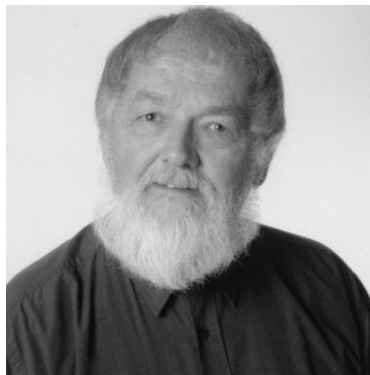


# SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



**Inducted 2015 – BUILDER**

## **HENRY (HANK) LORENZEN**

Hank Lorenzen played nearly every position in volleyball. Instead of a setter, outside hitter, middle hitter or libero, he was an athlete, coach, official and administrator. On and off the court, he has been helping build the sport in Saskatchewan for more than 50 years.

Lorenzen may have made his biggest contributions to volleyball as a builder, but he got his start on the court. Among the highlights of his career was playing for western Canadian and national senior championships with teams from the YMCA in the 1960s. He also headed out of province to play for the University of Manitoba Bisons men's volleyball team.

Besides playing, Lorenzen coached women's volleyball teams at the YWCA, as well as club teams in Regina. Moving up to the university ranks, he coached the men's and women's volleyball teams at the University of Regina.

When he wasn't on the court or behind the bench, Lorenzen served as an official. He officiated elementary school and high school volleyball leagues in Regina for many years, as well as tournaments throughout the province. As chairman of officials, he presented at clinics and trained and accredited officials around the province. Lorenzen was the first volleyball official in Saskatchewan to receive national certification in 1967, and served as official scorekeeper at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg that same year.

Continuing to build the sport of volleyball in Saskatchewan, Lorenzen was one of the founding members of the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association in the 1960s. However, Lorenzen's reach extended beyond the volleyball court, as he was instrumental in the development of Sask Sport. Lorenzen also played a key role in the development of the lottery system as a fundraiser for sport, culture and recreation in the province.

For his work in helping build the sport, Lorenzen has been recognized by the volleyball community in Saskatchewan. In 1968 he was named an honorary member of the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association, and was awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Award in 2005. Hank was inducted into the Regina Sports Hall of Fame in 2011, installed in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame on June 14, 2008, and was inducted as a Sask Volleyball Lifetime Member in 1988.