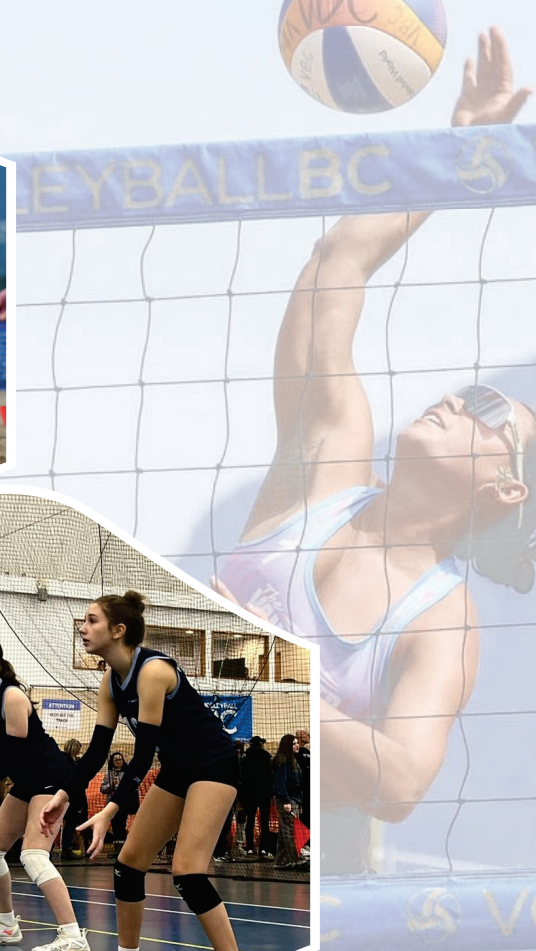




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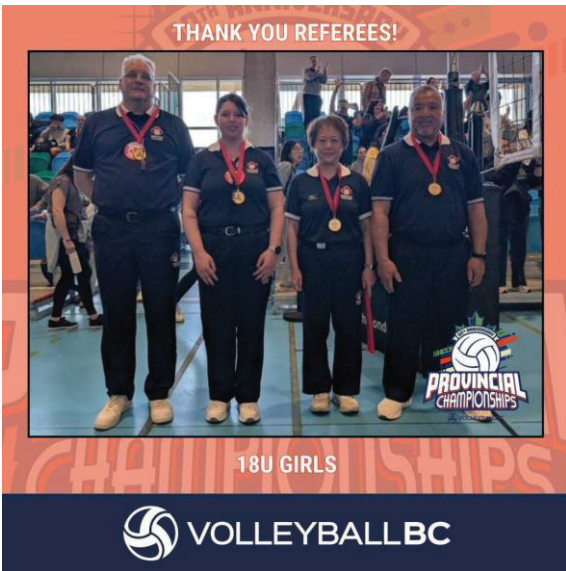
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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

We acknowledge and provide thanks that we are able to play volleyball on the unceded territories of the First Nations people of BC and that, specifically for the Volleyball BC head office, we work on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Coastal Salish, Tsleil-Waututh, Sto:lo, and Squamish Nation people.



2025 was another landmark year for volleyball in British Columbia, marked by sustained growth, meaningful milestones, and important steps to ensure the long-term health of our sport. Participation in volleyball continued to rise across multiple disciplines for a fourth consecutive year, reflecting the strength of our community and the passion of our members, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

Our youth club system remains a key driver of this momentum. Continued growth in participation resulted in more than 600 teams competing at our Indoor Provincial Championships, making this event the largest in our history once again. Beach volleyball also experienced notable growth, allowing us to add an additional location for the Youth Beach Provincial Championships to better serve our members. While this growth is a testament to the popularity of volleyball, it has also increased pressure on facilities, competition structures, and operational capacity. In response, we undertook a comprehensive competition review to better manage growth and develop clear recommendations for the next three years. This review represents an important step in ensuring that our competition system remains sustainable, accessible, and aligned with the needs of our membership as the sport continues to expand.

2025 also marked the launch of our new 2025–2028 Strategic Plan, developed through consultation and engagement with our members and partners. This plan provides a clear roadmap for the coming years, with a focus on supporting growth, strengthening systems, fostering safe and inclusive environments, and building sustainable pathways for all involved in the sport. A defining highlight of the year was our role in hosting the sitting volleyball competition at the Invictus Games which showcased the power of sport, created lasting impact, and helped advance the development of sitting volleyball programs in British Columbia. To further support growth across the province, this year we also introduced a Provincial Facilities Development Fund, aimed at addressing some of the critical facility challenges that accompany increased participation.

Finally, 2025 was a year to celebrate our history as we marked Volleyball BC's 60th anniversary! Through a province-wide photo contest, the launch of new bursaries, and a return to in-person Hall of Fame Awards, we honoured the people, moments, and communities that have shaped our organization over six decades while reinvesting in the future of the sport.

As we look ahead, we remain inspired by the resilience, collaboration, and dedication of our volleyball community. Thank you to our Board, staff, partners, volunteers, and members for your ongoing commitment and support. Together, we will continue to build a strong, inclusive, and sustainable future for volleyball in British Columbia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Gibbons', written in a cursive style.

Emma Gibbons
Chief Executive Officer

MEMBERSHIP

We experienced an overall increase of around 10% growth in participation in club volleyball across player, coach, and referee categories. This represents a growth of 56% since 2022 which has created exceptional levels of demand for our tournaments, events, and services.

	Youth Players	Adult Players	Coaches	Officials	Total Membership
2022	5086	3125	870	131	9212
2023	5745	3940	1262	250	11,197
2024	6861	4938	1564	250	13,613
2025	7624	5556	1630	284	15,094

COACH MEMBERSHIP

Regions	2025
Kootenay	25
Thompson-Okanagan	259
Fraser Valley	502
Vancouver-Squamish-Sunshine Coast	546
Vancouver Island-Central Coast	216
Cariboo-Northeast	82



REFEREE MEMBERSHIP



Region	2025
Kootenay	4
Okanagan	53
Fraser Valley	58
Lower Mainland	103
Island	56
North	10

ADULT RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

In 2025, demand for Adult Recreational Programs remained consistently strong across both indoor and outdoor offerings. Indoor leagues and clinics were delivered at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC) and at multiple secondary schools and community facilities across Richmond and Vancouver, including A.R. MacNeill, Hugh Boyd, Killarney, and Gladstone. Across winter, spring, and fall seasons, HJSC leagues regularly exceeded 100 teams per season, while Richmond and Vancouver leagues continued to operate near capacity. Adult Skills Clinics at the Beginner and Intermediate levels engaged hundreds of participants throughout the year, both at HJSC and through partnerships at venues such as the Richmond Olympic Oval and Jericho, West Point Grey, and Coal Harbour Community Centers.

Outdoor programming in 2025 also saw high participation, with grass leagues at Central Park and David Lam Park and extensive beach leagues and adult skills programming at Spanish Banks, Kits Beach, and the Coquitlam Town Centre beach courts. Consistently full leagues and active waitlists across all program areas highlight sustained demand and the ongoing need for additional venue capacity across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.

INDOOR PROGRAMS

Program	Participants	Locations
Winter HJSC leagues	124 teams	HJSC
Winter Richmond League	24 teams	AR MacNeill, Hugh Boyd
Winter Vancouver Leagues	20 teams	Killarney, Gladstone
Spring HJSC Leagues	107 teams	HJSC
Spring Richmond League	12 teams	AR MacNeill
Fall HJSC leagues	114 teams	HJSC
Fall Richmond League	12 teams	AR MacNeill
HJSC Adult Skills Clinic Beginner/Intermediate (Winter, Spring, Fall)	280 participants	HJSC
Adult Skills Clinics Partnerships Beginner/Intermediate (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)	319 participants	Richmond Olympic Oval, Jericho, West Point Grey, Coal Harbour



OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Program	Participants	Locations
Grass leagues	32 teams	Central Park & David Lam Park
Beach leagues	597 teams	Spanish Banks & Coquitlam Town Centre
King or Queen of the Beach League	370 participants	Spanish Banks & Kits Beach
Beach Skills Clinic - Individual and Pairs	86 participants	Spanish Banks
Beach Skills Clinic - Individual	10 participants	Coquitlam Town Centre Beach Courts
Grass Skills Clinic - Individual	15 participants	David Lane Park



YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

In 2025, youth recreational programs continued to demonstrate consistent participation, with a modest increase in demand across all four seasons. Indoor programming included Learn to Play and Train and Play skills programs for athletes aged 8U to 15U, along with co-ed Youth House Leagues serving ages 13U to 18U. Across 92 indoor programs, more than 725 participants were engaged throughout the year. Spring Break and Summer Camps further expanded access to youth recreation, offering a mix of Learn to Play and Train and Play programming to more than 100 participants across four weeks of delivery.

Outdoor youth programming focused on Beach Learn to Play opportunities delivered at Spanish Banks, Kits Beach, and the Coquitlam Town Centre beach courts, with 10 programs serving 55 participants. In addition, partnership-based programs delivered through 13 community centre locations accounted for over 70 programs and more than 1,000 participants, with most centres operating at capacity and maintaining waitlists. In total, youth recreational programming engaged over 1,800 participants in 2025, highlighting continued demand and the importance of accessible, entry-level volleyball opportunities outside of the club volleyball system.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Ignite program will transition under the Youth Recreation umbrella, joining the grassroots development pathway as an additional opportunity for participants to further develop their skills and deepen their connection to the sport. Ignite programming will be offered in both indoor and outdoor formats beginning in 2026.

YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL

We had a full season of youth beach volleyball in 2025 with 14 tournaments across the province, culminating in 2025 Beach Provincials in July/August in Vancouver and Parksville. We also hosted Beach Nationals in partnership with Volleyball Canada at the end of August.

Event	2024 Teams	2025 Teams	2024 Athletes	2025 Athletes
Lower Mainland High School Beach Open	130	120	260	240
Lower Mainland Sand Series 1 & 2, Van Open	418	505	836	1010
Island High School Beach Open	76	120	152	240
Island Sand Series #1	62	92	124	188
Island Sand Series #2	50	96	100	192
Island Sand Series #3	61	114	122	228
North High School Beach Open	5	16	10	32
Okanagan High School Beach Open	21	15	42	30
Okanagan Sand Series #1	74	85	148	170
Okanagan Sand Series #2	26	61	52	122
Okanagan Sand Series #3	80	98	160	196
Beach Provincials	277	372	554	744



THE BEACH TOUR AND VAN OPEN

The 2025 Beach Tour saw 21 events with 1224 participants in Vancouver, Penticton, Parksville, and Kamloops. The Adult Beach Provincials became a part of the Kits Fest, which expanded the exposure of beach volleyball throughout the event to other sports communities.

We saw 111 teams participating in the 2025 Vancouver Open presented by Natura Solutions – our high profile celebration of community, beach culture, with an exceptional level of beach volleyball. We are grateful for the support of our sponsors and partners that allowed us to showcase our sport and deliver an exceptional event. These included our Presenting Sponsor, Natura Solutions, Province of British Columbia, Sport Hosting Vancouver, Stanley Park Brewing Company, Ace Beverage Group, ARC Document Solutions, BioFit Health Lab, Huha, Peeled/Mizu Brands, Skyball, Sunbelt Rentals, TEAM BC, VIBRANT Marketing, Wake Water Oddball/Canuck Stuff, Sunbelt Rentals, Amber Pacific, MVMT Lab, and Phoenix Tents



Event	Number of teams	Winners
Kits Classic	2 Star – 29 Women & 32 Men 1 Star – 21 Women & 17 Men	Women – Bean/Walker Men – Johnson/Keturakis
Penticton	2 Star – 24 Women & 26 Men	Women – Birker/Coulter Men – Stockton/Calles
Jim Clive Cup	2 Star – 34 Women & 36 Men 1 Star – 21 Men & 24 Women	Women- McKay/Koavcs Men – Stockton/Johnson
Parksville	2 Star – 32 Women & 32 Men 1-Star - 19 Men	Women – McKay/Dunn Men – Stockton/Calles
Kamloops	2 Star – 24 Women & 24 Men	Women – Kovacs/Grewal Men – Johnson/Deshane
Van Open	3 Star – 52 Women & 59 Men	Women – Belardi/Bell Men – Schachter/Chadwick
Beach Provincials	2 Star – 31 Women & 32 Men 1 Star - 19 Women & 24 Men	Women – Dunn/Birker Men – Johnson/Stockton



PLANNING FOR FUTURE GROWTH

HAVE YOUR SAY!

VOLLEYBALL BC IS LOOKING TO MAKE CHANGES TO OUR YOUTH CLUB VOLLEYBALL SYSTEM TO SUPPORT FUTURE GROWTH AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE, AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

COMPLETE THE SURVEY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

SURVEY CLOSES FEB. 20TH!



CONGRATS TO LUCKY WINNERS: TRACY S. WESLEY W. DELANEY T.

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From 2022 to 2024, the number of club volleyball teams increased by 33% while our ability to source facilities became very challenging. To address these challenges, during 2025, we commissioned Sport For Life to undertake a competition review to determine if we could better accommodate the sustained popularity of our sport. The consultation process ran from January to June 2025, engaging with players, parents, coaches, referees, and club directors. In Fall 2026, [we released the report](#) which has a series of recommendations that we will be implementing over the next 3 years to better accommodate the continued demand for our sport.

SUPPORTING INCLUSION

One of the goals in our Strategic Plan is to expand our reach, putting programs and resources in place to create inclusive and welcoming opportunities for everyone to access volleyball. In 2025, we shifted to a new [Framework for Safety and Inclusion](#) and committed to delivering against this framework and our [Commitment Statement for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility](#).



SITTING VOLLEYBALL & INVICTUS GAMES

In February 2025, we delivered the sitting volleyball competition for the Invictus Games in Vancouver and Whistler. In the lead up to the Games, we organized training sessions with an international sitting volleyball referee to ensure that our officials were fully equipped to run the competition. We also developed a [set of six sessions](#) for community and school coaches to encourage grassroots development. As part of the legacy of the Invictus Games, we were the recipient of 4 sitting volleyball

net systems which will allow us to host dedicated sitting volleyball training and competitions. You can read more about our highlights [here](#).

INDIGENOUS VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball BC serves on the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council's (ISPARC) Provincial Volleyball Committee to help promote, develop and coach volleyball within the province's communities. The CEO and Technical Director were appointed to ISPARC's Volleyball Committee which oversees the selection and development of the provincial indigenous athletes. In addition, our Regional Managers attend ISPARC regional meetings and support the organisation of volleyball programs and activities where possible.

NEWCOMER PROGRAMMING

Volleyball BC successfully completed 3 newcomer programs in Vancouver, Richmond and Penticton in 2025. All of these programs were continued partnerships from previous years.

1. **Partnership with South Vancouver Neighborhood House (SVNH)** - We were very happy to continue our partnership with SVNH for a fifth year. We provided weekly instruction in grass and beach volleyball, with two trips to Spanish Banks.
2. **Partnership with South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services (SOICS)** - We offered indoor volleyball programming through an 8-week newcomer volleyball program in Summer 2025.
3. **Partnership with Surrey Welcome Centre (SWC)** – For a third year,, we ran programs in partnership with the Surrey Welcome Centre. Each program provided indoor volleyball instruction at a local secondary school in Surrey. Participants were provided with t-shirts and food as well as the volleyball experience.



4.

TEAM BC

Each year, Volleyball BC runs a variety of high-performance programs for the best players in the province. The purpose of the Team BC High Performance Programs is to identify, select and train a group of young athletes (14U-20U) who have the potential to play in post-secondary and/or for the national programs. The programs are designed to build a broader and stronger pipeline of talented athletes and coaches for future Canadian Olympic Teams.

TEAM BC 14U West Coast Cup

The 14U West Coast Cup provides talented 14U athletes from across the province with an opportunity to participate in an intensive Team BC style training experience. This overnight camp serves as an introduction to the high-performance volleyball pathway, combining skill development, competition, and team-building in a positive learning environment for both athletes and coaches. Athletes tryout in their respective region for the West Coast Cup camp. In 2025, the camp took place at St. Michaels University in Victoria. The camp was attended by 44 girls and 24 boys.

Event	Girls	Boys
Lower Mainland	77	34
Okanagan	51	16
Kootenay	34	2
Fraser Valley	28	12
TOTAL	190	74



TEAM BC 15U PROGRAM – BC CUP

The Team BC 15U Zone Program gives athletes their first opportunity to be selected into a Team BC program and proudly represent their home zone. Building on the West Coast Cup experience, athletes continue to develop their technical skills, tactical awareness, and competitive confidence while training, travelling, and competing alongside athletes from their region. In 2025, Zone teams came together July 2-5 in Kamloops for the BC Cup, where they competed against teams from across the province in a developmentally appropriate environment that reflects Volleyball Canada’s Long-Term Development principles for Train to Train athletes.

Region	Participants	Winners
Region 1	13 boys & 14 girls	BOYS GOLD - Fraser Valley SILVER - Vancouver Coastal BRONZE - Thompson - Okanagan
Region 2	14 boys & 14 girls	
Region 3	14 boys & 14 girls	
Region 4	14 boys & 14 girls	GIRLS

Region 5	14 boys & 14 girls	GOLD – Vancouver Coastal
Region 6	14 boys & 14 girls	SILVER – Fraser River
Region 8	13 boys & 14 girls	BRONZE – Kootenays

TEAM BC RED & BLUE PROGRAM – 16-17U

The Team BC Red & Blue program’s goal is an athlete’s next opportunity to be identified to train, grow, and compete against athletes from across Canada in a High-Performance Environment. Athletes identified through the program demonstrate future potential to develop within the Team BC pathway and compete at national and post-secondary levels.

The 2025 Team BC Red & Blue program identified BC’s top athletes to train in a camp-based program for 12 days in Kamloops led by a full coaching staff and integrated support team. In July 2025, the teams represented BC at the Canada Cup in Thorold, Ontario, where the boys’ teams earned 1st and 2nd-place finishes in the White Division.

Coaches for Female Teams: Ashley Lowndes, Jen Cross, Tova Rae, Irem Eren

Coaches for Male Teams: Daniel Wong, Kyle Pankratz, Matt Lofgren, Greg Moore

Male Results: Team BC Red - GOLD and Team BC Blue - SILVER

Female Results: Team BC Red - 6th and Team BC Blue - 13th

TEAM BC SELECT PROGRAM – 18U

The Team BC Select is the pinnacle program for athletes in the Team BC Development Pathway. Athletes are identified that have future potential to excel and compete for Canada at international levels in the future. The 2025 Team BC Select program identified BC’s top athletes to train in a camp-based program for 20 days in Kamloops led by a full coaching staff and integrated support team. The teams competed at the Canada Cup in July and the 2025 Canada Summer Games in St John’s, Newfoundland in August.

Coaches for Female Team: Jodi Zbyszewski, Chris Dahl, Courtney Hillier

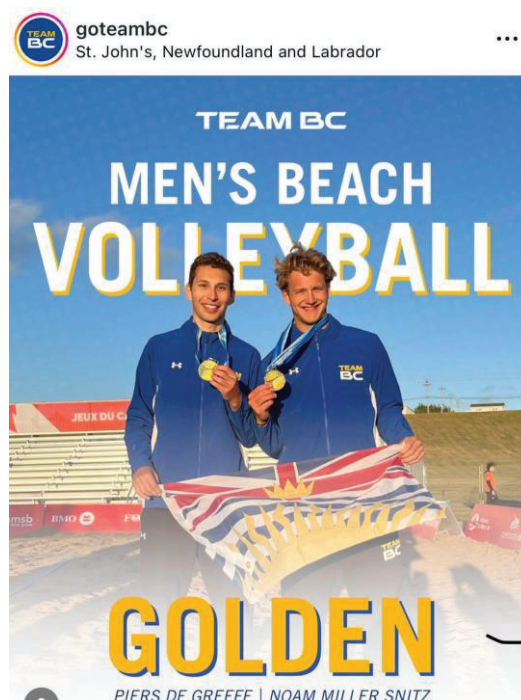
Coaches for Male Team: Darrin Moreira, Nadine Plett, Reece Wilson

Results: Team BC Women – 7th and Team BC Men – 7th

TEAM BC BEACH – 20U

In 2025, Volleyball BC delivered a 20U Team BC Beach program, with men’s and women’s teams representing BC at the Canada Summer Games in St. John’s. The men’s team captured gold, while the women’s team finished 5th overall.

A Beach High Performance Plan was also drafted and approved by the Board in October, providing a clearer structure for athlete identification, development, coaching, and competition. In 2026, Volleyball BC will build on this foundation with a 17U Zone Beach Program and a 20U High Performance Program.



Female Team: Izzy Musholt-Ko, Nyla Tukker
- **Coach:** Maverick Hatch

Male Team: Piers de Greeff, Noam Miller-Snitz - **Coach:** Dave Dooley

BC ATHLETES ON THE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STAGE

<p>Senior Team Athletes – Men’s Indoor</p> <p>Fynn McCarthy, Landon Currie, Ryan Sclater, Jordan Schnitzer, Brodie Hofer, Jackson Howe, Jesse Elser, Matthew Neaves</p>	<p>Senior Team Athletes – Women’s Indoor</p> <p>Kiera Van Ryk, Brie O’Reilly , Emily Maglio, Hilary Johnson, Lucy Borowski</p>
<p>Junior Team Athletes – Men’s Indoor</p> <p>Willem Van Huizen, Dawson Pratt, Alex Emery, Zack Yewchuk, Chase Bennett, Isaac Navarro, Miles Hiscox, Jarom Smith, Jack Thompson</p>	<p>Junior Team Athletes – Women’s Indoor</p> <p>Isabella Kuna, Brielle Vanderkooi, Mia Molnar</p>
<p>NextGen Men’s National Team - Indoor</p> <p>Jesse Elser, Mason Greves, Cory Schoenherr, Jacob Sargent</p>	<p>NextGen Women’s National Team - Indoor</p> <p>Avery Heppell, Gabrielle Attieh, Lauren Attieh, Thana Fayad, Sydney Grills, Emoni Bush, Cailin Bitter, Taylor De Boer, Mackenzie Pool, Macyn Unger</p>
<p>Men’s National Excellence Program</p> <p>Miles Hiscox, Hendrix Lepp</p>	<p>Women’s National Excellence Program</p> <p>Mia Molnar, Chantel Peters</p>
<p>NextGen Men’s National Team – Beach</p> <p>Luke de Greeff</p>	<p>NextGen Women’s National Team – Beach</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Senior Team Athletes – Men’s Sitting</p> <p>Jason Beaman</p>	<p>Senior Team Athletes – Women’s Sitting</p> <p>Danielle Ellis, Felica Voss-Shafiq, Jennifer McCreesh, Jayme Lepp</p>



RAY LEPP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Volleyball BC has been given the honour of presenting the Ray Lepp Scholarship to two student athletes annually who have the potential to join the National team. Congratulations to our 2025 recipients of the annual Ray Lepp Scholarship, London Krahn and Dawson Pratt. The \$3,000 scholarships are awarded each year to a post-secondary male and female athlete who meet the scholarship criteria and show promise of competing for Canada at the national team level.

LONDON KRAHN



London Krahn is a first-year middle for the Trinity Western Spartans, currently pursuing a business degree while competing with the varsity women’s volleyball program. Krahn was a standout at the club level for Valley Elite and has represented the province with Team BC and competed on the Youth National Team), experiences that solidified her commitment to high-performance volleyball and shaped her growth both on and off the court.

Beyond her own accomplishments, London is deeply committed to giving back to the sport. She coaches and mentors younger athletes through her high school and club programs, striving to be the same positive influence that shaped her early volleyball journey. Her coaches describe her as a servant leader—empathetic, teachable, resilient, and consistently dedicated to elevating those around her.

Dawson Pratt is a third-year outside hitter with the UBC Thunderbirds, where he has quickly emerged as one of the top young attackers in Canadian university volleyball. After earning a starting role by the end of his rookie season, he helped lead UBC to both Canada West and USPORT bronze medals, and has since established himself as one of the nation’s premier passing outside hitters. His versatility at both OH and OPP, combined with his high-performance habits, earned him a spot on the Canadian Junior National Team, representing Canada at the 2025 U21 World Championships.

Beyond his on-court achievements, Dawson is known for his professionalism, leadership, and commitment to the volleyball community. He has coached and mentored young athletes through UBC camps, clinics, and volunteer work with New Wave Volleyball Club, while maintaining strong academic standing in the UBC School of Kinesiology. Coaches describe him as disciplined, humble, and relentlessly driven—an athlete with the talent and character to progress toward Next Gen and Senior National Team opportunities and a future professional career abroad.

DAWSON PRATT



HALL OF FAME

Volleyball BC hosted its first in person Hall of Fame and Excellence Awards Gala since 2019 at the Hilton Metrotown. Many in the Volleyball community gathered to celebrate some of the best in Volleyball for 2025 as well as to honour our Hall of Fame inductees for both 2024 and 2025.

CLASS OF 2024

IAN GREGORY - BUILDER

From his early days in Dawson Creek to decades of leadership in Vancouver, Ian Gregory's life has been interwoven with volleyball in British Columbia. A UBC Thunderbird alumnus, Ian captured a CIAU National Championship and later a Senior National title with BCO before turning his focus to growing the sport off the court. For over 15 years, he served Volleyball BC as Treasurer, President, and trusted advisor. He led the organization's acquisition of the Harry Jerome Sports Centre, a cornerstone of volleyball in BC today. A respected business leader and Chartered Accountant, Ian also lent his expertise to Sport BC and UBC's Thunderbird Sport Council. Humble, strategic, and tirelessly dedicated, Ian Gregory's quiet leadership has strengthened every corner of BC volleyball, leaving a legacy built on vision, integrity, and lifelong commitment.

MIKE SAYERS - ATHLETE

From the east coast to the west, Mike Sayers brought relentless skill and versatility to volleyball in British Columbia. Arriving from PEI in the late 1970s, he quickly made his mark on both indoor and beach courts. A standout middle blocker for Dalhousie and BCO club team, Mike won gold and silver at the Canadian Championships, earning a place on the 1978 All-Canadian team. On the sand, he became BC's "King of the Beach," claiming seven provincial titles with seven different partners and representing Canada at the World Beach Championships. His mastery extended into Masters and World Seniors competitions, capturing medals into his 60s. Beyond playing, Mike gave back as a National Beach Volleyball referee and helped establish the Kitsilano Beach Volleyball Association. With his combination of athletic excellence and dedication to growing the sport, Mike Sayers remains one of BC volleyball's most influential figures.

CLASS OF 2025

AL KOSTIUK - ATHLETE

Originally from Flin Flon, Manitoba, Al's volleyball story truly began after moving to BC, when he was discovered during a local match and selected for the 1975 Canada Games Team. That team went on to win gold without dropping a set—and Al scored the championship's final point.

He went on to represent Canada at the World Cup, World Championships, and Pan American Games, captaining the National Team and earning bronze at the 1979 Pan Ams. After his playing career, Al built a successful business and became a passionate advocate for volleyball, supporting youth clinics, introducing the Baden ball to schools across Canada, and helping establish the CIS All-Star Awards and national rankings.

Charismatic, generous, and driven, Al Kostiuik's leadership on and off the court left a lasting legacy in Canadian volleyball.

BRITTNEY PAGE - ATHLETE

Born in Kelowna and raised in Vernon, Brittney rose through BC's volleyball ranks before starring at Eastern Washington University, where she led her team to four straight conference championships and earned All-American recognition. From 2009 to 2016, she represented Team Canada, competing in over 100 international matches, including two World Championships and two Pan American Games.

After a decade-long professional career that took her to nine countries—including becoming the first Canadian woman to play in China's top league. Britt took on the captain role in 2012, until she retired in 2016, just before the women's national team moved their home base to BC. In the numerous reference letters from college & national team coaches and teammates, it's clear that Brittney is a special kind of athlete and leader - one who puts the team above herself and makes everyone around her better.

This community-focus continues now that Brittney returned home to the Okanagan ... she launched Kelowna's first Smashball program, co-founded the Stand Up For charity paddleboard event, and continues to inspire youth throughout the Okanagan.

FRED WINTERS - ATHLETE

A native of Victoria, Fred's volleyball journey began at Claremont Secondary under coach Shon Ryan, where his teams captured provincial titles and inspired a generation of young players on the Island. He went on to star at Pepperdine University, earning All-American honours and setting records that still stand today.

Fred represented Team Canada from 2003 to 2016, serving as captain at several points and competing in more than a decade of international tournaments and more than 250 caps—including the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, where Canada finished fifth. His professional career spanned the globe—from France and Russia to China, Brazil, and beyond—earning respect everywhere he played and winning several league titles. Fred Winters' career is a testament to excellence and perseverance in BC and internationally.

DIANNE MURRAY - COACH (INDUCTION DEFERRED TO 2026)

Dianne Murray is a pioneer of women's volleyball in British Columbia whose impact spans generations as an athlete, coach, and builder. Dianne is out of the country so she isn't able to be here, so we will have the chance to hear from her next year., but her story will be available online with the rest of the 2025 class.

But just quickly, Dianne was the head coach of the UBC Women's Volleyball Team from 1975 to 1978, she led the Thunderbirds to back-to-back CIAU National Championships and a historic 1978 Canadian Open National title—the first ever by a university program. She continued to shape young athletes as a high school coach at Eric Hamber Secondary, helping to build strong grassroots programs across Vancouver.

2025 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- Female Athlete of the Year – Indoor | Ryen Scott (Kamloops Volleyball Association, Team BC, Canada Cup)
- Female Athlete of the Year – Outdoor | Mia Stevens (Vancouver Thunder, Texas A&M Corpus Christi)
- Male Athlete of the Year – Indoor | Miles Hiscox (Apex, National Excellence Program, Team Canada U19)
- Male Athlete of the Year – Outdoor | Jacob Hughes (PCVC, Team BC)
- Youth Team of the Year – Indoor | 17U Raincity Riptide Girls
- Youth Team of the Year – Outdoor | Odin Andersen & Tyler Cheung
- Female Coach of the Year (14U) – Christina Sequeira (Air Attack)
- Female Coach of the Year (16U) – Michelle Hillaby (Nelson Volleyball Club)
- Female Coach of the Year (18U) – Sara Corneil (Raincity)
- Male Coach of the Year (14U) – Jeff Webb (Mariners)
- Male Coach of the Year (16U) – Warren Saperson (Ducks Volleyball Club)
- Male Coach of the Year (18U) – Chris Dahl (Momentum)
- Coach Development Award (Club Award) – Mariners Volleyball Club
- Rising Star Coach of the Year (Under 25) – Greg Moore (Seaside)
- Female Leadership in Refereeing – Faith Rompain
- Developing Referee of the Year – Jake Coxworth
- Referee of the Year – Leanne Wong
- Beach Referee of the Year – Jeffery Cheng
- Vale Savege Development Award – Steve Hewitson
- Ed Neufeld Memorial Award for Volunteerism – Fred Settingington
- Club of the Year (Small) – Nelson Volleyball Club
- Club of the Year (Large) – Ducks Volleyball Club
- Club Director of the Year – Jannik Eikenaar (Lake Country Volleyball Club)



STRATEGIC PLAN

In Spring 2025, we launched our new [Strategic Plan 2025-2028](#). With the vision of “powering lifelong passion for volleyball”, our strategic plan outlines ambitious goals around facilities development, coach and referee development, meaningful competition and participation, and sustainable growth. The Plan was the result of extensive consultation with players, coaches, referees, and clubs about volleyball in British Columbia. Below are our accomplishments in 2025, which represents the first year of this Plan.

GOAL 1 – TO ENSURE THERE IS ENOUGH ACCESS TO FACILITIES

- Conducted internal information-gathering on Volleyball BC’s access to facilities across the province. This work will provide a starting point for a robust review and assessment to be conducted by an appointed consultant in 2026.
- Launched the [Provincial Facilities Development Fund](#) in spring 2025, offering grants to support increased access to volleyball at new and existing facilities.
- Completed business modelling and our submission for the City of Burnaby’s Request for Proposal for the continued operation of the Harry Jerome Sport Centre. The decision is still pending.
- CEO is a member of viaSport BC’s Recreation –Sport working group, looking at best practices for allocation of space at facilities.



GOAL 2 – TO INCREASE CAPACITY THROUGH COACH EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



- Coaching Development Plan is in process of being finalised. Focus is indoor club coaches with a view to adding beach volleyball, high performance and recreational coaches in future years.
- Delivery of coaching support including 19 coach education courses for 240 participants, 15 professional development opportunities for a total of 412 participants, and 12 monthly newsletters accessed over 18,000 times.
- Launched a new dedicated Instagram channel for coaches.
- Delivered female mentorship program to support female coaches through online webinars and peer groups.



- Created "Welcome Package" for coaches new to club volleyball which will be launched pre-2026 season and will include a webinar, resources, and links to partners.
- Initiated a review of our youth recreational program delivery to establish standards and coaching requirements. These will be formalized in 2026 to create resources for recreational coaches.
- Worked with UBC Sauder Graduate students to engage in data collection and analysis of female coach and referee experiences. Recommendations will be made by the end of 2025 for implementation from 2026.

GOAL 3 – TO INCREASE CAPACITY THROUGH REFEREE EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

- Survey of referees undertaken through 2025 Annual Member Survey with analysis and review of results in the fall.
- Initiated Working Group to oversee the assessment of referee experience.
- Compilation of data from the Annual Member Survey and Club Competition Review is underway and a position paper with identified priorities will be developed by 2026. This will provide the basis for appointment of a consultant to develop a referee development plan.
- Worked with UBC Sauder Graduate students to engage in data collection and analysis of female coach and referee experiences. Recommendations will be made by the end of 2025 for implementation in 2026 and beyond.



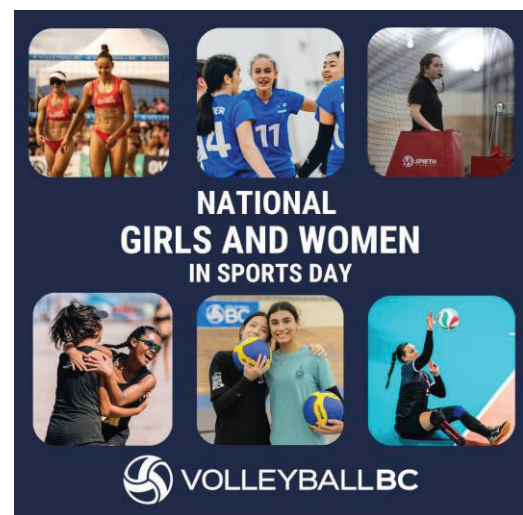
GOAL 4 – TO CREATE STRATEGIES FOR MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AND COMPETITION



- Completed the Club Competition Review process with a final report and recommendations presented in summer 2025.
- Overseen by the High Performance Advisory Committee for Beach Volleyball, the [High Performance Plan for Beach Volleyball](#) was developed and approved in fall 2025. The Plan includes actions to support the development of grassroots and performance beach volleyball and will be implemented over the next 3 years.
- Development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Volleyball BC and member clubs to outline roles and responsibilities.
- Delivery of sitting volleyball competition at the 2025 Invictus Games.
- Identification of core standards for delivery of Volleyball BC events.
- Review and evaluation of the Vancouver Open to determine success factors and future sustainability.

GOAL 5 – TO DEVELOP AN OPERATING MODEL FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND MEMBER SERVICE

- The 5th Annual Member Survey was implemented with responses from over 500 athletes, families, club directors, coaches and referees. Results were compiled and reviewed by staff as part of our annual planning for 2026.
- Development and approval of a new Framework for Safety and Inclusion in spring 2025. The Framework represents an integration of safety and inclusion throughout our governance, operations, and programming. Progress will be shared annually with our members.
- Focus on occupational health and safety, including draft internal policy and a new Committee established. Audit of sponsor, partner and funding opportunities to allow the creation of a fund development plan for 2026 and beyond.





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