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Neil Johnson

I was identified at age 16 when playing for my high school team to play standing volleyball for the Canadian national team.

My high school coach, Karl Vinke, instilled the confidence in me to play at the highest levels in able-bodied volleyball, and that confidence carried over into my success in standing volleyball.

Events, Roles and Awards:

- 1996 Pre-Paralympic (Canada) - 4th Place | Player
- 1997 Canada Cup (Canada) - Silver | Player
- 1998 World Championship (Poland) – 5th Place | Player
- 1999 Pan-Am Open / World Cup (Canada) - Bronze | Player
- 2000 Paralympic Games (Sydney) - Silver | Player
- 2002 World Championship (Poland) - Gold | Player/captain
- 2003 World Cup (Greece) - Silver | Player/captain
- 2004 World Championship (Germany) - Gold | Player/captain
- 2005 World Cup (Canada) - Gold | Player/captain
- 2005 Asia Pacific Development Cup (Cambodia) - Gold | Player/captain
- 2006 World Championships (Netherlands) - Gold | Player/captain





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Awards received (e.g. Best Player Awards, National or International Awards)

2002 World Championship (Poland)

Individual: Best spiker

Individual: Best server

2003 World Cup (Greece)

Individual: Best spiker

2004 World Championship (Germany)

Individual: Best server

2005 Asia Pacific Development Cup (Cambodia)

Individual: Most valuable player

Individual: Best spiker

2006 World Championships (Netherlands)

Individual: Best spiker

In 2005, I travelled to Cambodia with five other Canadian team members to compete in the Asia-Oceania Developmental Cup – a tournament that Canada could not win, as they were an out of zone team. The purpose of my participation was to provide volleyball instruction to the players and coaches of the Cambodian National Volleyball League for Disabled, a league in which 75 per cent of the athletes on the 14 teams are landmine survivors.

I retired from standing volleyball in 2006.

