



ONTARIO
Volleyball

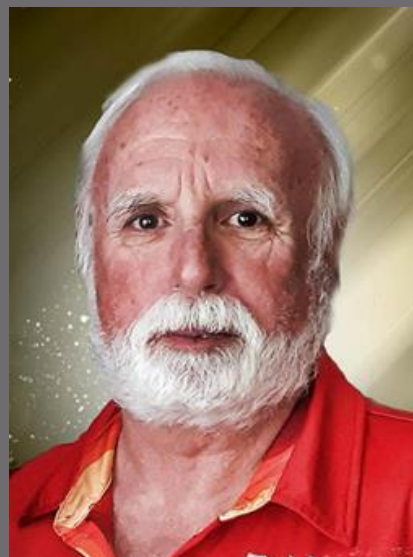


Referee Kickoff Meeting - Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Housekeeping
3. In Memoriam
4. Governance Update
5. COVID-19 Update
6. Membership & Registration
7. Indoor Competitions & Rules Update
8. Awards & Recognition



RRC Committee Members



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Quality Assurance
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Tony Curciarello – R1



Al Tkachuk – R1



Brian Rancourt – R2



Samara Sevor – R3



Lynn Watkins – R4



Jennifer Adams – R5



Irena Zamboni – R6



John Gillis – Beach

Introductions & Housekeeping

- Questions in chat to everyone
- Call will be recorded and posted on REC
- Please mute yourself if not speaking
- Please turn off your ringers





IN MEMORIAM

Volleyball for Life

In Memoriam



Ed Yu
1965-2021



Modris Lorbergs
1950-2021



Tony DiBacco
1960-2021

A Year in Review

- Level 1 Online Theory
- Beach Volleyball & Ontario Championships
- Recruitment & Retention Committee
- Let's Talk Volleyball Rules



GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Governance Update

- OVA by-law changes proposal
 - Nov 7 special meeting
- Sport Governance Code and Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)
- Delegates and voting members
- Upcoming regional meetings
- AGM – Sunday, December 12, 2021.



COVID-19 UPDATE



Ontario Government Regulations and Resources

Ontario Vaccine Certificate Regulations:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21645>

Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Act
– September 14, 2021 version:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000807/ontario-releasing-guidance-to-support-proof-of-vaccination-policy>

Ontario





Vaccine Government Regulations

Who is responsible for checking proof of vaccination?

- The business/organization that is open
 - Rental/Permit Agreement and Safety Plan will dictate:
 - Facility
 - Club
 - OVA Event Staff or Host



Proof of vaccination

2.1 (1) The person responsible for a business or an organization described in subsection (2) that is open shall require each patron who enters an area of the premises of the business or organization that is described in that subsection to provide, at the point of entry, proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.



Vaccine Government Regulations

What is fully vaccinated?

- Received Vaccine:
 - Full series of vaccine authorized by Health Canada or any combination,
 - One or two doses not authorized, followed by one dose of mRNA authorized by Health Canada, or
 - Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada
- Received final dose at least 14 days before providing proof of being fully vaccinated

- (a) they have received,
 - (i) the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,
 - (ii) one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
 - (iii) three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and
- (b) they received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.



Vaccine Government Regulations

When is proof of vaccine checked?

- Upon entry, check vaccine proof
 - *Remember health screening, contact tracing still required*
- Patron is not permitted to enter unless proof is provided or exemption applicable
- Refusal to provide proof – individual will not be permitted

➤ Information cannot be retained

- If receipts have been collected,
 - record the date viewed,
 - then delete

Application

Should an individual choose not to share the required information then, unless the [ROA](#) otherwise exempts them from this requirement, they will not be permitted to enter those businesses or organizations that require proof.

In order to enter the business and organization, with limited exceptions:

- The patron must provide the required proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated, and
- The business and organization must review and confirm the proof.



Vaccine Government Regulations

Who is Exempt?

- Patrons under 12 years of age

Medical Exemptions:

- Present written document from physician or nurse with:
 - Documented medical reason, and
 - Effective time-period

(6) A business or an organization is exempt from the requirement under subsection (1) in respect of patrons,

- (a) who are under 12 years of age;
- (b) who are under 18 years of age, and who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with guidance published by the Ministry of Health on its website for the purposes of this provision;
- (c) who provide a written document, completed and supplied by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class, that sets out, in accordance with the Ministry's guidance mentioned in subsection (4),
 - (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and
 - (ii) the effective time-period for the medical reason;



Vaccine Government Regulations

Who is required to provide proof?

- Athletes 18 years and older
- Individuals, including under 18 years using exercise equipment, fitness area
- All spectators, including youth 12+

Not required to present vaccination proof

- Youth under 18 years of age participating in organized sport
- Note: proof of vaccination not required for workers or volunteers including coaches and officials

Indoor Sport and Recreational Fitness Facilities

Setting	Activity	Proof of Vaccination
Indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities	Youth under 18 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games and competitions. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sports leagues• organized pick-up sports• dance classes• martial arts• swimming classes	Not required
	Youth under 18 years of age using a gym or other area with exercise equipment or weights	Required*
	Youth spectating, including at sporting events	Required*
	Adult (18+) patrons accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians of youth participating in an organized sport	Required*

*unless patron qualifies for an exemption

Note: Proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to an exemption) is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.



Vaccination Guidance Document

Further requirements

- Guidance document provides baseline requirements to comply with
- Public Health Units/Business/Organizations can establish their own additional policies or requirements I.e. York Region Public Health Mandate all sport and rec facilities to check proof for patrons 12+ of October 1st, OCCA and OUA schools mandatory vaccine requirements, etc.

Next Steps

- Sept 22 - Oct 22 use paper copy of receipts with ID
- Expected launch date Oct 22 - Enhance digital vaccine certificate with QR code
- Verification apps will be available for business
- Referees to upload their proof of vaccination to the OVA Formstack



OVA and Ontario's Step 3 Regulations

ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

- Step 3 protocols are still to be followed, even with the new vaccine certificate system
- Indoor facilities are operating at 50% capacity, capacity limits must be posted
- You must physical distance and wear masks, except for athletes actively participating on court
- Referees and coaches must use hand whistles or the Fox40 type mask that allows for whistles in a person's mouth <https://www.fox40world.com/whistle-mask>
- OVA/Clubs must track daily health screening and have contact tracing lists for events
- OVA and it's Clubs must have COVID protocols posted on their website in a conspicuous location
- For full protocols, visit: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ova-return-to-play>

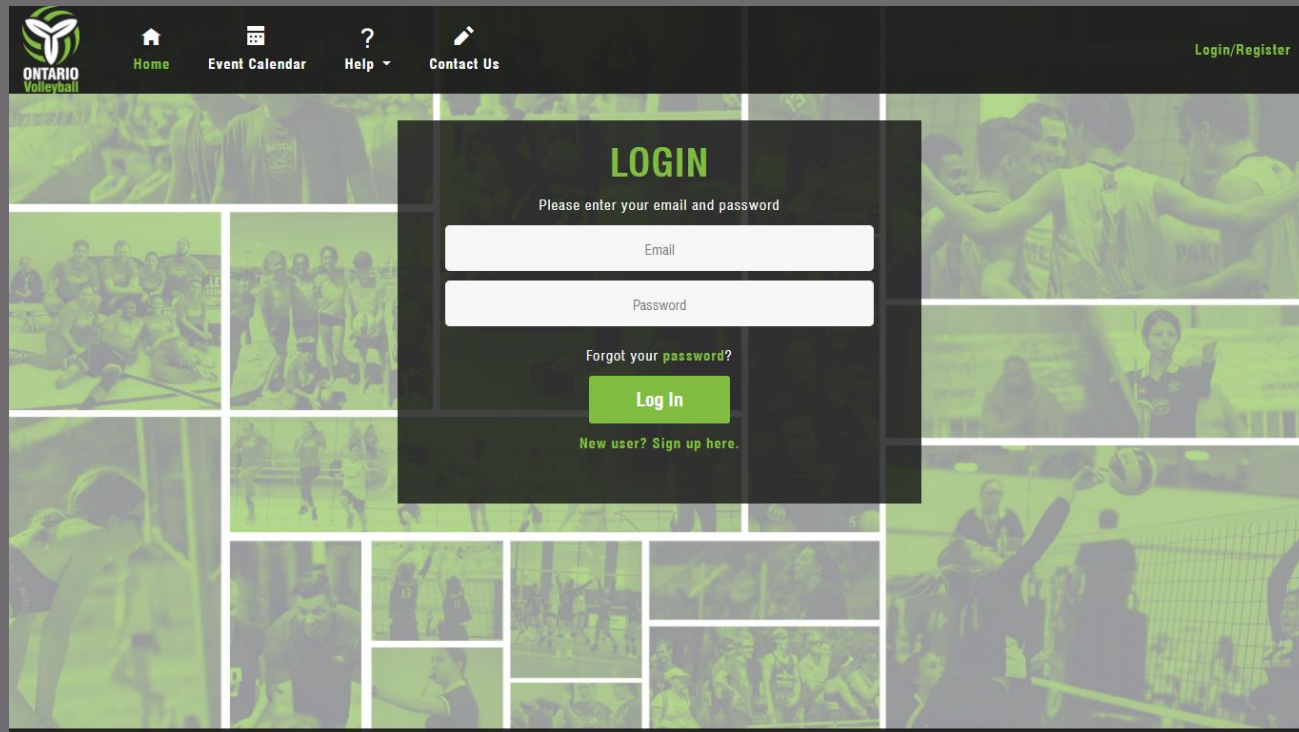


MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION

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Membership This Year



Need help registering? Contact Chery Bennett
cbennett@ontariovolleyball.org

- New Registration System:
www.mrs.ontariovolleyball.org
- When should I register?
 - OUA/OCAA events – register by Oct 10
 - OVA – October 25
 - OVA office needs turnaround time to send everyone masks, e-whistle and purple cards
- Membership requirements:
 - Safe Sport
 - Police Screening & OVA Screening Form



Referee Membership Reminders

- Currently, the OUA, OCAA, Public Health Units (York Region) and various school boards (Refrew County, Thames Valley, etc) are mandating fully vaccinated referees to work their matches.
- All proof of identification and vaccinations are to be uploaded to the OVA: https://ontariovolleyballassociation.formstack.com/forms/referee_proof_of_vaccination_submissions
- Once files are uploaded, Kelvin Cheng will be reviewing and destroying the electronic files. Kelvin has shared a spreadsheet via Google docs with all Ontario assignors. Kelvin will be updating this spreadsheet daily for the assignors with referees that meet all requirements for each sport body.
- Anyone with a valid proof of exemption documentation from a physician is asked to email Kelvin directly at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org and not upload via the FormStack link.
- Referee registration is open on the Membership Registration system: <https://mrs.ontariovolleyball.org/Account/Login>



Referee Membership Requirements: Police Screening & OVA Screening Form

- Referees will need to complete the police screening and screening form
- Both can be done easily online:
 - MyBackCheck is a tool being used for police screening to eliminate the need to go to the local police station (either option can still be used)
 - Formstack is the collection method for the screening form
- MyBackCheck:
<https://www.mybackcheck.com/Secure/Invitation/SelfInvite.aspx?selfInviteId=70DIy5HaaMC0FvsgO0Xo0g==&lang=1>
- OVA Screening Form & Renewal:
https://ontariovolleyballassociation.formstack.com/forms/screening_disclosure_form

Safe Sport Training



SAFE SPORT TRAINING

Creating a culture where everyone can thrive is a shared responsibility. The Safe Sport Training module developed by the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) will help anyone involved in sport identify and prevent situations of maltreatment.

Together, we can make sport safe for everyone.



TAKE THE SAFE SPORT TRAINING

Whether you are directly involved with athletes or play another role in national sport, the CAC's Safe Sport Training will give you the tools to recognize, prevent and address maltreatment in sport.



SUPPORT FOR SPORT PARTNERS

The CAC's Safe Sport Training gives sport organizations the curriculum, tracking tools and marketing support to create and maintain maltreatment-free sports environments.



**BE INFORMED:
SAFE SPORT TRAINING FACTS**

Learn more about the CAC's Safe Sport Training and why it matters to parents, members of the media, and those who have an interest in keeping sports a positive experience for all.

- Safe Sport – protect athletes
- Mandatory training
- The Locker – NCCP --> free account and free course

www.safesport.coach.ca

Referee Badges & Uniform

- Badges
 - New design
 - Mailed directly to referees
 - For Indoor referees
- Uniform
 - New logo required
 - <https://store.volleyball.ca/>



Referee Certification & Upgrades

- Referee Upgrades
 - Currently working on possible upgrades for RUP
 - VC will catch up with NUP at Nationals
 - No Level 2 PUP
- Level 1 Local Referee Clinic Online – please use as a refresher!





INDOOR COMPETITIONS

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Youth Competitions Update



- Planned on a regular season for 2021-22, but are already pivoting due to:
 - School boards are taking a cautious approach to re-issuing permits
 - Only 169 facilities booked from November '21 to March '22 (traditional OVA season see 700+ venues booked at this time)
 - Lack of consistency among school board permit regulations.
 - Permitted activities
 - Time blocks
 - Vaccination requirements etc.
- Announcing a League format for ECI-16U Competitions
- 17U and 18U will remain in tournament formats



Youth Competitions Update

- 17/18U tournaments will be run at the private facilities that OVA has booked in November and December (GTA/Durham)
 - 18U Provincial Cup will take place on the Nov 13th – 14th weekend
 - 18U Challenge Cup will take place on the Dec 11th – 12th weekend
 - 17U Provincial Cup will take place on Nov 20th – 21st
- ECI to 16U will be moving to league play for November 18 to December 12
- League play will take place during club booked gym time
- OVA will be working with Clubs to bring teams together to the private facilities we have booked in November and December to ensure they get their matches in
- Referees will be required at tournaments and league play matches
- Club staff will be booking referees directly for their league matches via their local assignor

Sign up for the OVA Town Hall on Thursday October 7th to listen to the full overview changes to the youth competition season for November and

December: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlodeGpqz4oGNEOxZGE8__kWj3dVGii8BSI



Youth Competitions: Early Contact Initiative

- The Early Contact Initiative commences this 2021-2022 season with the introduction of the following divisions for athletes born 2007 & Under:
 - 4v4 Rallyball (previously 12U)
 - 6v6 Rallyball (previously 13U)
 - Traditional Non-Specialized (TNS) (previously 14U)

More information and rules, please visit:

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/early-contact>



THE EARLY CONTACT INITIATIVE



Youth Competitions: Volleyballs 2021-22

MVALITE



4v4 Rallyball

VQ200W-OVA



6v6 Rallyball, Traditional
Non-Specialized (previously
14U) and 15U

V200W



16U-18U

RULE CHANGES



Youth Competitions: COVID Match Protocols

COVID-19 protocols we have kept:

- Coin toss procedures
- No side switches, unless a real advantage on one side over the other. I.e. basketball net system hanging over 1 side and not the other.
- Electronic whistle and mask (or Fox40 mask whistle) must be used by referees
- Physical distancing is required at all times except for athletes during on court play



Youth Competitions: COVID Match Protocols

- There are some changes but otherwise, largely the same as last year:
 - Athletes are not required to wear a mask when actively playing on the court
 - Scoresheets can be signed; players, coaches and refs should bring their own pens and maintain 2m of physical distance at all times
 - Line judge flags can be used if available; participants should disinfect flags and hands before and after use
 - All events will have a safety plan for each specific facility, which includes pertinent safety information, including but not limited to: points of entry, proof of vaccine protocols, daily health screening and contact tracking protocols, information on changeroom and washrooms, crowd control mandates, etc.
 - These documents will be on the indoor competitions tournament pages for each venue.

For the modified Covid-19 rules and protocols, please visit: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ova-return-to-play>



Youth Competitions Reminders

A soft uniform rule will be in effect for November and December. This means that teams will be permitted to participate in OVA events and league matches without matching uniforms at first glance.



Purple Card Policy - The purpose and intent of the Purple Card Sanction policy is to effectively address and sanction any inappropriate or prohibited behavior exhibited by any Ontario Volleyball member (adult or junior), parent or spectator, attending and observing any Ontario Volleyball event.

View the full policy here:

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/referees-resources-development>

Ceiling Rule

- For OVA competition ONLY, the ball will be permitted to touch the ceiling during rally play.
 - A ball, other than a served ball, shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 4.6 m (15') or more above the playing area. If benches, bleachers, low-hanging baskets or other floor obstructions are less than 2 m (6'6 3/4") from the court and interfere with play of the ball, the ball becomes out of play and a replay may be directed at the 1st referee's discretion.

Ceiling Rule

- The ball is out of play when:
 - Rule 10.1.2 is not in effect, and the ball makes contact with the ceiling or obstruction above the opponent's playing area.
 - Rule 10.1.2 is in effect, and a ball that cannot be legally retrieved from the opponent's free zone contacts the ceiling or obstruction over the opponent's playing area.
 - The ball contacts the ceiling or obstruction above the team's playing area and crosses the plane of the net into the opponent's court.
- **NOTE RULE 10.1.2: The ball that has crossed the net plane to the opponent's free zone totally or partly through the external space, may be played back within the team hits, provided that:
 - 10.1.2.1 the opponent's court is not touched by the player;
 - 10.1.2.2 the ball, when played back, crosses the net plane again totally or partly through the external space on the same side of the court.The opponent team may not prevent such action.

Ceiling Rule

- Examples:
 - If a basket is hanging in the court and the ball hits it and would be playable, re-serve the point.
 - If a basket has been raised up high against the wall off the court and the ball hits it, this is a fault.
 - If a basket is raised and is high up over the court, it should be played like a ceiling ball.





OUA/OCAA Regulations



- Mandatory vaccine policy to be on campus/referee matches at all schools.
 - Please submit your proof of vaccination to the OVA and bring your ID and vaccination receipt to campus as you will be asked again at point of entry.
- R2 does not mirror R1 with their signal. They will simply move to the side of the fault, ball down etc. The only time R2 will signal is if they stop the rally for a fault. I.e., Net violation, centre line penetration, back court attack, out of rotation, ball off the antennae etc. In this case, they will signal the fault, wait for R1 to indicate team to serve and they will also indicate.
 - Please note this change is only at the OCAA and OUA level only. This does not apply to high school, OVA, OFSAA etc. We want the younger referees to still mirror R1 at that level.
- All OUA/OCAA schools will have safety protocols and COVID plans in place that will be provided to all patrons, including working referees. Please stay tuned on how these documents will be distributed.



COMPETITION DATES

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Championship Dates 2022



OFSAA Boys

- **November 25-27, 2021**
 - A – Belle River, ON
 - AA – North Bay, ON
 - AAA – Kingston, ON

OFSAA Girls

- **March 7-9, 2022**
 - A – Toronto, ON
 - AA – North Bay, ON
 - AAA – Rockland, ON



OCAA Championships

February 25-27, 2022

Locations: TBD



CCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women: March 9 – 12, 2022

- Holland College
- Charlottetown, PE

Men: March 9 – 12, 2022

- Cégep Limoilou
- Québec, QC

OUA Championships

Women & Men

- March 19, 2022
- Locations: TBD



U Sports CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women: March 25 – 27, 2022

- University of Calgary
- Calgary, AB

Men: March 25 – 27, 2022

- University of Manitoba
- Winnipeg, MB





Ontario Championships 2022*

- Event 1: April 14 – 16 @ RIM Park, Waterloo
- Event 2: April 17 – 19 @ RIM Park, Waterloo
- Event 3: April 21 – 23 @ Paramount Fine Foods, Mississauga
- Event 4: April 23 – 25 @ RIM Park, Waterloo
- Event 5: April 24 – 26 @ Paramount Fine Foods, Mississauga
- Event 6: April 29 – May 1 @ RIM Park, Waterloo
- Event 7: April 29-May 1 @ Paramount Fine Foods, Mississauga

**Age splits will be announced November 2021*



Volleyball Canada National Championships 2022



- 14U Female / Male: May 5 – 8 Ottawa, ON (Carleton University)
- 14U Female: May 12 – 15 Richmond, BC (Richmond Oval)
- 14U Male: May 12 – 15 Burnaby, BC (Harry Jerome Centre)
- 14U Female / Male: May 12 – 15 Halifax, NS (Canada Games Centre)
- 15U Female / Male: May 18 – 21 Edmonton, AB (Edmonton Expo)
- 16U Female / Male: May 21 – 24 Edmonton, AB (Edmonton Expo)
- 17U Female / Male: May 18 – 21 Edmonton, AB (Edmonton Expo)
- 18U Female / Male: May 21 – 24 Edmonton, AB (Edmonton Expo)
- Senior (Open / Masters): May 14 – 15 Edmonton, AB (Edmonton Expo)

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

International Travel



- Samara Sevor
 - FIVB U18 Girls World Championships (Durango, Mexico)
 - 1st Referee Gold Medal Match
- Guy Bradbury
 - FIVB U18 Girls World Championships (Durango, Mexico) – Referee Coach

International Travel



Andy Cameron

- NORCECA Men's Pan Am Cup (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)
- 1st Referee Bronze Medal Match



Andrew Robb

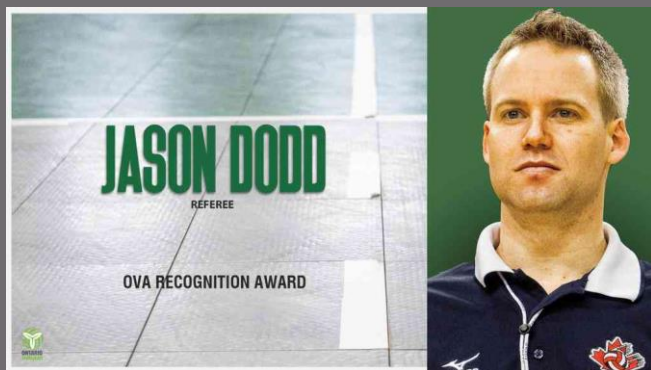
- NORCECA Women's Pan Am Cup (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)
- 2nd Referee Gold Medal Match

Women's Referee Development Committee

Congratulations Irena
Zamboni on being named
the chair of VC's Women's
Referee Development
Committee!



Recognition Award Winners (5+ years of service)

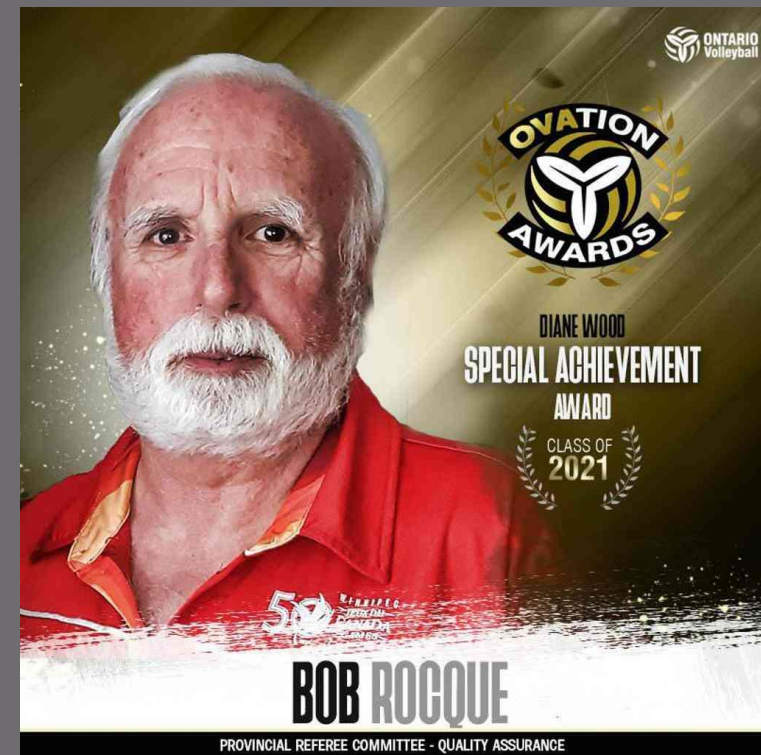
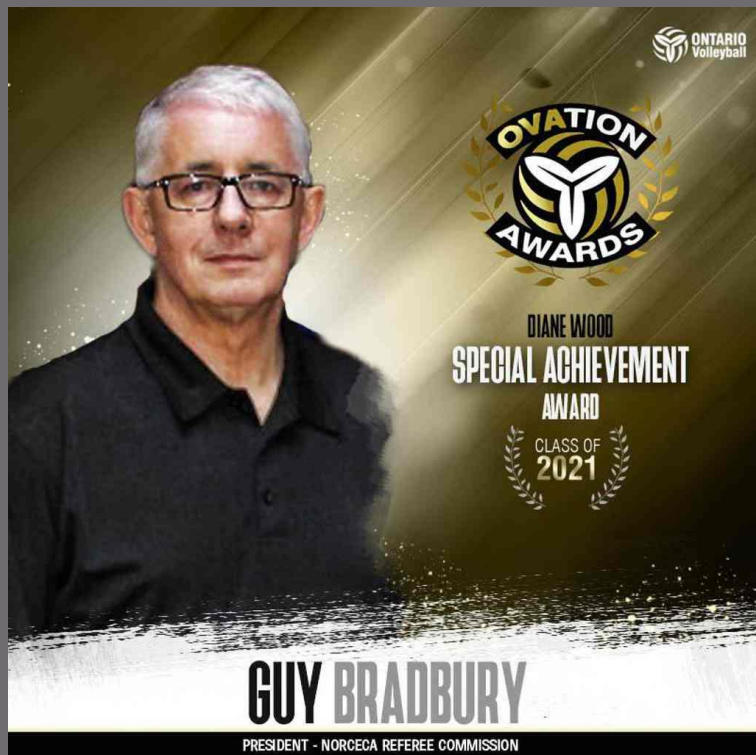


Achievement Award Winners (10+ years of service)



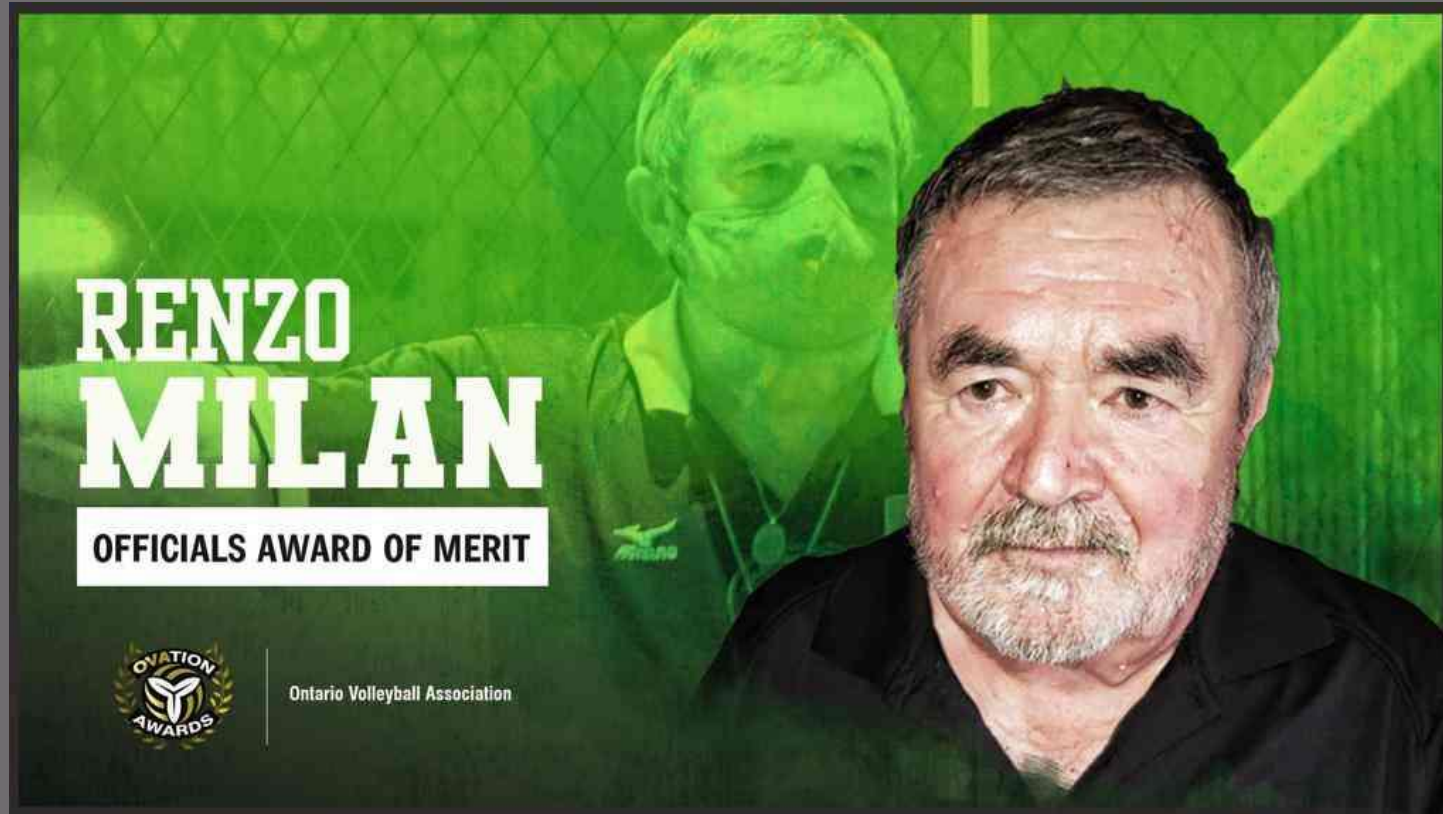


Diane Wood Special Achievement Award Winners (15+ years of service)



Guy Bradbury also received
Volleyball Canada's Dennis Pomeroy
Leadership Award

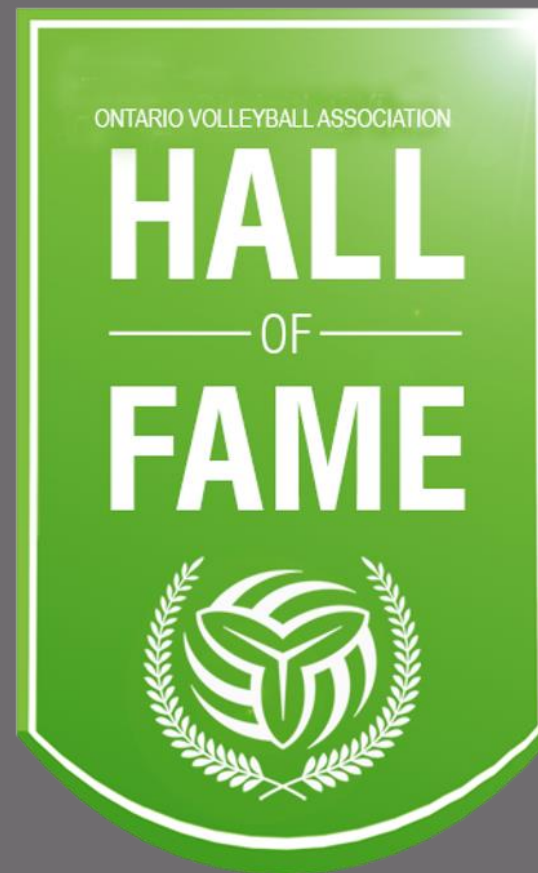
OVA Awards - Officials Award of Merit





OVA Hall of Fame Class of 2021

- Bev Burrows
- Al Diehl





OVAtion Awards Banquet

Save the date!

Date: Saturday, June 4th, 2022

Location: Bingemans Catering and Conference Centre (Kitchener, ON)

Time: 6:00 - 11:00 PM

For more information or to submit a nomination:
<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/awards>





Questions?

THANK YOU!!!

