

Mikasa Achievement Awards – Submission Guide

PREPARE submit one cover letter (bio, approx. 400-600 words)	COLLECT at least one letter of support for the nominee	PHOTO one headshot photo + one or more action shot photos
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The nomination cover letter should include the nominator's relationship to the nominee (coach, teammate, other; ideally, nominators are from outside the nominee's immediate family), and any applicable details to inform the selection committee in their decision.

I wish to nominate

Nominee's name, club, team, age class, for a Volleyball Alberta Mikasa Achievement Award Athlete (15U-18U), Coach (development or performance), Referee (development or performance) or Service Excellence category.

Resumé

Volleyball history in club (current/past), high-performance program, school teams, academic achievement, certification level, awards/recognitions/All-Star, ...

Goals/Future

post-secondary plans, future volleyball goals, ...

Attributes

Character, volleyball IQ, physical and technical ability, passions, work ethic, ...

Quotes from references and nominators

Anything that may help the selection committee in choosing this season's Volleyball Alberta Awards recipients and support in the writing of their bio for the program.

Timeframe for the 2026 VA Mikasa Achievement Awards:

- **April 11:** Nomination form will open at 9:00 AM MT
- **For the Athlete & Coach Performance Categories**, we would like to receive their nominations within 3 days after their Provincials.
 - 17UG - please submit by April 29
 - 15UB, 16UG, 17UB, 18UB - please submit by May 6
 - 15UG, 16UB, 17UG, 18UG - please submit by May 13*
- **All other categories can be submitted between April 11 - May 13.**
- ***May 13: final deadline** - Nomination form will close at 11:59 PM MT
- **May 1-31 Volleyball Canada Nationals**, for the Athlete and Coach Performance categories, additional information can be added to nomination package (such as results, awards & recognitions from Nationals) to info@volleyballalberta.ca up to two (2) days after nominee's Nationals.
- **June 3:** Announce award recipients.
- **June 10:** RSVP deadline.
- **June 27:** Awards Ceremony & Banquet – Edmonton, AB

Award nominations are based on the following criteria:

Indoor Athlete:

An athlete in the 15U/16U and 17U/18U category who has shown a combination of performance, positive attitude, and leadership for his/her team both on and off the court.

A total of four (4) Indoor Athlete Awards will be presented:

- 1 athlete in the 15U/16U girls division
- 1 athlete in the 17U/18U* women's division
- 1 athlete in the 15U/16U men's division
- 1 athlete in the 17U/18U* men's division

* The 18U Mikasa Achievement Award winners will be awarded \$500.

Coach (Performance):

A coach in the 16U, 17U or 18U category who has led their team to a consistently high level of performance during the season while modelling the principles of fair play and sportsmanship.

A total of two (2) Coach Awards will be presented:

- 1 Coach in the 16U, 17U or 18U women's division
- 1 Coach in the 16U, 17U or 18U men's division

Coach (Development):

A coach in the 12U-18U category who demonstrates they are a great role model and leader who teaches character and life lessons in addition to volleyball skills and tactics. They go beyond expectations to ensure every athlete, and the team, reaches their full potential.

A total of 2 Coach Awards will be presented:

- Two (2) coaches will be considered from all divisions.

Referee:

Two (2) referees as selected by the Volleyball Alberta Referees Association criteria.

- 1 Referee (Development) Award will be presented
- 1 Referee (Performance) Award will be presented

Service Excellence:

An individual who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to Volleyball Alberta and/or their club throughout the season. This award recognizes those (referee, club administrator, indoor/beach coach, manager, or other contributing leader) who have

gone above and beyond their expected role, making a meaningful and lasting impact on the volleyball community. Nominees should exemplify leadership, commitment, and exceptional service during the previous (2025) VA beach season or current (2026) indoor season.

- One (1) Service Excellence Award will be presented

Beach Athlete:

Two beach athletes as selected by the Volleyball Alberta Beach Program based on performance and their commitment to beach throughout the summer.

A total of two (2) Beach Athlete Awards will be presented:

- 1 youth beach athlete from the girls' division
- 1 youth beach athlete from the boys' division

Submission Form:

https://volleyballalberta.formstack.com/forms/mikasa_award_nomination_form

Thank you for your submission!