Education at McGill University in Montreal before moving to the United States
- A physical educator, sports coach and innovator who invented the sport of basketball in 1891 at a YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts
- Wrote the original rulebook for basketball which consisted of just 13 rules
- Founded the University of Kansas basketball program before becoming the Jayhawks Athletic Director in 1907
- Lived to see basketball adopt as an Olympic demonstration sport in 1904 and become an official sport in the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936
- Died in 1938

