

# SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



**Inducted 2015 – BUILDER**

## **MARLENE HOFFMAN**

Although Marlene was an all-around athlete, volleyball was her true passion. She played with the Toronto University Settlement Club, winning two national titles and competing in the U.S. Nationals. In 1963 Marlene moved to Saskatchewan, became a member of the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association and formed a Women's Volleyball team which went on to win a number of provincial, western and national titles. During that time she was named as an All-Star at both the provincial and national level.

Over the next 45 years Marlene played a pivotal role in the development of volleyball in the province, serving as President of the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association, member of the Volleyball Canada Board of Directors, Chair of the National Volleyball Championships, Volleyball Canada Official, and Board member with both Sask Sport and the Sask Games Council. Marlene has been honored with various awards including the 125<sup>th</sup> Medal from the Government of Canada and the YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

Marlene was the treasurer of Sask Volleyball and sat on the Sask Volleyball Board of Directors from 1963 – 2009. Marlene has been involved with the organizing of the Western Canada Games (1975), National Senior Championships (1978), International Matches (1979), National Junior Championships (1985), Canada vs Japan (1983), Canada vs Peru (1983), Canada vs Korea (1986), NTCC's (1986), Co-chair of NORCECA (1997), Chair of Canada Games Volleyball (2005), and the Chair of the World Disabled games (2005).

Marlene has given thousands of hours of her time in helping others enjoy themselves through the sport. She is well known in the community as a hard worker and organizer. She is passionate about the sport as an athlete, a volunteer, a committee chair and a parent, as all 5 of Marlene's children participated at the Saskatchewan Games. Her ability to work with others and always leave them feeling like they were someone special is truly remarkable. Marlene has been a leader in the province of Saskatchewan and throughout Canada for decades.

Marlene was inducted as a Sask Volleyball Lifetime Member in 1993 and the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame in 2016.