

2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



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The Edge Volleyball Club
13's

Head Coach & Middle School Club Director

Career Accomplishments to Date:

I'm proud to be the first middle school coach in our club to lead a team to both AAU and USAV nationals, paving the way for future success in our program. Additionally, we achieved the USAV Silver Flight A title while competing against larger clubs, showcasing our talent and determination.

Coaching Roles:

- 2013-2017 | Schaumburg Christian School JV Head Coach & Assistant Varsity Coach
- 2017-2022 | The Edge Volleyball Club - Head Coach
- 2022-Present | The Edge Volleyball Club - Middle School Club Director & Head Coach

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

My decision to coach volleyball stemmed from the profound impact my own coaches had on my life. They not only taught me the game but also instilled values of perseverance, teamwork, and self-belief. I wanted to pay that forward, helping young athletes experience the same transformative journey I did. Coaching allows me to inspire and guide players, nurturing their growth both as athletes and individuals, just as my coaches did for me.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals in volleyball revolve around positively impacting as many athletes as possible, fostering their love for the game and personal growth. I aspire to influence the next generation of coaches, sharing insights and experiences that help them develop their own unique styles. Ultimately, I aim to create a lasting legacy in the sport, empowering young players and coaches alike to achieve their full potential and contribute to the volleyball community.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Chris Tamas, Kelly Sheffield, and John Cook have been pivotal in shaping my coaching philosophy. Their commitment to player development, innovative strategies, and ability to inspire athletes resonate deeply with me. Their leadership styles encourage me to be not just a coach, but a mentor who can foster growth and resilience in every athlete I work with.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I enjoy most about coaching is witnessing athletes fall in love with the game that has profoundly impacted my life. Building strong, trusting relationships allows me to be a dependable figure in their lives. It's incredibly fulfilling to see their passion grow as they develop skills and confidence. Each moment spent nurturing their love for volleyball reinforces my commitment to being an inspiring and supportive coach, dedicated to helping them thrive both on and off the court.

