

SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



Inducted 2025 – ATHLETE

JULIE KOZUN

Julie Kozun was a member of the 2024 Paralympic Bronze Medal Sitting Volleyball team in Paris, which is the first sitting team to win a Paralympic medal for Canada. Julie helped Canada qualify for the 2024 Paralympic Games as they earned one of the available spots at the 2023 World Cup in Egypt. Kozun made her Paralympic Games debut at Tokyo 2020. In February 2020 she helped Team Canada secure a spot for the 2020 Paralympics by winning gold at the World ParaVolley final qualification tournament in Halifax. Kozun was a member of the team from 2015 to spring of 2016. After a year away, she returned in 2017 and remained a member through the Paralympics in 2024.

In 2018, the mayor of Melfort, SK. presented Kozun with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing her for her involvement within her community with The War Amps program as a safety ambassador. Kozun also received a Gold Star for the creation of a “Play Safe” video she presented at an elementary school in Melfort on behalf of The War Amps.

Kozun lost her left leg below the knee in a lawn mower accident at her friend’s farm. While she was in the hospital her friend’s cousin, Erica Gavel; Canadian women’s wheelchair basketball team member, paid her a visit. She came to tell Kozun about the sport of sitting volleyball. In 2015, post-recovery, Kozun became a member of the team. At the same time, once she had her prosthetic sports leg created, Kozun also continued to play standing volleyball for her high school team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2024 Paralympic Paris Games Bronze Medal, 2023 World Championships 2nd in Egypt, 2023 Zonal Championships 2nd in Edmonton, 2022 World Championships 2nd in Bosnia, 2020 Paralympic Games 4th in Tokyo, 2019 Parapan American Games 3rd in Lima, 2018 World Championships 7th in the Netherlands, 2017 Zonal Championships 3rd in Montreal.

