



KAZ

## Nuraly Kulushov

I began sitting volleyball in 1991 and standing volleyball in 2009. I have been involved as a player in both disciplines. From 1991 to 2010 I was also the coach. The greatest influence on me and my development was my first KAZ sitting coach Zhanbeck Sauranbaye. He introduced and explained the philosophy of sitting volleyball, which resulted in my staying in ParaVolley for decades.

Events in which I was involved with the Kazakhstan team included:

1994 Asian Para Games – China – Gold Medal

1996 Paralympic Games – Atlanta, USA – 8th place

1998 Asian Para Games - Thailand – Gold Medal

2002 Asian Para Games – South Korea – Silver Medal

2009 Standing World Cup – Phnom Penh, Cambodia – 4th place

2011 Standing World Cup – Phnom Penh, Cambodia – 6th place

After 2011 my main focus was on administration, though I still play and coach.

Awards received:

Honoured volleyball coach of Kazakhstan (first time given to athlete with disability in KAZ)

Honourable Representative of Physical Culture and Sport of Kazakhstan

Master of Sports (international class) (sitting volleyball)

Numerous KAZ state level medals and certificates of merit for contribution to sport development and promotion

Sportsman and Coach of the year in KAZ – 1992,1994,1996,1999,2000,2002,2006

Official posts held:

Vice president of NPC Kazakhstan (2003 - 2013)

National level referee of KZ (1992-2007)

Director of Regional sports club for disabled persons in Aktau city (Mangistay region of Kazakhstan)

