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## Fundraiser Success & Looking Ahead

Thank you to everyone who participated in our February Jack Links fundraiser—your efforts made a real impact.

With 11 teams involved, we raised \$11,161 in profit, helping offset travel and tournament costs for our athletes.

If you have ideas for future fundraisers or are interested in helping coordinate one, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support—on and off the court.

# \$11,161

**RAISED TO HELP  
OFFSET TRAVEL  
AND TOURNAMENT  
COSTS FOR OUR  
ATHLETES.**

Congratulations to our top sellers:

**MYLEE** \$1,824  
U13 GIRLS BLUE

**AVA** \$1,512  
U16 GIRLS BLUE

**DANICA** \$1,458  
U16 GIRLS WHITE

# HONOURING A LEGACY THROUGH SPORT

## EKVC at the Owyn McInnis Memorial Tournament



For the second consecutive year, **EKVC's 16U Boys** had the honour of competing in the **Owyn McInnis Memorial Tournament**.

This meaningful event is held annually in memory of a young athlete whose life and passion for volleyball left a lasting impact on the BC volleyball community.

Hosted in the Okanagan region, the tournament brings together teams from across the western provinces to celebrate sportsmanship, growth, and the spirit of competition that Owyn embodied. This tournament is a hidden gem on the club volleyball calendar - offering teams from U13 to U18 a valuable opportunity to face unfamiliar opponents and gain experience in a positive, community-focused environment.

**For EKVC's 16U Boys, the tournament provided not just strong competition, but also a standout moment: a thrilling win over the #1-ranked team from Manitoba.**

Beyond results and the level of competition, the Owyn McInnis Memorial Tournament is worth the trip.

EKVC is proud to be part of it and looks forward to returning next year!

SKY'S  
BOYS  
16U



**Owyn McInnis  
Volleyfest**

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# BEACH VOLLEYBALL ELEVATE YOUR GAME!

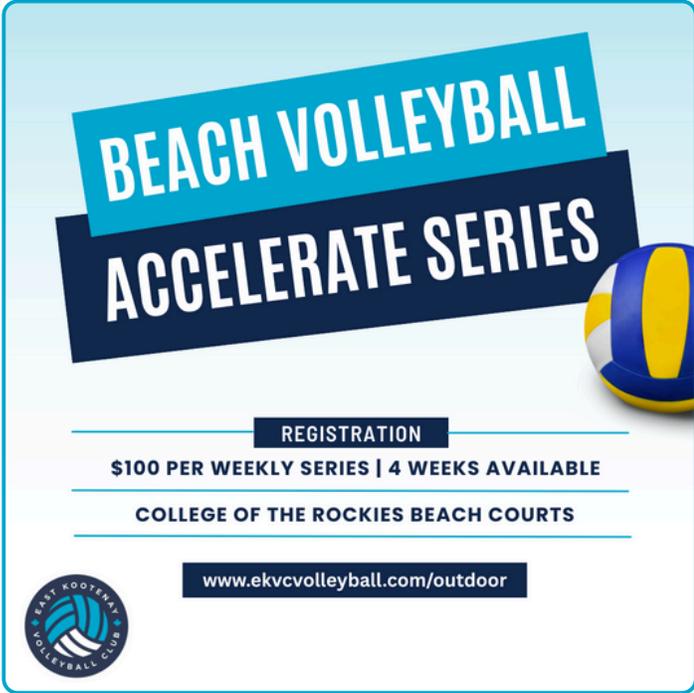
This June, EKVC wrapped up three successful weeks of the Beach Accelerate 3-Day Series, held at the College of the Rockies Beach Volleyball Courts.

## THE WHEN

June 3-5  
June 10-12  
June 17-19  
June 24-26

## THE WHERE

College  
of the  
Rockies,  
Beach Courts



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ACCELERATE SERIES**

REGISTRATION  
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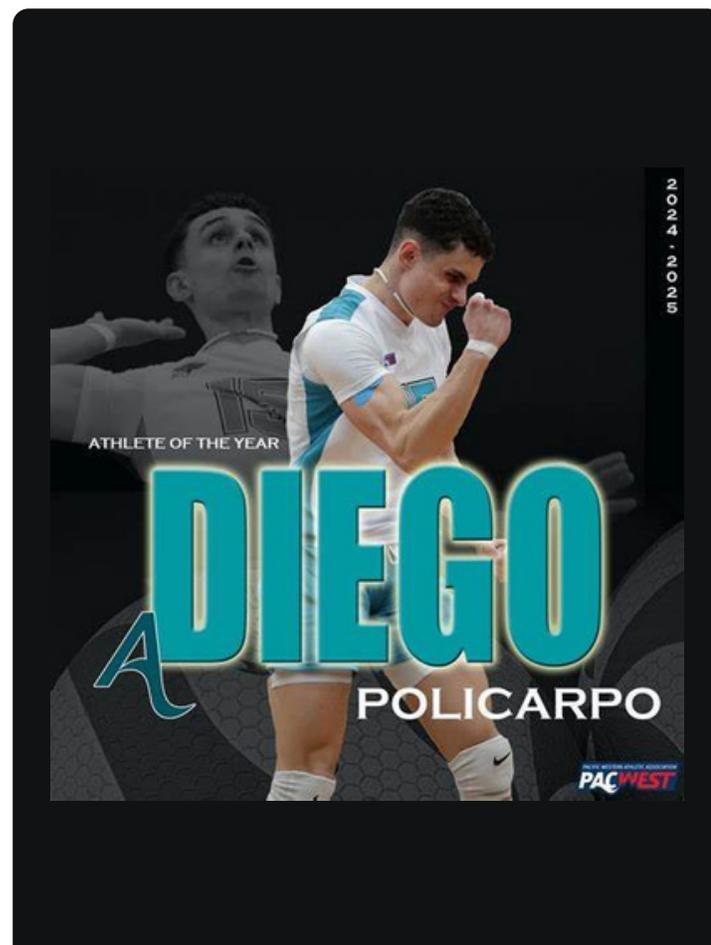


At just \$100 per week, **the series drew a total of 29 enthusiastic participants** who came out to sharpen their skills, enjoy the summer weather, and connect through sport.

Each session was led by **Diego Policarpo**, a standout athlete and current member of the COTR Avalanche.

Diego brought both his high-level experience and energy to the courts, fresh off being named the PACWEST Player of the Year.

We're proud of the strong turnout and the momentum this series has created as we continue to build our beach volleyball community!



ELEVATED

# A Player Spotlight

Mia Molnar

Mia Molnar, from the U17 EKVC girls team, is making some waves this 2025 season!

Currently in grade 11, Mia has been working hard and is dedicated to taking her volleyball career as far as she can.

**Mia has been asked to participate in the invitational**

**All-Canadian Games**

in Orangeville, ON,  
June 6-8.



26 girls from U17 were selected across the country to participate in a fully sponsored showcase game on CBC - airing **Sunday, June 8th at 12pm MST.**

See the website for more details and streaming:

[allcanadianvolleyball.com](http://allcanadianvolleyball.com)



She has also been invited to try out for this years Team BC U18 Selects team for a chance to represent BC again at the Canada Cup and Canada Summer Games this summer.



In the fall, Mia has been selected for the National Excellence Program (NEP) and will move to Richmond to train with Team Canada coaches from September to December of her grad year.



She has also been recruited and has verbally committed to sign and play for the Division 1 NCAA volleyball team at Sacramento State University in the fall of 2026!



Good luck Mia, your hard work and perseverance shows athletes in the area that great things can come from playing in the Kootenays!

# JOIN OUR COMMITTEES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**At EKVC, we believe everyone has valuable skills to share,** and we're looking for passionate individuals to get involved in our committees.

Whether you're a pro at grant writing, passionate about policy, or have a knack for event planning, there's a committee where you can make a lasting impact.

Check out the committee list to see how you can contribute.

We'd love for you to join a committee!

It's a great way to meet new people, develop leadership skills, and help grow our club.

Your involvement truly makes a difference!



## COMMITTEES

### **CLOTHING & APPAREL**

help source, design, or distribute team gear

### **COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING**

share our story & initiatives with the community

### **GRANT WRITING & FUNDRAISING**

support our efforts to secure funding and resources

### **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

help shape impactful programs for our athletes

### **RECRUITMENT**

help grow our club by reaching out to new members and spreading word

### **AWARDS**

celebrate our athletes and the successes of the club

### **POLICY, RISK MANAGEMENT & MEDIATION**

contribute to creating a safe, fair, and respectful environment for everyone

### **TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS**

help organize tourneys & exciting community events

# EKVC WRAPS UP EXCITING 2025 NATIONALS SEASON

The 2025 Volleyball Canada Youth Nationals have officially wrapped up, with teams from across the country converging in both Winnipeg and Edmonton for this unforgettable event.

EKVC is proud to have had strong representation, with several of our teams showcasing their hard work, talent, and team spirit on the national stage.

We'd like to extend **a big congratulations to all EKVC teams who competed!**

Your dedication, sportsmanship, and resilience were on full display.

Whether it was on the court or soaking up the festival-like atmosphere off the court, our athletes made East Kootenay proud.

Beyond the court, the **Nationals delivered a vibrant festival atmosphere** having featured athlete zones, food trucks, merchandise booths, and special events like the 18U Send-Off Social.



**15U Girls**  
May 15-17

**16U Girls  
& 17U Girls**  
May 19-21

**16U Boys**  
May 23-25

**16U Boys,  
18U Boys  
& 18U Girls**  
May 23-25



# NATIONALS

# 2025 EDMONTON NATIONALS THEME DAYS

This year's Nationals featured official Theme Days, adding colour and energy to the competition.



EKVC athletes embraced the fun — especially our **16U Boys team, who proudly sported COTR Avalanche jerseys on Jersey Day** — the same kit worn by the Men's team that captured bronze at the 2025 Nationals.

It was a great way to show local pride and celebrate the connection between current and future stars of the sport.

Well done to all our EKVC teams — we're proud of you!



NATIONALS

CHASING EXCELLENCE

# TEAM BC TRYOUTS FOR SUMMER 2025

Earlier this summer, a group of EKVC athletes attended the **Team BC Red & Blue regional selection camp**, taking part in high-level training and competitive tryouts alongside top players from across the province.

While roster spots are limited, we are incredibly proud of those who represented our club with effort, determination, and a commitment to growth.

Volleyball BC's Team BC Red & Blue program remains one of the top high-performance pathways for 16U and 17U players who are serious about taking their game to the next level — whether that's varsity, national teams, or beyond.

For more info on the program and future opportunities, visit [volleyballbc.org](https://volleyballbc.org).



One of the province's **premier high-performance development pathways** for 16U and 17U athletes.

16U & 17U  
ATHLETES

# STELLA SCHNEIDER



Huge congratulations to our very own **Stella Schneider** from the 2025 EKVC U14 Girls Blue team!

Stella has been selected for the **Team BC Zone 1 (Kootenays) U15 program.**

**This is an incredible feat** as Stella's the only U14 player chosen to compete with the U15 squad!

On July 3rd to 6th, she will compete with the team at the 2025 BC Cup in Kamloops against the U15 zone teams from around the province.

Way to go, Stella and good luck!

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# ELOISE NEWSOME



**Current Team:**  
*College of the Rockies Avalanche*

**Program of Study:**  
*University General Studies*

**Years Played with EKVC:**  
*2018-2024*

**Favourite Club Volleyball Memory:**  
*"Winning Provincials in 2022 and making life long friends"*

**What does it mean to play collegiate volleyball in your home town:**  
*"I love being in this beautiful place! Staying in my hometown is so meaningful to me because i get to see familiar faces in the crowd and feel so supported."*



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# YEAR-END CELEBRATION!

**On Sunday, June 1**, the East Kootenay Volleyball Club wrapped up the season with a vibrant year-end celebration at the College of the Rockies Beach Volleyball Courts.

EKVC athletes, along with parents, coaches, and board members, gathered to reflect on a successful season and enjoy some well-earned fun.

The event featured a lively mix of activities, including beach volleyball matches, lawn games, music, and a BBQ that kept everyone fuelled throughout the afternoon.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped plan, organize, and attend the celebration—your support made this event a fantastic send-off to a great season!



CELEBRATION

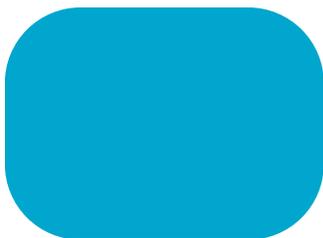
CELEBRATING  
LEADERSHIP & SPIRIT

# EKVC COMMUNITY SPIKE AWARDS

Each year, the EKVC Community SPIKE Awards **recognize athletes who go above and beyond**—not just in their performance on the court, but in their leadership, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

We're proud to congratulate this year's recipients:

**AVA  
ALLINGHAM**



**HEINRICH  
BRINK**



Both athletes have exemplified what it means to be team players, role models, and positive influences within the EKVC community.

Congratulations, Ava and Heinrich!

**ELEVATE  
YOUR GAME**



# THANK YOU to everyone who supports EKVC

FROM VOLUNTEERS  
TO SPONSORS AND  
FAMILIES. LET'S  
CONTINUE TO WORK  
TOGETHER TO BUILD  
A STRONG, VIBRANT  
VOLLEYBALL  
COMMUNITY!



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 [volleyballbc.org](http://volleyballbc.org)  [volleyball.ca](http://volleyball.ca)