

Nelson Wright

Coaching & Playing Experience

I began my volleyball journey as a beach player, competing at the amateur pro level from 2009 to 2017, where I developed a deep understanding of the game's strategy, discipline, and technical skill. That experience helped shape the way I coach today emphasizing fundamentals, mental toughness, and a love for competition.

Over the past 17 years, I've had the privilege of coaching players at every level from beginners learning the game to competitive travel teams ranging from 11U to 17U. My focus is on developing complete athletes who understand the game, play with confidence, and thrive in both team and individual settings.

Throughout my coaching career, I've worked with hundreds of young athletes, helping them grow their skills, mindset, and passion for volleyball. Whether training a new player just starting out or guiding a team through a championship season, my goal remains the same: to help each athlete reach their full potential while enjoying every step of their journey in this sport.

Why do you coach?

Coaching gives me the chance to watch players grow, build confidence, and fall in love with the sport the same way I did.

Fun facts about you

I'm a lifelong sports fan with a soft spot for Baseball; The New York Yankees and the Minnesota Vikings are my favorite teams to follow. I'm also a dog lover who never turns down good pizza, wings, or a home cooked Latin meal. Coaching keeps me busy, but I always make time for great food, great company, and great games.

Coaching Philosophy or Style?

Coaching volleyball has always been more than just teaching the game. For me it's about guiding young athletes through a journey of growth, confidence, and teamwork. One of the most rewarding parts of coaching is watching players develop not only their skills on the court but also their mindset, maturity, and love for the sport. I enjoy seeing athletes ask questions, stay curious, and challenge themselves to understand why they do what they do. That hunger to learn is what drives lasting success.

My coaching style is structured and intentional. Every drill, every rep, and every conversation has a purpose. I strive to create an environment where players are encouraged to think, problem-solve, and take ownership of their development all while maintaining a relaxed, fun, and positive atmosphere. I believe athletes perform their best when they feel supported, confident, and challenged in the right ways.

I'm also a very competitive person by nature, and I bring that energy into every practice and match. My goal is to pass that same passion and love for the game on to my athletes, helping them discover the joy of competing with intensity, focus, and respect. Over my 17 years of coaching, I've had the privilege of working with hundreds of players, and one of the things I take the most pride in is seeing so many of them continue to love and stay involved in this beautiful game long after our time together.

Above all, I believe that respect, discipline, and work ethic are the foundation of any successful team. Those values create a strong culture, one where athletes learn not only how to win but also how to handle adversity, support their teammates, and grow as people. My ultimate goal as a coach is to help every athlete become the best version of themselves, on and off the court.