

Announcing the Service Excellence Award

Volleyball Alberta is excited to announce the renaming of the Volunteer Award to the **Service Excellence Award!**

Background

The existing Volunteer Award recognizes individuals who dedicate their time and service to Volleyball Alberta and their local clubs. To better reflect the evolving and expanding nature of our sport and ensure inclusivity, we are renaming and redefining this award.

New Award Name: Service Excellence Award

Purpose of the Award

This is presented at the annual Mikasa Achievement Awards, which recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to volleyball in Alberta in the past season. The Service Excellence Award will celebrate individuals who have gone above and beyond their designated roles to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the volleyball community within the previous Volleyball Alberta beach season (2024) or current indoor season (2025).

The Service Excellence Award aims to:

- Highlight individuals who provide exceptional service and demonstrate outstanding dedication to the volleyball community.
- Focus on quality of service and leadership in their role rather than the specific size or scope of their contribution.
- Reinforce the standard of excellence in fulfilling a role within the organization while still exceeding expectations.
- Acknowledge those who have gone beyond expectations to improve the sport for others.

Key Award Criteria

Nominees must:

- ✓ Be a member in good standing with Volleyball Alberta during the season for which they are being nominated (either the previous beach season or the current indoor club season).
- ✓ Serve in a role such as referee, club administrator, indoor/beach coach, manager, or other contributing leadership position.
- ✓ Demonstrate exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to the sport.
- ✓ Have a proven positive impact on their volleyball community.
- ✓ Have demonstrated outstanding contributions or service.
- ✓ Be recognized by their peers and the community as role models and leaders.

One Service Excellence Award will be presented annually.

Nominations may include letters of support or testimonials from colleagues, players, or fellow community members. The selection committee will evaluate candidates based on impact, leadership, and alignment with Volleyball Alberta's mission: *"To unite our members and stakeholders in a safe and inclusive volleyball pathway."*