



Alberta Volleyball

2013



***Achievement Awards
& Hall of Fame Banquet***

Saturday, June 22, 2013



2013 Mikasa Achievement Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet

Westin Hotel, Edmonton

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Reception: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Awards: 8:00 p.m.



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Mikasa Achievement Awards

Volunteer Janet Kawchuk

Official Karl Hiebert

Coaches

15U/16U Female Team Raynell Lavertu-Prince

15U/16U Male Team Allan Coulter

17U/18U Female Team Lindsay Jones

17U/18U Male Team Jace Barros

Athletes

16U Female Tessa Hill

16U Male Carter McIntyre

18U Female Mariah Walsh

18U Male Levi Wolthuis

Hall of Fame Awards

Builder Jan Patterson



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Volunteer

Janet Kawchuk – NAVC Volleyball Club


Janet is a member of the Northern Alberta Volleyball Club (NAVC) Executive Committee where she served faithfully for 5 years, including 4 years as President. Her commitment, enthusiasm, dedication, empathy and passion to help the sport grow were above and beyond the scope of her position as a Club President. The time and energy she spent to ensure the smooth operation of the club was outstanding while her genuine interest with each individual team and its players was unprecedented.

Over her 5 years on the NAVC Executive, Janet was responsible for creating many club policies, procedures and handbooks to support players, families, coaches and team managers in having an informed and positive volleyball experience. Janet implemented a new position of coach coordinator and technical director designed to support coaches and assist them in reaching their goals. Janet is passionate about long-term athlete development and has successfully made it one of NAVC's core values by adding it to the club's mission statement. Janet has worked hard to develop and communicate the philosophy to ensure consistency and transparency for all involved. She strives to ensure that no athlete is forgotten by ensuring that every child who wants to play volleyball has a chance to do so.

Janet brought a level of professionalism to the NAVC club that has set the standard for other clubs in the province to emulate. Her willingness to share club policies and work in association with other clubs to develop their own governance and procedures has set a positive example for future programs. While developing these strong bonds with other clubs and Alberta Volleyball, Janet managed to create new teams, to ensure as many athletes had an opportunity to play volleyball. The objective of her goal was to instill the love of volleyball in as many players as possible while expanding the volleyball community in Alberta.

Janet recognized that with expansion there would be a need for facilities to accommodate the sport and her club. When the opportunity for a world-class volleyball facility came to fruition, Janet eagerly became a member of the Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society Board. Her work on the Saville Community Sport Centre was instrumental in engaging the volleyball community to support the project both financially and through volunteer involvement. She has helped build a home for NAVC and ensured that volleyball athletes in the province have a world-class facility to compete in.

Janet has worked tirelessly to promote the sport of volleyball, ensuring that the experience is positive for coaches, athletes and their families.



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Official

Karl Hiebert

Karl Hiebert is an officiating fixture when it comes to volleyball in Alberta. His dedication and commitment have seen him involved for more than twenty years, actively officiating at all levels of the sport and also working administratively as the Zone Officials Chairperson for Southern Alberta.


On the court, Karl is a steadfast and consistent referee, handling all matches in a calm manner. He dedicates himself to ensuring all regions of Southern Alberta have an official in place, often times giving up his evenings and weekends traveling to different communities and rural locations. When not actively officiating within the boundaries of his own zone, Karl can often be found assisting the neighboring regions of Medicine Hat and Calgary.

Off the court, Karl recognizes the need for quality officiating and commits vast quantities of time and energy to the recruitment and retention of officials. On an annual basis, he acts as the lead clinician for both level one and level two development opportunities. In addition to his committed time involved in clinics, Karl spends countless hours actively mentoring and fostering the development of established officials. As a result of his efforts, the southern region has seen continuous growth in the areas of recruitment and retention of officials.

While Karl is dedicated to the growth of young officials, he has not forgotten about the importance of senior officials development in the region. Over the last few seasons, Karl has been a strong supporter of employing elite officiating opportunities into the local development model. This venture has proven successful with the addition of five regional officials and four others actively working to enter the 2013-14 program.

Recently retired from a thirty-year teaching career, one would presume Karl to relax and enjoy his free time. That however is not the case. Karl's passion for officiating extends to multiple sports including hockey (thirty years), slo-pitch and fastball (seventeen years), track and field (seven years) and soccer (five years).

For his continuing endeavors and long-term commitment to volleyball and sport, the Alberta Volleyball Officials Association is pleased to recognize Karl Hiebert as the recipient of the 2012-13 Mikasa Achievement Award for Official of the Year.



Mikasa Achievement Awards

15U/16U Female Team Coach of the Year

Raynell Lavertu Prince- Dino Women's Volleyball Club

Raynell has a dynamic history in volleyball. Before her club coaching career flourished, Raynell played: Team Alberta Indoor, Canada Games Beach, Team Canada Junior National Team and 5 years with the University of Calgary Dinos.

Raynell's experience and dedication to the sport of volleyball and to her team of young athletes this season has been remarkable. Coaching a group of 16U girls is no easy task yet Raynell established a great connection with each athlete and earned their admiration. Raynell incorporated fair play time, allowing each athlete to contribute to the collective, by encouraging each player to become better. At the start of the season Raynell set a standard for her team of respecting both one another and others in the sport. She led by example as she created a climate of respect within the team and the entire volleyball community.

As most coaches do, Raynell invested countless hours of her time teaching and mentoring her team, however what sets Raynell apart is her technical knowledge and her natural ability to teach. Her athletes enjoy her teaching style, respect and trust her opinion. This allowed her to take the athletes out of their comfort zone and question their intentions, and choices with each skill execution. The athletes in turn, learned to question, and can reflect and grow independently in the sport they love.

Raynell's rare teaching talent was not only effective, but her positive and encouraging coaching style allowed her to instill discipline, empowered the girls to believe in their ability to be great players that exude confidence. That is incredibly difficult to achieve with 16U girls and will forever impact their self-esteem and character.

The athletes, parents, and club are fortunate to have Raynell shaping their journey in volleyball.



Mikasa Achievement Awards

15U/16U Male Team Coach of the Year

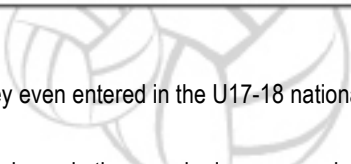
Allan Coulter- Calgary Coult's

Al Coulter is a man who many would say volleyball is in his DNA. He has been dedicated to the sport from the first moment he touched a volleyball in grade 10, to being the longest standing member and captain of our National Team. Al played on Canada's Men's National Volleyball Team from 1979 to 1992. He is considered one of the senior statesmen of the program having competed in over 735 international volleyball matches. His experience and leadership qualities led to his selection as Team Captain from 1988 - 1992. He competed in both the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. He is described as the 'quickest hitting middle blocker' Canada has ever had in volleyball. Known for his work ethic, his quickness and agility, Al was a formidable international competitor who is described as a force on the court; living proof of the power of confidence, desire and hard work.¹ Al still continues to play in the Masters division, including participating in the upcoming World Master Games in Torino Italy. His attitude and passion for the game as an athlete is what continues to influence his positive coaching style.

Al spent many years with the Canuck Volleyball Club coaching his own children as they fell in love with the sport too. It is his love of the game and his insight that sets him apart as such a successful coach. This insight transforms every player he gets the opportunity to work with, in particular he is able to see potential in many kids that would be otherwise over looked or underdeveloped and he works with each individually to achieve their full capabilities.

Resigning from the Canucks Club 2 years ago, Al formed the Calgary Coult's out of a desire to create a place where U15 boys who otherwise didn't make alternate club teams, would have a place to play the sport they love. The Coult's was a new opportunity for Al who believed that U15 was too young to say they didn't have what it takes, or a place to play. Al's reputation preceded him, as athletes drove in to Calgary from over 100km away to play for Al and his club. "He legitimately wants his players to get better, be active participants and to stay engaged in the sport" stated Corey Dueck, Assistant coach, Calgary Coult's. "Practices are designed around as many ball contacts as possible, while at competitions he ensures everyone contributes to [the teams] successes." Al encourages his athletes to take risks regardless of outcome. This environment seems to significantly give his athletes more confidence and allows them to explore creative ways to succeed.

Al guided this young group of athletes from last in the province – to finishing 3rd at provincials. Belief in these athletes, solid foundational skills along with Al's commitment and passion is what fueled this team. This past year, these young athletes continued to



grow and excel finishing 2nd in the province. They even entered in the U17-18 nationals and finished with a Gold in tier 4

Al's dedication to his athletes' spreads far beyond reps in the gym, he is concerned with not only developing strong athletes, but also great people. His goal is to transfer the many life lessons that can be learned from sport to his players. He ensures that his players lead a balanced life between volleyball, school, and life events. He takes the time to individually meet with the boys after each tournament and talk about their playing, goals, any challenges and how he can help.

¹ Biography, Alberta Hall of Fame



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17U/18U Female Team Coach of the Year

Lindsay Jones – Park Heat


Lindsay Jones wasn't sure if she was going to coach a club team this season. However, a group of girls she had known since they were 13 years old made an impassioned plea for her to coach them one last time. Thus, a circle was closed on a journey that started at 14U and ended with an 18U Provincial silver medal team that learned far more about life than about winning.

A setter for Medicine Hat College from 2001-2003, Lindsay capitalized on her college experience, earned her NCCP level II coaching certification, and joined the 14U Park Heat in 2009. That season Lindsay lead the team to a provincial gold medal and 5th place finish at nationals, she followed up next season by advancing to the national semi-finals, eventually finishing 4th.

When Lindsay agreed to coach the 18U team in the 2013 season, the team had a common goal; they didn't want to have a "win at all costs" mentality for their last club season. Most of the team had already experienced this at one point or another in volleyball or other sports. Instead, they wanted someone who would make them all feel part of the team, would ask them all to contribute to the team's goals, and would make them all feel like they were key components in the team's success. Lindsay's coaching values were tailor-made for her team. She consistently took the right path instead of the easy one and thus exceeded expectations. She gave the team support and direction when needed and allowed the girls to grow throughout the season as athletes.

As a special needs teacher, Lindsay sees the value and ability in everyone and draws out those abilities in her class and on the volleyball court. The season was all about giving a group of great kids one last shot to be together and the results of Lindsay's coaching were readily apparent. Lindsay created a group that played as a team and were effective on the court winning gold in Premier 2 and only a couple of points shy of winning gold at the AVA Provincial Championships. She put players in a variety of positions and developed team depth that allowed the girls to overcome injury and illnesses.

Throughout the season the team learned lessons far more valuable than win-loss records that they will carry with them throughout their young lives. Lindsay's coaching ethics, values, and abilities allowed her club and high school teams to exceed expectations and excel at the highest levels. While the team was ecstatic with their on-court performance, they are grateful to have spent such a fine season with their coach and friend.



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17U/18U Male Team Coach of the Year

Jace Barros – FOG Black

There is no question that Jace Barros is a skilled and knowledgeable coach. However having been nominated last season by his 16U team, and now again this year speaks for his unyielding commitment and dedication to his team and their appreciation for him as a friend and mentor.

Jace began his volleyball career on the Sr. Boys team at St. FX; a team he has also coached for the past four years. He played a large part in building a strong volleyball program there, marked by the team's City Championship for Edmonton Metro League in 2009. In 2010, Jace brought his passion for the sport to the FOG Volleyball Club, where he led a group of relatively inexperienced 14U boys to a gold medal at the Alberta Volleyball Provincial Championship. In 2012 Jace guided his athletes to grow tremendously in skill and character, culminating in a 16U Division 1, Tier 2 Gold Medal at the Canadian Open Championships in Toronto.

The success of each team Jace coaches is largely attributable to the strong relationship he builds with his athletes. Jace has mastered a unique ability to mentor his players while remaining friendly and approachable.

Jace has been known to set a positive example for behavior on and off the court; he teaches his athletes responsibility and treats players, referees, parents, and other coaches with respect. He always approaches a situation professionally; he encourages athletes to participate in other sports, and arranges scheduling conflicts appropriately and fairly. He never loses his temper, and is equally dedicated to each player's development. These qualities have allowed Jace to create a team atmosphere that is conducive to building self-confidence and strong camaraderie between players. He works hard to earn the respect of his players and, as a result, each athlete works hard to earn his.

This season, coaching the 17U/18U age class added new challenges and opportunities for Jace. It allowed him to continue to educate and advance his knowledge of the sport. Often Jace would spend time in other coaches' gyms or you would find him reviewing video in order to grow as a coach, and to create tactical advantages for his team. All this time certainly paid off as Jace helped his team to become both Provincial and National Champions.



Mikasa Achievement Awards

16U Female Athlete of the Year

Tessa Hill – Canuck Stuff

Disciplined, Competitive Fire and Self-Belief are attributes that best describe Tessa Hill when she plays volleyball.

Tessa attends and played this past season for William Aberhart High School. She was awarded MVP and All Star status for all the tournaments their team attended, including the 4A City Championships for which her team won. As the captain of this team, which accomplished an undefeated season, Tessa has shown that she understands clearly that in order to compete at the elite level, you have to perform. She also humbly recognizes that her team is far more important than her own individual accomplishments.

When Tessa chose to continue to play with Canuck Stuff Volleyball Club this season, she did so with the conviction to contribute whole-heartedly in the teams' pursuit for success. There were other clubs that offered her an opportunity to play however Tessa rose to the challenge of the road less travelled. This is a testament to her loyalty in character and considerate personality.

When John Slauenwhite, her Team Alberta Coach, asked Tessa about the possibility of returning to play for a second year, Tessa was very excited to be returning. In her eyes, her job was to be a leader. Tessa mentioned that she wants to be part of a support system for many of the younger athletes and that she wants to show them the "Team Alberta Way".

Tessa is comfortable in her leadership role and takes that role very seriously. She inspires those around her by her work ethic and the expectations for which she holds herself accountable. Alberta Volleyball Provincial Team coach Rod Walsh stated "One of the things [he] looks for when watching athletes compete is the reaction of an athlete to someone else's success. It was such a pleasure to watch Tessa when one of her teammates did something well. You could see that she genuinely enjoyed and delighted in her teammates accomplishments. Tessa gets what Team is about and she will continue to be an integral part of many future teams to come."



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16U Male Athlete of the Year

Carter McIntyre- NAVC Gold Bears

When Carter made his high schools senior team this past season in grade 10 his development excelled both competitively and skillfully. Carter's dedication and desire routinely raise his level of play to a competitive nature regardless of the event. He's not afraid to become a motivator and leader on any of the teams he plays for as leadership comes naturally to him.

Carter assisted his NAVC Club team in the Alberta Volleyball Association Premier tournaments to win 2 Bronze and 1 Gold medal. A lot of his team's success was made easier by Carter's offensive contribution. He was often counted upon to score in dire situations. He commanded attention from his opponent and rarely was taken off the court due to his consistency and reliability as a teammate. The team continued on to win the Provincial Championships where Carter was named tournament All Star.

Being a high level multi-sport athlete can be challenging due to the time commitment put towards staying at the top of each sport. Carter has proven an innate ability to not only constantly improve his own skills, but also continue to be an integral part of his team's success. According to assistant coach Devon Shanks "Carter gets along very well with all his teammates and is very coachable."

The Gold Bears assistant coach Gustavo Tenorio shares how "Carter has always shown a great deal of respect towards the coaching staff, volunteers, parents, teammates and opponents. On the court he always made himself available when the team needed him, which continues to show his leadership skills, athleticism, excellent technique, outstanding performance and confidence for such a young man."

As a member of Team Alberta Provincial Team Program, Alberta Volleyball looks forward to assisting Carter in his pursuits in the sport, as he continues to contribute to the successes of the programs for which he is involved.



Mikasa Achievement Awards

18U Female Athlete of the Year

Mariah Walsh –Cougars Volleyball Club

Mariah Walsh is an exemplary athlete in every facet. She has a talent for volleyball that is recognized by all, a desire and effort that is seen by few, and leadership that is far beyond her years.

“Mariah is the most dedicated volleyball player I have ever come in contact with. Her passion for the sport is infectious and can be proven with the huge success she has already had at such a young age. She has already represented Canada as captain of the Junior National Team and has won multiple national championships all before graduating high school.” Melanie Miazga (coach)

This club season was the first time that Mariah was the oldest athlete on the team. The opportunity allowed Mariah to refine and enhance her leadership skills. She consistently demanded the best from herself and her teammates and as her Coach Pierre Rocque said, “Not very often do you find an athlete of Mariah’s caliber at such a young age.”

Even though Mariah is such an accomplished athlete already, she continually finds ways to go above and beyond what is required of her as an athlete and teammate. She embraced her role as captain on the Cougars 18u team and led by example both on and off the court. In addition to being a dedicated athlete, Mariah is also devoted academically. Mariah continually invites her teammates to take part in workouts outside of normal practice time and made the effort to personally get to know each individual teammate. Her commitment to the team helped shape the culture and identity of the program in its inaugural year.

Mariah’s personality and character is something to be commended. She is loyal, honest, dependable, responsible and compassionate. She displays integrity in all areas of her life, which will create many opportunities for success, as she continues to pursue her goals.

Mariah possesses both the skills and the determination to be the best. She couples this with a respectful attitude away from the court. Recognized by Canada’s National Team, Mariah was invited to the Senior tryout camp as a high school aged athlete. If this is any indication, Mariah will have a bright future in Volleyball.



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18U Male Athlete of the Year

Levi Wolthuis – NAVC Gold Bears


Levi began playing volleyball at the age of four. His older brothers played club and school volleyball, and when they would practice in the yard; he was commissioned to shag balls in return for a nickel. Levi has since elevated his participation and has completed his 6th season with the NAVC Bears. Levi has played all of his junior and senior high school volleyball as a starting middle. He participated in Alberta Winter Games, was a member on the Alberta Provincial teams as a 17U, 18U and is currently a member of the 21U Canada Summer Games team.

This club season Levi contributed to his team's success that eventually led them to a national silver medal. They had won 3 AVA premier tournaments, the "Best of the West" tournament, and the Provincial Championships. As a 6'7" middle Levi's intensity and drive on the court is felt by all. "His leadership style is a rare thing in today's teenage sports. He is the embodiment of the saying; lead by example, as he pushes himself and those around him play their best and it is done through positive interaction." Mark Maris, NAVC 18U Gold Bears, Head Coach.

Levi is a mentally strong player whose desire to succeed supersedes other emotions allowing him to handle pressure situations. Levi strives to not only improve his own skill level, but demands those around him to develop along with him. "...[Levi] is a great motivator to his teammates as he is the first to put forth an effort and first to commend the efforts of his team-mates. Through hard work and natural talent... he will continue to improve because of his willingness to work hard in every opportunity whether it be practice or in games." Ryan Flannigan, NAVC 18U Gold Bears, Assistant Coach. Levi stands up for his teammates, treats them with respect, and as a result is looked to be leader on his team.

Embracing this leadership role, Levi represents the team as captain with utmost respect for officials and opposing players.

Levi is an outstanding young man on and off the court. Despite his large stature he is far from intimidating as he is always looking to help those around him. He is often seen laughing and playing along with teammates and the opposition. His name is respected for his demeanor, and feared for his strong abilities. Levi is truly a unique young man and is deserving of the Alberta Volleyball Association, Mikasa Achievement Award.





Hall of Fame Awards

Builder

Jan Patterson

Jan Patterson is the perfect example of someone who volunteers for an event, gets 'bitten by the bug' of the event and its excitement, and ends up being a key part of the organizing group for years and years!

In 1972, the Alberta Volleyball Association (AVA) and the University of Alberta, jointly hosted the Canadian Volleyball Association (CVA) senior volleyball championships in Edmonton. The 'Nationals' as the championship were called at the time, were the big annual culminating tournament in Canadian volleyball. The championships attracted 20 men's and 20 women's teams that year from all across Canada along with an army of officials, coaches, and managers. CVA meetings were also part of the event.


An event like that takes numerous volunteers and when a friend invited her along to help out with administrative tasks Jan enthusiastically stepped forward and as the old saying goes, 'the rest is history!'

Immediately following the 1972 'Nationals' she got involved with the Edmonton Phoenix Volleyball Club as social convener and by the beginning of the 1980's she had become the club's President. She was an important part of that club which provided a model for others to form clubs and generally encouraged club development in the province.

The AVA, because of Jan's willingness to be involved, was the real beneficiary of her organizational talents. In 1975 she became the Provincial Tournament coordinator and held various positions on the AVA Executive for 20 consecutive years—truly an amazing commitment. Here is a rundown of her service to the AVA and volleyball in Alberta:

- 1975-76 to 1977-78 – AVA Provincial Tournament Coordinator
- 1978-79 to 1983-84 - Secretary/Registrar for the AVA
- 1984-85 to 1990-91 – Vice-President Administration for the AVA
- 1991-92 to 1994-95 – AVA representative to the CVA

In the mid-seventies the Province of Alberta commenced staging the Alberta Summer Games and Winter Games. Volleyball was in the Winter Games. There were many ramifications of this Alberta Games initiative but the major one was the province being divided into 8 zones. Jan had to make sure there was a representative team from each of the 8 zones, and to do that, qualification tournaments had to be held in each zone – a major coordinating effort. Jan's pioneering work was sound and got things started on the right foot. Indoor volleyball is now part of the Alberta Winter Games and beach volleyball part of the Summer Games.



In 1976 the Volleyball Organizing Committee at the Montreal Olympics came calling and Jan was asked to travel to Montreal to work in the volleyball secretariat. Her administrative abilities learned with the AVA helped the Olympic volleyball competition function smoothly.

In 1983 Edmonton hosted the World University Games (Universiade) and volleyball was one of the premiere events in those Games. Again Jan was one of the leaders from the AVA to help stage the volleyball competition by taking on the position of volleyball co-chair. The Universiade '83 volleyball competition was truly a significant milestone in the development of the sport in the province.

Jan found the time to help at the grass roots level as well. In the beginning days of the Jasper Volleyball Camp in the 1970's she spent parts of six summers at the camp ensuring that the players and coaches had a good experience. In 1986 she took on the Manager's job of the Alberta provincial men's team at the Western Canada Summer games.

The AVA has been very fortunate to have Jan Patterson dedicate so many years to our sport. Because of the longevity of her commitment one could label her 'The Connector'. She got involved in the seventies when the surge in the popularity of volleyball was happening and the AVA was a completely volunteer driven organization. She stayed on until professional staff was hired by the AVA. The transition from running an organization from the kitchen table has given way to a strong association with administrative offices and full-time office staff thanks to people like Jan Patterson.



Award Recipients

2012 Mikasa Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Derek Meeuwisse
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Beth Vinnell
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Brett Walsh
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Alexa Gray
15U/16U Male Team Coach of the Year - Jace Barros
15U/16U Female Team Coach of the Year - Reid Brodie
17U/18U Male Team Coach of the Year - Mark Maris
17U/18U Female Team Coach of the Year - Jamie Bach
Official of the Year - Pam Rintoul
Volunteer of the Year - Laura Vaillant

2011 Mikasa Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Ryan Nickifor
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Courtney Yoo
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Blake Hinchey
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Alissa Coulter
15U/16U Male Team Coach of the Year - Candace Greves
15U/16U Female Team Coach of the Year - Dusty Freimark
17U/18U Male Team Coach of the Year - Howard Gelderman
17U/18U Female Team Coach of the Year - Rob Ellis
Official of the Year - Mike Malowany
Volunteer of the Year - Brenda Jones

2010 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Brett Walsh
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Kacey Otto
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Zach Brown
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Carly Hamilton
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Mark Maris
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Linda Richter
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Tyler Myroniuk
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Tracy Keats
Official of the Year - Ashley Fox
Volunteer of the Year - Sai Wong

2009 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Jackson Maris
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Kyjsa Brkich
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Jarron Mueller
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Camille Saxton
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - David Jones
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - LeAnn Kinvig
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Jeremy Deeks
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Reid Brodie
Official of the Year - Arch Beck
Volunteer of the Year - Heather Wishlow

2008 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Branden Schmidt
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Jordhynn Guy
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Jeremy Potter
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Kaylene Ehret
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Steve Weinbeer
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Tracy Keats
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Brad Poplawski
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Don Saxton
Official of the Year - JP Desaulniers
Volunteer of the Year - Candice Sylvester

2007 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Jarron Mueller
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Dione Lang
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Ciaran McGovern
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Jamie Thibeault
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Howard Gelderman
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Pat Pyne
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Ian Bennett
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Gisele Kreuger
Official of the Year - Neal Konowalyk
Volunteer of the Year - Don Hutton

2006 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Jarrod Offereins
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Camille Saxton
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Tanner Nault
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Tiffany Proudfoot
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Dale Gullekson
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Alex Melynk
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Gord Bocock
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Chris Wandler
Official of the Year - Tammy McNally
Volunteer of the Year - Terry Noble

2005 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Paul Lindemulder
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Jaryn Ruether
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Thomas Jarmoc
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Raynell Lavertu
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Darryl Tetz
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Bob Gabruck
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Ryan Marsden
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Rob Lindberg
Official of the Year - Sherri Weed
Volunteer of the Year - Matt Stayner

2004 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Ben Saxton
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Jackie Gagnon
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Lauren Perry
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Art O'Dwyer
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Grace Scott
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Tyson Waters
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Linda Merrick
Official of the Year - Glenn Johnston
Volunteer of the Year - John Findlay

2003 Tachikara Award Recipients:

16 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Colin Bell
16 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Kristy Anderson
18 & Under Male Athlete of the Year - Mark Thibeault
18 & Under Female Athlete of the Year - Carolyn Macdonald
16 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Ian Kulmatycki
16 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Heather McIntosh
18 & Under Male Team Coach of the Year - Mike Lauzon
18 & Under Female Team Coach of the Year - Craig Gattinger
Official of the Year - Scott McLean
Volunteer of the Year - Kathy Van Humbeck



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