

2025

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Deerfoot Inn & Casino

Calgary, Alberta



Volleyball Alberta Hall of Fame Inductees

YEAR	ATHLETE	BUILDER	COACH	TEAM	REFEREE
2025			Ken Briggs		Scott McLean
2024	Blair Bann	Leigh Goldie	Laurie Eisler		
2023					Debbie Jackson
2019			Ron Thomson		
2018	Katrina von Sass	Bruce Edwards			
2017	Suzette Cooke	Wes King-Hunter			
2016	Tracy Mills				
2015	Bonnie MacRae-Kilb				
2014	John Paulsen		Greg Ryan	FOG Masters Women	
2013		Jan Patterson			
2012	Christy Hansen	Bob Gabruck	Dave Johnson		Harold Mori
2011	Jenny Cartmell	Dave Ross Doreen Ross			
2010	Kevin Boyles	Don Saxton		MRC Cougars Men	Glen McKay
2009	Kent Greves	George Tokarsky	Howard Rasmussen	Red Deer Kings (1999-2007)	Marilyn Bratton
2008	Randy Gingera	Al James	Keith Hansen	FOG Senior Men	
2007	Errol Miller	Myrna Empey	Calvin Aubin	Red Deer Queens	Lynda Ward
2006	Kathy Tough	John Pierre Baudin	Lance Adamson	Canuck Stuff Sr. Men (91-98)	Basil Barnes
2005	Terry Danyluk	Bob Bratton	Cor Ouwerkerk	NAVC Gold 18U Men (1995-2001)	Larry Lerbekmo
2004	Barb Broen Al Taylor	Hugh Hoyles Theresa Maxwell	Lorne Sawula Brian Watson	U of A Pandas (1994-2000) Older but Wiser	Bill Ward



VOLLEYBALL ALBERTA
MIKASA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
& HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION BANQUET

Saturday, June 21, 2025
Calgary, AB

6:30 PM Reception

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Awards

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2024 BEACH ATHLETES

**AIMEE LAYZELL & SARAH THOMPSON
MASON DOERING**

2025 INDOOR SEASON

15U/16U ATHLETES

**SADIE DESCHIPPER
CHARLIE BERNARDIN**

17U/18U ATHLETES

**BROOKE FERMANIUK
SILAS SCHALK**

DEVELOPMENT COACHES

**ALYSSA RAB
SHERWAINE ARTHURS**

PERFORMANCE COACHES

**LORI KUBE
KYLE HAZLEHURST**

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

COREY COWPER

REFEREE (DEVELOPMENT)

MARIANNA KORNLYO

REFEREE (PERFORMANCE)

GREG HAWTHORN

VC DENNIS POMEROY LEADERSHIP

JENNA NICHOL

VC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

SCOTT MCLEAN

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**REFEREE
COACH**

**SCOTT MCLEAN
KEN BRIGGS**

2024 beach Women's Division



Aimee Layzell & Sarah Thompson

Aimee Layzell and Sarah Thompson have set a new standard for excellence in youth beach volleyball in Alberta. As teammates on the 16U Team Alberta Beach program, their chemistry, focus, and drive led them to dominate the 2024 season - capturing multiple provincial and national titles.

Together, Aimee and Sarah won two VA Beach Tour Gold Medals, clinched 16U Youth Provincial Gold, and capped off their season with a national title, taking home 16U Youth Nationals Gold. Their consistency and composure in high-pressure moments reflected not just skill, but trust - in themselves, in their partnership, and in the process.

Known for their work ethic, leadership, and humility, Aimee and Sarah approached every tournament as an opportunity to grow. They're praised by coaches and teammates for their deep commitment to learning and their relentless positivity, even in tough matches. As one mentor put it, "Their trust, passion, and perseverance serve as an inspiring example to all their peers."

With bright futures ahead, both athletes have already proven themselves as leaders in the sand. Whether it's the results they earned or the way they supported each other through the season, Aimee and Sarah are exactly what this award is meant to recognize.

Volleyball Alberta is proud to name Aimee Layzell and Sarah Thompson the 2024 Beach Athletes of the Year - Women's Division.

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2024 beach Men's Division



Mason Doering

Mason Doering has emerged as one of Alberta's top young beach volleyball athletes - a dedicated, disciplined competitor whose growth has been guided by a powerful mix of drive, humility, and coachability.

In 2024, Mason achieved major milestones on the national and international stage. He won the U19 Beach World Championship Qualifier in Toronto alongside partner Brandon Burnside, earning the right to represent Canada 1 at the U19 Beach World Championships in Shangluo, China. His poise under pressure and tactical skill was impressive on the world stage, reflecting the maturity of a player far beyond his years.

Back home, Mason continued to shine, winning the 18U Youth Provincial Gold Medal and being selected to represent Alberta at the 2025 Canada Summer Games. Most recently, he was named to Volleyball Canada's National Beach Summer Program, a testament to his rising profile in the national beach landscape.

Mason also balances a strong indoor volleyball career while attending York University, showcasing his versatility and commitment to high-level performance across both disciplines of the game. Coaches praise Mason's technical ability, competitive mindset, and above all, his coachability - a quality that has made him not just a great athlete, but a great teammate.

For his exceptional 2024 season and continued development, Volleyball Alberta is proud to name Mason Doering the 2024 Beach Athlete of the Year - Men's Division.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 indoor 15U / 16U Athlete



Sadie DeSchipper

South Peace Volleyball Club (SPVC)

Sadie DeSchipper has emerged as one of Alberta's most dominant and well-rounded athletes in the 16U category - a powerhouse on the court and a humble leader off it. Representing the South Peace Volleyball Club (SPVC), Sadie helped lead her team to a Division 1 Provincial Championship for the second year in a row, capping off a season that included one Premier gold, three Premier silver medals, and a remarkable 59-5 team record.

A versatile force who has excelled as both a middle blocker and left side hitter, Sadie brings power, poise, and deep game knowledge to every match. Coaches describe her as "unstoppable," a cerebral player with imposing physicality and a clutch mindset. Whether she's slamming an untouchable attack, sealing the net with a block, or launching a dominant service run, Sadie's presence is undeniable. Her leadership was also instrumental in SPVC's gold medal performance at the 2025 Classique de Volleyball Rouge et Or in Quebec City. But her contributions go beyond statistics. Sadie is known for arriving early, putting in extra time, encouraging teammates, and treating every practice and tournament as an opportunity to grow. Her maturity, discipline, and quiet confidence inspire those around her. She leads not with volume, but with presence, consistency, and heart.

A standout student as well, Sadie maintains academic honours while training at a high level, including strength sessions at NWP College. Her goal to compete at the post-secondary level is driven by a deep love for the sport and an unmatched work ethic.

Whether she's helping her team to a win or lighting up the court with a smile, Sadie DeSchipper is a true student of the game and a deserving recipient of the 2025 Mikasa Achievement Award -15U/16U Athlete of the Year.

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2025 indoor 15U / 16U Athlete

Charlie Bernardin

NOOKS Volleyball Club (NOOKS)



Charlie Bernardin's volleyball journey is one of rare talent, relentless growth, and quiet leadership. From his first touches in junior high to captaining his team to a Division 1 Provincial Championship this season, Charlie has consistently stood out for his athletic excellence, mental toughness, and unshakable humility.

Currently the captain and starting P1 for the NOOKS U16 Men's Team, Charlie helped lead his squad to a remarkable year - gold at Provincials, silver and gold finishes at Premier events, and a top-5 national ranking. He was named a Provincial All-Star for his clutch performances and was recently invited to the Team Alberta 16U training camp - a testament to his next-level potential.

Charlie's path through the sport has been impressive. In Grade 10, he earned a starting role on Salisbury Composite High School's Senior Men's Team - competing against Alberta's top athletes and excelling as a sophomore. At the junior high level, he helped Fultonvale School win three straight undefeated seasons, rising from a lanky newcomer to an MVP-caliber player known for his precision, high volleyball IQ, and team-first mindset.

What sets Charlie apart, according to coaches, is not just his skill, but his leadership. He leads warmups, encourages teammates, holds himself accountable, and never stops learning. Despite his success, he is the most coachable player on the court - composed under pressure, respectful, and constantly evolving.

Volleyball Alberta is proud to recognize Charlie Bernardin as the 2025 Mikasa Achievement Award recipient - 15U/16U Athlete of the Year.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 indoor 17U / 18U Athlete



Brooke Fermaniuk

Dinos Women's Volleyball Club (DINOS)

Brooke Fermaniuk has emerged as one of Alberta's top 18U athletes during the 2024-2025 season, showcasing a level of consistency, technical skill, and leadership that sets her apart.

As a standout outside hitter with the Dinos Volleyball Club, Brooke played a central role in her team's success on the Volleyball Alberta Premier Series circuit, consistently performing in Division 1 and demonstrating her ability to lead under pressure. Known for her explosive jump serve, smart offensive choices, and rock-solid passing, Brooke has developed into one of the most complete players in her age group.

Her volleyball IQ, competitive mindset, and calm presence make her an anchor both on the court and in the locker room. Coaches and teammates alike describe her as focused, hardworking, and a true leader - someone who leads by example and raises the standard for those around her.

Brooke's achievements in 2024-2025 are the result of years of dedication and a deep love for the game. She's admired not just for her talent, but for her humility and professionalism - traits that will no doubt continue to serve her well in the next phase of her volleyball career.

Volleyball Alberta is proud to honour Brooke Fermaniuk as the 2025 Mikasa Achievement Award Recipient – 17U/18U Athlete of the Year.

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2025 indoor 17U / 18U Athlete

Silas Schalk

Northern Alberta Volleyball Club (NAVC)



Few athletes have had the kind of consistent, well-rounded, and high-impact career that Silas Schalk has had at the 18U level. A standout setter and co-captain for NAVC's 18U men's team, Silas has built a reputation as one of Canada's top setting prospects, known for his volleyball intelligence, leadership, and game-changing versatility.

This past season, Silas helped lead NAVC to a Division 1 Provincial Championship, earning his second consecutive Provincial All-Star selection in the process. Operating in a 6-2 system, he not only led the team in assists, but also recorded a .340 hitting percentage and ranked second on the team in blocks. His offensive instincts, combined with elite court vision and tactical execution, made him a central figure in every game - especially during high-pressure moments.

Silas spent the past two years training in Volleyball Canada's National Excellence Program (NEP) in Gatineau, earning national recognition for his skill and leadership. His commitment to growth, both technical and personal, has made him a player that others want to follow, and one that every coach wants on their team.

Silas's impact stretches far beyond the court. He is a vocal, respected leader whose teammates selected him as captain multiple years in a row - a reflection of his character, selflessness, and integrity. He uplifts those around him, leads by example, and helps foster a culture of accountability and mutual respect.

Volleyball Alberta is proud to name Silas Schalk as the 2025 Mikasa Achievement Award recipient -17U/18U Athlete of the Year.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 indoor Coach - Development



Alyssa Rab

East Alberta Volleyball Club (EAVC)

Alyssa Rab is a transformational coach and mentor who has helped shape the East Alberta Volleyball Club (EAVC) into a thriving hub for rural athletes in and around Provost, AB. Her influence is felt not only through her technical instruction and team success, but in the way she builds trust, confidence, and personal growth in every athlete she coaches.

A former ACAC standout at The King's University from 2009 to 2014, Alyssa was a team captain, multi-year MVP, and one of the top middle blockers in the conference by the end of her career. She began coaching while still an athlete and has continued to build on that foundation ever since. She was selected for the CCAA's Female Apprentice Coach Program in 2014 and has since earned multiple certifications while serving in coaching and mentorship roles at both the youth and post-secondary levels.

Currently serving as Club Director and 18U Head Coach at EAVC, Alyssa is known for creating highly intentional and holistic development programs. Her athletes benefit from technical and tactical instruction, mental training, strength and conditioning, individualized recovery plans, and strong academic-athletic balance. She also empowers assistant coaches to grow and leads club-wide initiatives like leadership booklets and performance workshops. Her coaching extends far beyond the gym. She supports athletes navigating injury, burnout, and even the post-secondary recruitment process - investing time after practice to open doors and provide personalized mentorship. She is trusted by players, respected by parents, and admired by colleagues for her ability to foster team culture, personal resilience, and long-term love for the sport.

For her extraordinary contributions to youth development, Volleyball Alberta proudly recognizes Alyssa Rab as the 2025 Development Coach of the Year.

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2025 indoor Coach - Development

Sherwaine Arthurs

FOGG Volleyball Club (FOGG)



Sherwaine Arthurs is widely recognized as a transformative force in youth volleyball - a coach, mentor, and leader who brings nearly two decades of experience and innovation to the court. As Head Coach and Program Coordinator for FOGG Volleyball Club, Sherwaine has designed a comprehensive, research-based development curriculum tailored for athletes aged 11-16. His approach blends technical instruction, tactical awareness, and mental performance training - all delivered with compassion, humour, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every athlete.

A graduate of the University of Alberta's Master of Coaching program, Sherwaine has also served as a Principal Instructor in university-level coaching courses, and most recently held positions as an Assistant Coach with the U of A Golden Bears and Team Alberta in 2025. His vision for athlete development is both holistic and intentional - he emphasizes self-awareness, teamwork, and character just as much as skill acquisition and results.

In the FOGG gym, Sherwaine is known not just for running exceptional practices, but for cultivating resilient young leaders. He has also implemented coaching workshops for peers, equipping the entire club with tools to foster long-term development and consistency across all age groups. His athletes thrive under his leadership - both as players and as people. "He makes each one of them feel special," shared one parent.

For his thoughtful, progressive, and deeply personal contribution to youth volleyball in Alberta, Volleyball Alberta is proud to recognize Sherwaine Arthurs as the 2025 Development Coach of the Year.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 indoor Coach - Performance



Lori Kube

South East Alberta Volleyball Club (SEAVC)

Lori Kube has led one of the most inspiring team journeys in Alberta club volleyball — guiding the SEAVC Rattlers 16U Girls to the 2025 Volleyball Canada National Championship and cementing their place as one of the most consistent and competitive teams in the country. Starting in 2022 with a wide-eyed 13U team of first-time club players, Lori has grown with the group year by year, increasing both their competitive level and their belief in themselves. Her leadership has delivered medals at every stage: Silver at 14U Provincials, Bronze at 15U Nationals, Gold at Premier 1, and Gold at 2025 Nationals Tier 1, overcoming a tough Provincial Championship placement and proving their resilience on the biggest stage.

Lori's coaching is marked by high standards, adaptability, and deep care for her athletes. Her players describe her as “the coach who never stopped believing in us,” and parents credit her with helping their daughters grow not just as athletes, but as confident, resilient young women. From extra practices and mental training to team-building sleepovers and personalized recovery support, Lori is all-in.

Her ability to build a team culture is unmatched. SEAVC's 16U Gold played with intensity, humility, and trust - values Lori teaches and lives. Her players believe in each other because Lori instilled belief in them first.

Now a National Champion, Lori continues to raise the bar- not just for performance, but for what compassionate, athlete-first coaching can look like at the highest level.

Volleyball Alberta is proud to recognize Lori Kube as the 2025 Performance Coach of the Year.

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2025 indoor Coach - Performance



Kyle Hazlehurst

NOOKS Volleyball Club (NOOKS)

Kyle Hazlehurst has been a pillar in Alberta's volleyball community for over 20 years - a coach, builder, and mentor whose passion for developing athletes is matched only by his ability to bring people together. His coaching resume is extensive, spanning club, school, college, and provincial levels, but what truly defines Kyle is his joyful spirit, inclusive leadership, and lasting impact on everyone he coaches.

In the 2024-2025 season, Kyle has led both the 16U and 18U NOOKS men's teams with standout results. The 16U squad captured Division 1 Provincial Gold, Premier 2 Gold, and Premier 3 Silver, while his 18Us were ranked 6th heading into Provincials. He also is serving as an Assistant Coach for Team Alberta 16U Men and won Gold at the 2024 Alberta Winter Games as an assistant for Zone 6.

Beyond wins and medals, Kyle is deeply committed to athlete-centered coaching. As one of his former athletes shared, "He doesn't force you to improve - he makes you want to. He brings joy to the gym every day." He leads by example, fosters real connections, and helps athletes believe in themselves both on and off the court.

Kyle's legacy also extends into school sport and administration. As Athletic Director at Fultonvale School, he's led teams to undefeated seasons and over 25 championship banners. Whether mentoring first-time players, guiding elite club teams, or shaping school sport policy, Kyle does it with heart, humour, and purpose.

For his passion, excellence, and impact, Volleyball Alberta is proud to name Kyle Hazlehurst the 2025 Performance Coach of the Year.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 indoor Service Excellence



Corey Cowper

Lions Volleyball Club (LIONS)

Corey Cowper has spent more than 30 years shaping the volleyball community in Alberta - as a coach, mentor, educator, and tireless contributor to both the indoor and beach disciplines. A certified NCCP Performance Coach with a Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Sciences, Corey's technical knowledge is matched only by his passion for holistic athlete development and his belief in the power of sport to build character.

In 2024, Corey led the Lions Gold 18U Girls to a successful Division 1 campaign, where six of his players committed to post-secondary volleyball and two more entertained offers - a testament to his ability to foster competitive excellence and individual growth. On the beach side, Corey served as Team Alberta's 18U Men's Head Coach in 2023, guiding athletes to a provincial podium sweep and a 18U National Championship. One of his athletes also medaled at U21 Beach Nationals and represented Canada at the U21 World Championships.

Throughout his career, Corey has coached at every level - from school programs and club (Lions, Xtreme, 403 Selects, Dinos, and more), to post-secondary at Ambrose University, and provincial team programs with Volleyball Alberta.

More than just a coach, Corey is a respected mentor and leader who models kindness, patience, and integrity. He fosters autonomy in his athletes, encouraging creativity, adaptability, and ownership of their development. His athlete-centered approach is built on relationships, trust, and a deep commitment to long-term growth. As one former athlete shared, "He instilled values of discipline, teamwork, and integrity that profoundly impacted my personal growth."

For his outstanding contributions, unwavering dedication, and meaningful legacy, we are proud to present Corey Cowper with the 2025 Service Excellence Award.

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Congratulations!

**Cheers to reaching new heights
and inspiring others.**

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 indoor Referee - Development



Marianna Kornylo

Referee Zone 6 - Edmonton and Area

In just two short years, Marianna Kornylo has become one of the most respected and dependable referees in Alberta's officiating community. Since beginning her referee journey in 2022, Marianna has shown outstanding growth and commitment - working over 200 matches per season with professionalism, consistency, and care.

In the spring of 2024, Marianna earned her Level 2 badge - a milestone that reflects her dedication and skill. She is especially respected for her adaptability across levels, from junior high matches to university-level competitions, always bringing the same focus, integrity, and respect to the court.

Marianna is also a leading e-scorer in her zone, bringing a high level of technical proficiency and attention to detail to every assignment. Her skills were nationally recognized at the 2023 Beach Pro Tour in Edmonton, where she received top marks from FIVB International Referees and was selected for the Gold Medal match - a rare honour and a clear indicator of her potential on the international stage.

But it's not just her credentials that set Marianna apart - it's her character. She's known for her calm presence, excellent communication, and unwavering kindness. She creates a positive atmosphere for athletes, coaches, and fellow officials alike.

Marianna is the embodiment of what it means to be a developing referee: always learning, leading, and giving back to the sport. Her trajectory is steep, and her impact is already being felt across Alberta's volleyball community.

We are proud to honour Marianna Kornylo as the 2025 Referee of the Year - Development.

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2025 indoor Referee - Performance



Greg Hawthorn

Referee Zone 6 - Edmonton and Area

Since earning his certification in 2009, Greg Hawthorn has established himself as one of Alberta's premier high-performance referees - known for his poise, professionalism, and unshakable commitment to the craft. What began as a transition from playing due to injury has evolved into a remarkable officiating journey spanning youth nationals, ACAC, Canada West, international ParaVolley events, and gold medal matches across the country. Greg reached his National Level 4 certification in 2018 and has since officiated at the highest levels of indoor volleyball.

Highlights include serving as:

- First Referee for the 2024 CCAA Men's Championship Gold Medal Match
- Second Referee for the 2022 CCAA Women's Gold Medal Match
- First Referee for the 2023 Canada West Men's Quarterfinals

Greg has also emerged as a leader in ParaVolley, recently earning his World ParaVolley International Certification in Prague in 2024. He was selected as First Referee for the Women's European Silver League Final and again at the 2025 Invictus Games Gold Medal Match, in front of 5,000 fans - including Prince Harry.

But Greg's impact goes far beyond the whistle. He is a committed mentor, regularly teaching Level 1 and 2 clinics, guiding new officials, and supporting referee development during the club season. His approachable nature, encouragement, and dedication make him a role model across the referee community.

With a new international assignment on the horizon at the 2025 Pan American Zonal Championship, Greg's journey continues to inspire. For his excellence in performance, mentorship, and service, Volleyball Alberta proudly recognizes Greg Hawthorn as the 2025 Referee of the Year - Performance.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Volleyball Canada

Dennis Pomeroy Leadership Award

Jenna Nichol



Jenna Nichol has made a lasting impact on the development of referees in Alberta and across Canada - not just through programs and policies, but through the meaningful connections she builds with each official she mentors. Her work is rooted in empathy, integrity, and a relentless drive to create a better environment for everyone in the referee community.

As Calgary's Zone Referee Lead and Alberta's Provincial Lead for Women's Referee Development, Jenna has designed and led key programs focused on inclusion, confidence-building, and long-term growth. She was instrumental in the creation and continued success of the Women in Officiating Weekend (W.O.W.), now in its fourth year - a signature event that supports and celebrates women in officiating across the province.

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In addition to her grassroots efforts, Jenna has made a national impact. She mentors Level 4 referee candidates, advocates for referee rights and advancement, and supports the referee system through leadership roles and thoughtful mentorship. She earned her VC Referee Coaching Certificate in 2025 and has officiated at major events including the 2023 Canada Summer Games and international matches hosted in Alberta.

What makes Jenna truly stand out is her unwavering belief in the people behind the whistles. She empowers others to lead, builds pathways to excellence, and ensures that the referee community is one where everyone feels seen, supported, and set up to succeed.

For her extraordinary leadership and contributions to the growth of officiating in Canada, Volleyball Canada is proud to present the 2025 Dennis Pomeroy Leadership Award to Jenna Nichol.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Volleyball Canada

Lifetime Achievement Award



Scott McLean

Scott McLean has spent more than four decades shaping the landscape of volleyball officiating in Alberta, Canada, and around the world. His career is marked by an unwavering commitment to integrity, mentorship, and excellence - not just on the court, but in every role he has taken on behind the scenes.

Scott began officiating internationally in 1997 and quickly established himself as a respected leader within NORCECA, Pan American, World League, and FIVB competitions. His ability to perform with professionalism and precision on some of volleyball's biggest stages earned him a reputation as one of Canada's most consistent and trusted referees.

But Scott's legacy goes far beyond the international court. From local matches in Alberta to national committee rooms, he has dedicated his life to developing others. As Chair of Volleyball Canada's National Referee Committee (2020-2023), Scott championed a new era of referee development -

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one that prioritized mental performance, emotional regulation, and long-term mentorship systems. His contributions helped redefine what success and sustainability look like for officials across Canada.

In his many roles with Volleyball Alberta, Scott served as a coach, evaluator, clinician, and trusted mentor. His deep understanding of people and ability to navigate complex challenges made him a valued contributor to referee recruitment, retention, and education for decades.

The VC Lifetime Achievement Award is one of the highest honours Volleyball Canada can bestow - recognizing not only years of service, but deep and lasting influence on the sport. Scott's impact has elevated the standard of officiating across Canada and inspired generations of referees to lead with the same integrity, humility, and passion that have defined his career.

Volleyball Canada is proud to recognize Scott McLean as the recipient of the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2025 Hall of Fame

Referee



It started with a clipboard and a borrowed whistle - an invitation to stay involved in the game after injury ended his playing career. But what began as a temporary sideline would become a lifelong calling for Scott McLean, one of Canada's most accomplished and influential volleyball referees.

Over more than four decades, Scott has built a refereeing legacy that spans every level of the game - from school gyms in Alberta to the world stage. His international résumé includes Pan Am Games, NORCECA Championships, FIVB World League matches, and a long list of medal-round assignments that reflect both excellence and trust. In 2015, he made history as the first Canadian referee assigned to a Pan Am Games gold medal final.

But Scott's greatest contribution may be what happened between the matches: the moments spent coaching new officials, advocating for mentorship models, and quietly transforming how referees are supported across the country.

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Scott McLean



He chaired Volleyball Canada's National Referee Committee, where he championed new training frameworks that emphasized emotional regulation, mental focus, and long-term sustainability in officiating.

In Alberta, he has been a mentor, educator, and leader for decades - known not just for his rulebook knowledge, but for his fairness, humility, and unique ability to bring calm to high-pressure moments. His professional background in social work gave him an edge in communication, helping him guide referees not just in how to make calls, but how to handle conflict and grow through challenge.

Scott's induction into the Hall of Fame reflects not just a lifetime of service, but a lifetime of impact - on the game, on the profession of officiating, and on the people he helped along the way. Volleyball Alberta is proud to honour Scott McLean, Class of 2025.

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Coach



Ken Briggs has dedicated his life to developing athletes, building programs, and shaping the culture of volleyball in Alberta. With a coaching career that spans over 40 years - from junior high to university, from club to Team Alberta, Ken has left an indelible mark at every level of the sport.

A graduate of the University of Alberta, Ken began his teaching and coaching career in Elk Island Public Schools, where he established a culture of excellence early on. At Salisbury Composite High School, he guided the women's program to three 4A Provincial Championships and six city titles - successes that foreshadowed an even greater impact to come.

Ken served as a Provincial Team coach for nearly two decades, including three Canada Games cycles that resulted in two bronze medals. His commitment to athlete development included international training tours and years mentoring within the Team Alberta system.

At the collegiate level, he led MacEwan University's women's volleyball program through its ACAC and U SPORTS transitions, becoming the program's first full-time head coach

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Ken Briggs



Under his leadership, the Griffins captured the 2007 CCAA National Championship and Ken was named both Canada West and U SPORTS Coach of the Year in 2019-2020.

Beyond the wins, Ken is respected for his unwavering character. Humble, deeply ethical, and relentlessly dedicated to his student-athletes, Ken has built lasting relationships across generations. His players describe him as demanding yet deeply caring, and his peers regard him as a mentor in both volleyball and life.

Ken's influence also extended into governance - he served over three decades on the Volleyball Alberta Board of Directors in multiple leadership roles, including Vice President and Chair of the High Performance Committee. He helped initiate mentorship programs, advocate for coach development, and shape the future of the sport across the province.

Ken continues to give back to the game. His legacy is a tapestry of titles, talent, and above all, transformative leadership. Tonight, we recognize Ken Briggs not just for what he's achieved, but for how he's done it - with purpose, passion, and a profound commitment to the volleyball community.

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Accuracy was pursued, and we apologize for any resulting inconvenience.

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**Congratulations to all of the incredible
award recipients!**

