

Anton Furlani Achievement Award

The Ontario Volleyball Hall of Fame honours athletes, teams, coaches, officials, and builders who have had a significant impact on volleyball in Ontario. Inductees exemplify the best in the history of the sport in our province.

History:

Anton Furlani was an extraordinary volunteer and pioneer to the development of the sport of volleyball in Canada. Furlani's passion and dedication brought volleyball to many Canadians who had never played the game. His contribution to the sport was unparalleled as he ran the Ontario Volleyball Association and Volleyball Canada out of his basement during their establishing years. In 1964, Furlani organized the first international volleyball tournaments in Canada and was the first Canadian to officiate an international match. As the first member of the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame and an inductee of the Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1992, Furlani's efforts are commemorated as he brought Canadian volleyball to the world stage.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

Furlani Legend Category

- Presented to an individual to recognize an **outstanding** contribution to volleyball at the provincial level for 25 years or more.
- The nominee must be an individual who has made significant strides within sport in one or more of the following categories over a minimum of 25 years:
 - a. Promoting and building the sport of volleyball in Ontario
 - b. History of dedicated involvement in the sport and performance as an athlete, Coach, Official, and/or administrator
 - c. Contributes to the development and/or advancement of volleyball in their community and Ontario
- Must have been an OVA member in good standing with the community during their involvement with the OVA
- The individual may only receive this award once in their lifetime
- The individual must have previously received the Diane Wood Special Achievement Award
- The individual must reside in Ontario