

AWARDS POLICY

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Policy is to enable Sask Volleyball to recognize the accomplishments of its many volunteers, coaches, athletes and officials who have made a significant contribution to the development of volleyball in Saskatchewan. This Policy sets out the procedures, guidelines and criteria governing awards selection.

Application of this Policy

2. This Policy applies to all Members as defined in Sask Volleyball Bylaws.

Authority for Selection

3. The Board of Directors of Sask Volleyball has delegated the authority for all decision-making under this Policy to the Awards Committee, who will be approved annually by the Board of Directors.

Award Categories and Selection

4. The following awards will be awarded by Sask Volleyball on an annual basis or upon its sole discretion:

5. **Non-Competitive Awards**

- a) **Sask Volleyball Wayne Hellquist Merit Award**

This award is intended for individuals who have worked in a range of non-competitive capacities to further the development of volleyball for at least five years and in particular during the current year. An individual may be nominated for service within Saskatchewan or at the national or international level, though priority will be given to service to volleyball at the provincial level. Candidates will be evaluated on their commitment to volleyball and on the growth to which they have contributed within the sport.

- b) **Sask Volleyball Leo van Dam Service Award**

This Service Award targets those individuals who have made a special contribution to the sport of volleyball in a non-competitive capacity. The criteria for the award are as follows:

- An individual who has served on the Sask Volleyball Board of Directors or as a Sask Volleyball Committee member.
- An individual who has worked on a committee that hosted an International, National, or Western Canadian.
- An individual whom the awards committee feels has made a special contribution to the sport of volleyball in a non-competitive capacity.

Individuals that meet one or more of these criteria would qualify for the following Awards:

Gold Sask Volleyball Service Award – an individual who meets one or more of the criteria for 10 or more years

Silver Sask Volleyball Service Award – an individual who meets one or more of the criteria for 5 years

Bronze Sask Volleyball Service Award - an individual who meets one or more of the criteria for 2 years

Note: No paid employee of Sask Volleyball or Volleyball Canada shall be eligible for this award during their time of employment.

- c) **Sask Volleyball Marlene Hoffman Volunteer Award**

Volleyball Lives Here

This award is intended for an individual or individuals who have donated their time and efforts to the promotion and development of volleyball within their local community. The recipient(s) of this award may or may not be actively involved with Sask Volleyball programs. The basic criteria for this award shall be the promotion of the sport within the recipient's local community.

d) Sask Volleyball Greg Hatch Spirit of the Game Award

This award will be presented to the indoor and beach athlete in each category that best exemplifies teamwork, fair play, hard work and shows a great love for the game.

Indoor Categories

13U
14U
15U

Beach Categories

Youth

6. Competitive Awards

- a) **Frank Enns Male Performance Coach Award** - This award is eligible for a Coach of a team in the following Age Categories only: 16U Men, 17U Men, or 18U Men.
- b) **Mark Tennant Female Performance Coach of the Year Award** – This award is eligible for a Coaches of a team in the following Age Categories only: 16U Women, 17U Women, or 18U Women.

The recipients of these awards will be Sask Volleyball club coaches who have achieved notable success as a coach during the current year. Coaches may be nominated for achievement within the province or at the national level. Achievement as the coach of a Sask Volleyball provincial or Canada Games team will not be considered.

- c) **Don Laing Male Development Coach of the Year Award** – This award is eligible for a Coach of team in the following Age Categories only: 13U Men, 14U Men, or 15U Men.
- d) **Anne Cote Female Development Coach of the Year Award** - This award is eligible for a Coach of team in the following Age Categories only: 13U Women, 14U Women, or 15U Women.

Two individual Coach of the Year awards will be presented annually to Sask Volleyball club coaches, one to the coach of a male team and one to the coach of a female team. Recipients shall be a coach at the 13U, 14U, or 15U level within the province who have made a special contribution as a coach to the development of the sport of volleyball.

- e) **Grassroots Development Award** – This award is eligible for Administrators, Coaches and/or organizers in the following categories only: Mini, Atomic, Smashbal who have made a special contribution to the development of grassroots programming in their local community.

f) Athlete of the Year Awards

Nominations must include one athlete from the nominations club and another athlete from a DIFFERENT club in the province that you recognize as a dominant player. These awards shall be presented to the province's outstanding male and female volleyball players who were impact players on their club team. The impact could be offensively, defensively or both.

Indoor Categories

Beach Categories

16U
17U
18U
Senior
Masters (45 and over)

18U
Adult

- g) **Marilyn Walter Memorial Award** – This award will be presented to the province’s graduating female athlete who best exemplifies athletic and academic achievements of excellence.
- h) **Darcey Busse Memorial Award** – This award will be presented to the province’s graduating male athlete who best exemplifies athletic and academic achievements of excellence.
- i) **Terry Morrow Spirit Award** – This award is intended to honour Terry Morrow, who played for decades in adult women’s volleyball programs. Terry was the perfect teammate. She always gave her absolute best effort, was one of the best defensive players and most consistent hitters in the game. But Terry was one of those players who rarely got recognized with an MVP award or other individual recognition. Rather, she did her job quietly and effectively – for the love of the game.

Terry especially loved her experience with Masters Volleyball and not even her battle with cancer would stop her from attending the 2002 World Masters Games in Australia as manager with a team from Saskatchewan. Terry passed away in November 2003 after a two-year battle with cancer.

This award is a spirit of the game award, not an MVP award. It will be given to the Masters women’s player at provincials who best exemplifies teamwork, fair play, hard work, and defensive skill rather than the more obvious offensive skills for which players are often noticed.

- 7. Nomination forms will be circulated by Sask Volleyball to registered clubs during the season.
- 8. Nomination forms must be submitted by a Member in Good Standing to Sask Volleyball office by June 15, unless otherwise amended by the Awards Committee, accompanied by a written submission that outlines the accomplishments of the nominee(s).
- 9. Sask Volleyball’s Referee Committee is authorized to select one Referee each year as its **Dennis Pomeroy Referee of the Year**. The selection of this award winner is at the discretion of the Referee Committee.

Awards Announcement

- 10. Sask Volleyball will announce the award recipients at least seven (7) days before the Awards Banquet by contacting awards winners.

Appeals

- 11. Any appeal request against a decision of the Awards Committee is not permissible.

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