

Kelly Hunter

2025 Inductee - Umpire Category

“Dream it, believe in it, and then go achieve it” is not only Kelly Hunter’s motto, it’s one she teaches to young up-and-coming umpires, and a statement that perfectly reflects the remarkable officiating career she has built.

Originally from Dawson Creek, B.C., Kelly began officiating and quickly established herself as a standout umpire in the field. Kelly earned her Level 5 designation at the 2000 Women’s Canadian Championship and achieved her international certification just a year later, in 2001. Her rapid rise caught the attention of ISF Director of Umpires, Merle Butler, which led to her selection for the 2003 Junior Women’s World Championship, where she earned the prestigious Gold Medal Plate assignment.



Building on this milestone, Kelly went on to become only the second British Columbian ever selected to umpire at the Olympic Games. At the Games, Kelly was awarded the privilege of umpiring in the Gold Medal Game as the third base umpire.

Beyond her on-field accomplishments, Kelly played a vital role in developing the next generation of officials. As District Umpire-in-Chief for Softball BC in District 11, she was instrumental in growing the umpire program in Kamloops and across the province, mentoring numerous successful officials. She also served as Umpire-in-Chief at three Canadian Championships.

Never one to rest on her laurels, Kelly expanded her officiating expertise into baseball, where she officiated at multiple national and world championships, further cementing her reputation as a trailblazer in the world of officiating.