



**New York Volleyball Coaches Association
Hall of Fame Class of 2026
Debbie Schruefer**

Debby was a 1975 graduate of Iroquois Central High School in Elma, New York where she played Varsity Field Hockey, Volleyball and track and field. In 1978 she graduated from the State University of New York College at Brockport with a Bachelor Science degree majoring in Physical Education and Adapted Physical Education. She began her teaching career at Frontier Central High School in Hamburg, New York where she taught physical education at the middle school level for 35 years and 6 years at the elementary level. In 1985 she received her Master of Education Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

When she was first hired Debby coached soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball at the extramural level (this was before the introduction of modified sports). In 1984 she was hired as the Varsity girls volleyball coach, a position that she held for 39 years. Debby also coached JV girls basketball as well as Varsity softball. She was involved with local Special Olympics and the International Special Olympics when they were held at Brockport. She started her own volleyball club (PowerStation/Southtowns) and then merged with Stephen Pierce (WNY Reebok/WNY Storm) and from there merged with Cheetah to form Niagara Frontier Volleyball Club. Debby has been the Section 6 Girls Volleyball Coordinator for 30 years.

Other accomplishments include 8 League Titles, 6 Sectional titles, Weva Meritorious Service Award (2016), New York State Coaches Association Honor Award (1999), Character Coach of the Year (2018), Iroquois Outstanding Alumna and AVCA Girls High School Region Coach of the Year (2023). 600 plus career wins.

Debby is still actively involved with the State Girls Volleyball Committee, Niagara Frontier Volleyball Club and The Champion Project.