

# **Nominee Bios**

#### **David Bommersbach**

I grew up in the Volleyball Community in Winnipeg. I played volleyball at Winman Volleyball Club from 2013-2018, Manitoba provincial teams from 2012 to 2014, including the 2013 Canada Games men's team, high school volleyball at Miles Mac, and ultimately five years at the University of Winnipeg. My involvement in coaching includes assistant coaching at Winman Volleyball Club in 2013 and 2018, as well as helping run practices with the men's Canada Games Volleyball team this summer. Academically, I completed my Bachelor in Business Administration with a major in Accounting in 2018 and passed the CPA Common Final Exam in Fall 2019, becoming a CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) in November 2021. I completed my Masters in Accounting with Cognitive Analytics in December 2022 through Simon Fraser University. Since graduating from the University of Winnipeg in 2018, I have been working at KPMG, a public accounting firm in Winnipeg as a Senior Manager in the assurance practice. Over the past seven years, I have gained exposure to various businesses and industries, learning how companies operate. Among my clients are Sport Manitoba and Kidsport Canada, both in the non-profit sports industry. Outside of volleyball and work, I enjoy fitness and health. To date I have completed seven full marathons and enjoy weightlifting. I also enjoy travelling and had the opportunity to work in Perth for KPMG Australia for three months in 2022.

# **Austin Cadieux-Coombes**

I have spent almost 20 years in the volleyball community, moving from an athlete to primarily a coaching role. My goal is to continue to grow the sport in a holistic way that helps push everyone forward, raising our floor while continuing to push us forward in the competitive landscape. I currently serve as an assistant coach with the University of Manitoba Bisons Men's Volleyball Team, a club coach on the boy's side of the sport, a provincial team coach in the summer and finally I still try to find time to give back to my old high school's volleyball program. I'm also currently pursuing my master's degree from UBC in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership. I have spent most of my adult life serving on boards and attempting to make change in areas that I feel I can bring my expertise to. The majority of my post-pandemic free time has been spent helping grow the sport of dodgeball through my commitments on the Dodgeball Manitoba board of directors, with the goal of creating opportunities of new funding,

more athletes joining the sport and finally working really hard to be recognized by Sport Canada as a real sport and accessing the funding that comes with this. I am best known for having an incredible shoe collection, which you can find me showing off on the sideline in whichever gym I have found myself in that day. I strive to bring excellence to whatever project I am working on and am a massive advocate for representation of all communities. I am excited to continue to give back to a sport that has given me so much.

### **Ruben Cervantes**

Ruben is a long-time coach and dedicated advocate for volleyball in Manitoba. With over a decade of coaching experience, he has worked with athletes of all ages and skill levels, earning a strong reputation for his positive leadership and deep knowledge of the game. Currently, Ruben serves as the Operations Director for Blazers Volleyball Academy, where he oversees the planning and coordination of club programs, events, and athlete development initiatives. His strategic approach and calm, solution-focused leadership style have helped the club grow and thrive. Ruben is widely respected for his collaborative spirit and his ability to build strong relationships within the volleyball community. He is highly organized, dependable, and passionate about creating opportunities for athletes to succeed—both on and off the court. With his extensive experience in both coaching and operations, Ruben is well positioned to contribute meaningfully to the strategic direction and governance of Volleyball Manitoba. He is eager to support the growth of the sport across the province and to help ensure the organization's continued impact and success.

## Joel Heppner

Joel Heppner is an active contributor to Manitoba's volleyball community, combining on-court experience with off-court leadership in sport policy and event organization. As a former collegiate athlete with the Canadian Mennonite University Blazers, Joel competed for four seasons and served as a team captain, developing a strong sense of accountability, collaboration, and team culture. Beyond playing, Joel has supported volleyball's growth through his work with Elite Volley—helping to organize tournaments, build inclusive programming, and expand community access to the sport. His role has included coordinating logistics, securing sponsorships, and shaping the vision of events like Manitoba's first grass court women's-only sponsored tournament, aimed at empowering female athletes and elevating local competition. Professionally, Joel brings experience in sport governance and policy through his 8-month practicum internship role in Safe Sport policy analysis. This work gave him a critical understanding of how policies are built, implemented, and how they affect athletes and

organizations. He has been equipped to think both practically and ethically about the strengths and limitations of existing systems. Joel values behind-the-scenes leadership and believes that thoughtful planning, clear communication, and meaningful collaboration are essential to good governance. He leads through action and integrity and is committed to helping shape a more inclusive and sustainable future for volleyball in Manitoba.

### **Christine Kolbuck**

Hello, my name is Christine Kolbuck. I am a 23 year old female who is nearing the end of my University of Winnipeg undergraduate degree. I will be achieving a Bachelors in Science, with a major in Environmental Studies & Science, focused in the Chemistry stream. During my time at U of W I have been fortunate enough to play for the Wesmen Women's Volleyball for the past five years which has been the opportunity of a lifetime to represent my city, family, community and all the other major contributors that have helped me get to this point. Unfortunately, I suffered an ACL injury last season which has now been operated on and am currently almost halfway through my rehab. That being said, I now have ample amount of free time to give back to the community that has supported me for so long in an attempt to pay back their sacrifices. I enjoy spending time outdoors doing whatever I am able to, especially at my cabin with my family. I am currently working a seasonal position with the City of Winnipeg and also searching for a permanent position for once this contract ends.

#### Joe Moore

Joe is a proud husband and father of three. He carries a bachelor's degree in physical education and education and has been coaching for 23 years. Joe is a fully certified NCCP Advanced Development coach and currently serves as the Junior Bisons Volleyball Club Technical Coordinator while entering his 5<sup>th</sup> year as an Assistant Coach with Women's Volleyball at the University of Manitoba. He has supported the provincial team program on multiple occasions ('08, '22, '24 & '25) and served as head coach at the Canadian Mennonite University ('13), in addition to numerous years coaching junior high/grassroots and high school. Joe has previously been a member of the MVOA and has participated in our senior men's, beach and co-ed leagues. He was named AAAA Coach of the Year in 2011 and Bison Sports Assistant Coach of the Year in 2020. Joe has multiple provincial, and national medals but prides himself most on having a positive impact on youth within our sport.

### **Tonya Moreton**

Tonya Moreton has coached volleyball in MB for nearly 15 years, from gr 6 through to MCAC level athletes, including Provincial teams from 13U through 18U Toba Gold girls and Western Canadian Boys Bronze medalists. She is also Advanced Development Certified and has been an indoor referee since 2015 and am Provincial level. Most recently, Tonya started reffing beach volleyball and was honoured with being the only 1st year beach ref to be part of the referees who worked the Grand Beach open's medal matches. Showing great strides and dedication to her work. Tonya's personal playing experience began when she was a student in Selkirk in gr 7. Which continued all the way through gr 12, to UM Bisons for 3 seasons, winning 2 gold and 1 bronze at CIAUs which she (along with her fellow teammates) was inducted into the Manitoba Hall of Fame for last summer. She was a member of the Junior National team in 1991 that went to the FISU Games in Sheffield, UK. Tonya also has playing experience with Team Manitoba provincial teams from gr 9 through gr 12 as well as club volleyball from gr 8 through gr 12, winning several provincial and national championships along the way.

# **Chad Moyer**

Chad has been a dedicated contributor to Volleyball Manitoba and the development of athletes across Western Manitoba for over a decade. Since 2015, Chad has served as an assistant coach with the Brandon University Men's Volleyball program, helping lead the team to a U SPORTS silver medal in 2019 and a national championship title in 2025. Beyond the university level, Chad has coached club volleyball from the 13U to 17U age groups, guiding his teams to notable success, including a 17U provincial championship with BVC. His involvement with provincial programs includes coaching the Manitoba Provincial Team at the 15U/16U levels in both the Black and Gold groups, as well as leading teams at the Manitoba Games in 2024. In 2025, he coached the Brandon Westman Provincial Team, continuing his commitment to high-performance youth development. A certified Level 2 Advanced Development Coach, Chad has also been a school teacher and coach for the past nine years, integrating athletic mentorship into his professional life. Known for his passion for the sport and community, Chad is deeply committed to giving back and fostering growth among young athletes. His leadership, experience, and dedication make him a valued mentor in the volleyball community.

# **Goy Sengmany**

Goy is a dedicated and dynamic leader with a profound passion for volleyball and a deep commitment to the development of athletes. As the Club and Athletic Director of IMPACT Volleyball Club, Goy has demonstrated exceptional organizational skills, innovative event

planning, and a keen ability to foster team unity and positive competition. Goy's efforts in creating inclusive environments and addressing both athletic and mental well-being have profoundly impacted athletes and families alike. Goy's dedication to excellence and community involvement (an example - coaching Team Toba for two years makes him an outstanding candidate for the Volleyball Manitoba Board of Directors.