

## **North Carolina Volleyball Hall of Fame**

**The North Carolina Volleyball Hall of Fame (NCVBHOF) honors outstanding players, coaches, officials, leaders, and teams who have made extraordinary or significant contributions to the sport of volleyball within the state of North Carolina. The Hall was founded in 2013 by the Carolina Regional Volleyball Association to bring more recognition to those who have contributed to the advancement of the sport in North Carolina.**

### **Selection Committee and Procedure:**

Nominations for the NCVBHOF may be submitted to the Carolina Region office throughout the year. Nominations for the next year's inductions will be accepted through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominations must be in writing and provide sufficient information for the committee to review and vote on inducting the nominee. Honorees will be announced by December 31<sup>st</sup> unless the induction is designated as a surprise by the nominator or committee. An induction ceremony will be held the following year after consultation with the honoree.

Individual nominees should have been involved with the sport of volleyball for a minimum of ten years (unless individual category criteria is lower) and achieved significant regional, national or international recognition in the category for which they are nominated. Teams nominated for the NCVBHOF should have achieved national recognition for their performance and may be honored at any time after their achievement.

The maximum number of candidates that may be selected for induction into the NCVBHOF in any one year shall be two. The Selection Committee may choose to induct more than two candidates in years where there are not at least two inducted honorees already in a given category.

The Hall of Fame's Selection Committee is charged with the vital task of insuring all that are enshrined are among the finest the game has produced within the state. The Selection Committee is composed of: (a) the sitting Board of Directors of the Carolina Regional Volleyball Association, and (b) every inductee from an individual category.

To be inducted, a nominee must receive at least 75% of the votes. If no candidate receives 75% of the votes, the two nominees that received the most votes will be voted on again by the Committee. If no candidate on the second ballot receives 75% of the votes, there will not be an inductee for that year. All nominations received shall remain active and on the ballot for each of five (5) successive years unless sooner elected to the Hall of Fame.

**Criteria:**

- A. Recognized for extensive, significant and outstanding contributions to the Carolina Regional Volleyball Association, other North Carolina volleyball organizations, or sport of volleyball within North Carolina; and/or
- B. Has demonstrated a great devotion to the game of volleyball and willingness to give unselfishly of his/her talents toward the development and promotion of the sport of volleyball in North Carolina; and/or
- C. Has provided outstanding and distinguished service to one or more regional adult and/or junior volleyball programs; and/or
- D. Has contributed voluntary service which is directly beneficial to the long-term success of the Carolina Regional Volleyball Association, USA Volleyball, or the sport of volleyball in general; and/or
- E. Demonstrated outstanding success as a player, coach, official, team, or leader in the sport of volleyball in North Carolina, nationally or internationally; and/or
- F. Recognized as an ambassador for the sport of volleyball in North Carolina.

**Categories:** nominees may be recognized for contributions in the following categories

- A. **Founders and Administrators** – this category is for individuals (1) who have played a key role in founding either the Carolina Region, a volleyball club, or some programming for the sport of volleyball which has proven to make a significant impact in either their local area, the state, and/or within the sport of volleyball, or (2) who have proven themselves to be innovators or key contributors in advancing and promoting the sport of volleyball within or beyond North Carolina.
- B. **Coaches** – this category is for individuals who have served within the state of North Carolina in the capacity of a coach for the sport of volleyball at any level (recreational, scholastic, club, collegiate, High Performance, National team, or Internationally, etc.). Ideal nominees are those whose standard has been to better the quality of knowledge, skill, and experiences of those they oversee by developing players as well as mentoring other coaches. Preference will be given to individuals who have received some level of high recognition or success (national coach of the year, won a significant championship, won multiple state championships, etc.)

- C. **Players** – this category is for individual players who have participated in volleyball (indoor or outdoor) at some level for at least four years within the state of North Carolina and who have achieved some significant recognition/accolade due to their successes on the court. Preference will be given to players who have participated and received multiple accolades at the highest levels of volleyball (won a national championship, played on a national team, played overseas, named All-American, etc.).
- D. **Officials** – this category is for individuals who have served in North Carolina as an official and have worked to advance the practice, knowledge, skill, and art of officiating at any level within and/or beyond the state. Preference will be given to individuals who have achieved the highest ratings as an official and worked significant events as an official (International, NCAA, USAV Championships, etc.)
- E. **Outdoor/Beach** – this category is for individuals who have contributed significantly through any role to the growth and development of either grass or beach volleyball within and/or beyond North Carolina.
- F. **Teams** - this category is for teams from or representing North Carolina—adult, inter-collegiate, collegiate club, or junior - who have achieved regional or national recognition for significant results, such as winning a USAV National Championship or Qualifier, earning USAV Qualifier bids, winning or making the semi-finals at a national collegiate tournament, sustained conference excellence, etc. It should be noted that this category recognizes each team as a whole; individuals on these teams can be separately inducted into a different category if deemed worthy of induction individually. Due to the difficulties in reuniting an entire group to be honored, moving forward, teams should be recognized within the year of or following their achievement, regardless of age. Past teams who have proven worthy of this recognition will be honored as they are nominated and approved. Teams elected to the NC Hall of Fame will be recognized officially in the Court of Honor.

**Court of Honor:** From time to time the NCVBHOF may choose to award special recognition to organizations, companies, or groups that provide significant resources or accomplishments towards the advancement of the sport of volleyball within North Carolina.

**Arbiters of Distinction:** The game of volleyball cannot be fairly played without the aid of those willing to judge adherence to the rules. Those individuals willing to accept that responsibility and train to reach the highest levels are worthy of recognition. The NCVBHOF is committed to recognizing all North Carolina Officials who attained a national certification by a recognized officiating organization. Honorees will be listed on a permanent plaque in the NCVBHOF. Honorees will be announced annually beginning with the earliest to achieve these ratings until all past officials have been recognized. From that point on, new National officials will then be recognized the year following their achievement.