

Noreen Murphy (Saskatoon, SK) was born and raised in Toronto. She was involved in many sports, including softball. In 1980, she was recruited by Bob Stayner to play for the Harmony Centre Ladies Softball team, which won the 1980 Canadian Senior Ladies Championship. She went on to play in four provincial championships between 1980 and 1984, winning a Gold medal at the Canadian Senior Women's Championship in 1980, and also represented Canada at the European Championships in 1980 and at the World Games 1 in 1981. She started her coaching career in 1985, leading the Lloydminster Midget AA Blues to back-to-back national championship titles in 1985 and 1986 before moving on to the Lorne's Lazers from 1987 to 1994. She led the Lazers to eight straight Canadian Championship appearances during those years at various levels (Midget, Junior and Senior). In 1995, she was named the coach for Team Saskatchewan, leading the team to a silver medal at the Western Canada Games in B.C. She continued with Team Sask for the next two seasons, taking the team to an invitational tournament in Denver in 1996 and then to the Canada Games in Brandon, Manitoba in 1997. The team finished second in their pool and fourth overall at the Canada Games. At the international level, Noreen was a Team Canada assistant coach for the 1991 and 1995 ISF Junior Women's World Championship and at the 2004 Olympic Games, a guest coach at the 1996 Olympic Games, and Head Coach of the 2003 ISF Junior Women's World Championship team, the 2004 Developmental and World University Games teams, and the 2005 Elite team. Noreen was also the recipient of the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association's 2009 Darren Lipinski Memorial Award. She was not only involved with sports, but also was involved in the community. She was very instrumental in the establishment of "Senior Power", a dinner theatre program offered to seniors in Saskatoon. This program was started in 1987 and is still running today. She received a Police Community Service Award for this program. She was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 and is currently employed as an instructor at SIAST Kelsey campus.

Jacki Nichol (Saskatoon, SK) was born in Swift Current in 1972 and moved with her family from Calgary to Saskatoon in 1978. Her first experiences on the diamond came with a T-ball team when she was five years old and later played for Fairhaven Community teams and as she got older she eventually played for Noreen Murphy's Lorne Lazers (Midget and Junior) before graduating to DBJ Leasing. She played in 13 Canadian Championships between 1987 and 2002, winning a Gold medal in 2000 and Bronze medals in 1998 and 2001. At the international level, Jacki is the only player in Canadian softball history to play in two ISF Junior Women's World Championships (1987 and 1991). She went on to play on the Senior Women's National Team from 1998 to 2002, winning a Silver medal at the 1999 Pan American Games and serving as Team Captain for Canada at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, the 2001 Pan American Qualifier. Jacki was the shortstop and captain who got a big thrill being able to play for Canada when the world women's championships came to Saskatoon in 2002, her last year of competitive softball. Outside of the diamond she played basketball and ringette. Jacki was a leading scorer for E.D. Feehan high school and also played for the Basketball Saskatchewan team at a World Youth tournament and the 1989 Jeux Canada Games in Saskatoon. In ringette, she played for the Flyers, Chargers and Braves at the Saskatoon level and helped Regina Stingers win provincial titles, 1985 through 1986, playing in three national championships, twice winning all-star honours. Jacki was honoured as Saskatoon Kinsmen Athlete of the Year and Saskatchewan Softball's Woman Athlete of the Year, both in 2000. She was inducted to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, and is currently on the Board of Directors for the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame.

These three inductees will join the Softball Canada Hall of Fame at an Induction ceremony which will be held Saturday, November 13th, 2010. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with Softball Canada's Annual General Meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan, which will take place from November 11-14.

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