

SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



Inducted 2023 – COACH

LAURIE EISLER

Born in Regina, and went on to play at the University of Saskatchewan, Eisler (nee Baber) was a four-time Canada West All-Star a CIAU All-Canadian, and a two-time conference all-star with the U of S. Eisler served as the Huskies head coach in 1989/90, and was named the Canada West Coach of the Year. She obtained an Education degree from the U of S, but knew she didn't want to go into teaching at that time. The U of S head coach at the time, Mark Tennant, gave her an opportunity to work as an assistant coach and support the team administratively, organizing the events that the program hosted. She spent four years in that capacity and started her Masters of Science in Physical Education with a focus in Sport Psychology. Laurie was able to be an interim head coach for one season during that time as Mark went away on sabbatical. The position at the U of Alberta was open in 1991 and she was given the opportunity to start her career there at that time.

As the Head coach of the University of Alberta Pandas, Eisler has been at the helm for 32 seasons, leading the team to six National Championships, five straight as a head coach from 1995 to 1999, and a 6th as an assistant coach while on maternity leave in 2000. In the 2022 season she reached the 800 career mark win, becoming just the second women's volleyball coach to reach that impressive milestone.

In addition to her six National titles, Eisler has helped the Pandas to 10 Canada West titles and an additional 10 National medals (7 silver/3 bronze). She's been recognized as the conference coach of the year seven times and has been honored as the national coach of the year three times.

Eisler has coached internationally as well, with 4 World University Games teams and attended the 1996 Summer Olympics with Team Canada Beach. She was inducted into the Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.