

2004 Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Awards

Category: Builder

Inductee: Hugh Hoyles

Hugh Hoyles coached both the University of Alberta Golden Bears (1973 – 1980) and Pandas (1981 – 1982). In 1980 he was named CIAU Coach of the Year after leading his squad to a National Championship. He also coached Edmonton Phoenix, one of the first organized club teams in Alberta, from the late 1960's to the early 70's. Hugh was one of the founders and President of Alberta Volleyball in 1974, when it was officially incorporated under the Societies Act.

In 1974 Mr. Hoyles partnered with Alberta Volleyball and the Town of Jasper to create one of the best volleyball camps in Canada. As the mastermind of the Jasper Volleyball Camp (JVC) Hugh played a significant role in planning and organizing all areas of the camp for several years until he handed over the responsibility to Alberta Volleyball in 1982. To this day JVC is considered one of the most prestigious and recognized camps in North America and is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. Alberta Volleyball has recently implemented a scholarship program in Hugh's name for athletes in need of financial assistance to allow them to take part in the camp.

His love of the sport and expertise made him a natural selection to be the Director of Volleyball at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. Hugh also orchestrated the Toyoda visit to Canada and has been highly recognized for his commitment and service to sport and recreation. He received the Government of Alberta Achievement Award for Excellence in Sport Administration in 1976 and the Sport Canada Queen's Service Jubilee Medal for worthy and devoted service to amateur sport in 1977.

Hugh has worked at the University of Alberta in the campus recreation department for 33 years overseeing a very successful program that has grown to over 28,000 participants under his guidance. Hugh's unbridled passion for volleyball paved the way for thousands of young athletes to participate in the sport. The current success of volleyball in Alberta can be directly attributed to the long term vision, hard work and dedication of Hugh Hoyles.