

**RWA**

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I was a former player of standing volleyball for people without disabilities. When I lost my leg in 1992 I continued to play standing on one leg until I got my prosthesis in 1994. I was the pioneer of standing volleyball in Rwanda. I started to play with my colleagues with disabilities officially in 2001. I joined the WOVD Standing Volleyball Commission in 2002. We had a mission to bring back standing volleyball to the Paralympic Games, because it was dropped from the Paralympic programme after Sydney 2000. The commission was led by the late Manfred Kohl from Germany.

It was Manfred Kohl who had the greatest influence on my development. I founded the first club in Rwanda called Intwali Volleyball and I heard about standing volleyball internationally from him. After managing to contact him, I joined the Commission in 2002 where I was placed in charge of standing volleyball development in Africa.

I was the captain of Rwanda National team which competed in:
2004 World Championship in Mettmann, Germany
2005 World Cup in Regina, Canada
2006 World Championships in Roermond, The Netherlands) in 2006.

2003-2006: Best player at Rwanda National Championship
2004-2006: Best spiker at Rwanda National Championship

I stopped being involved in standing volleyball at national and international competitions in 2006, when Rwanda started with sitting volleyball development.

Official posts held:

The Founder and Chairperson of Paralympic movement in Rwanda, the institution which led Standing volleyball in Rwanda

Member of the Standing Volleyball Development Commission

