

Vic Rantio

2012 Inductee - Special Recognition Category



Vic Rantio was a longstanding umpire and mentor in the softball world. He contributed 43 years of his life as a member of Softball BC, umpired countless tournaments, and in recent years, has been the UIC for countless more.

Vic was born in Revelstoke, BC and raised in Malakwa before attending highschool in Vernon, BC. From the 1960s to the 1970s, Vic played Senior Men's Fastball primarily as a first baseman. He played with teams including Hall's Gravel Crushers and the Western Sportswear & Cresting Generals.



In 1981, he returned to Vernon and joined the Softball BC Umpires Association at the encouragement of District 9 Umpire-in-Chief, Jim Sanderson. Throughout the 1980s to the 2010s, Vic built a reputation as a fair, decisive and respected umpire, contributing more than four decades to Softball BC. By 1997, he was serving as Umpire-in-Chief for the Western Canadian Masters Men's and Women's Fastball Championships in Vernon.

As of 2008, Vic continued serving as a respected UIC, providing leadership at provincial and tournament levels. In 2012, he was awarded the Kelly Roste Memorial Trophy by the Vernon Umpires Association in recognition of his dedication and outstanding service to the game. In that same year, he organized and instructed Level 1 and refresher umpire clinics, continuing his commitment to umpire development.

Across his career, Vic officiated four Canadian Championships, two Western Canadian Championships, the World Masters Games, Native Nationals, Canada Cup and the BC Summer Games. He also acted as District 9 Fastpitch Clinician for 20 years and District 9 UIC for 10 years. Similarly, he served as Deputy Chief Umpire for a National Slo-Pitch Championship.

Ultimately, Vic mentored and developed countless umpires, inspiring many to advance within the officiating ranks. His dedication to this game will be sorely missed. Softball BC is proud to induct Vic into the Softball BC Hall of Fame under the Special Recognition Category.