

## 2006 Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Awards

### Category: Coach

Inductee: Lance Adamson

Lance started playing volleyball as a teenager and went on to play at Red Deer College from 1977-1979. His illustrious coaching career began in 1980 with the University of Alberta Jr. Pandas. Lance has been involved in coaching and developing volleyball from the grass roots right up to the post-secondary level. What has set Lance apart is his dedication to developing athletes to play at the next level.

Lance has successfully coached junior & senior high school volleyball for over twenty years. In 1981 he created the Edmonton Volleyball Club (EVC). He coached each year until 1994 and in that time led EVC's 16U boys to six Provincial Championships and a Western Canadian Championship in 1993. Lance coached a zone team in four separate Alberta Summer Games. He was also head coach of Team Alberta in the Western Canada Summer Games. The one constant through all these teams was that Lance taught his athletes the appropriate skills so they could play at the highest level possible. Lance's passion for volleyball is evident by the amount of time and opportunities he's provided young athletes to excel in our sport.

Mr. Adamson created and coached a mini-volleyball program in Edmonton which ran from 1995-2004; it provided enthusiastic elementary aged kids with an introduction to volleyball at a young age, which in turn encouraged hundreds of them to continue playing volleyball at the club level. At the time Lance also coordinated and coached a 14U program, continuing to develop athletes at the novice level. He also coached at the Jasper Volleyball Camp for over ten years, enriching the volleyball experience of literally thousands of athletes to continue playing the sport.

Lance not only teaches athletes, he also educates coaches to enhance their skills and knowledge. Lance has been a Learning Facilitator for level 1 & 2 technical volleyball courses for the past fifteen years. He has been a tremendous mentor to coaches throughout Alberta and has provided them with the necessary tools to seek out the best in themselves and their athletes. Lance has also volunteered a tremendous amount of time in the administration of volleyball. He has been the President of the Edmonton Volleyball Club, Elite Program Coordinator and Registrar for Alberta Volleyball, and the Lendrum Community Beach Volleyball Coordinator. Lance is an extraordinary role model for everyone in the volleyball community. He is an excellent example of a coach, teacher, father, and leader in Alberta.