

2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Kylie Johnson

Oklahoma Charge Volleyball Club
15 National, 18 Under Armour
Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

In the last decade(+), I've coached hundreds of athletes, dozens having gone on to play collegiately, but my greatest accomplishments have been taking the athletes that have been overlooked and/or underdeveloped and training them into high-level players.

- Member of the Redhawk Volleyball Hall of Fame
- USAV Adult Nationals Bronze Medalist + All Tournament Team Honors (2024)
- D1 Setter, Outside Hitter, Libero
- Frontier Valley Conference Player of the Year (2011)
- All-World Setter of the Year (2011)
- 23 Career All-Tournament + MVP awards
- 2x Oklahoma All-State Honors (2010, 2011)
- Lonestar National Qualifier Champion, USA (2012)
- 4x National Qualifier Medalist
- Certified Life Coach

Coaching Roles:

- Volleyball Lessons Tulsa, Owner and Director (2022-Present)
- Oklahoma Charge Volleyball Club, Head Coach (2023-Present)
- Ultimate Performance Volleyball Club, Head Coach (2021-2023)
- Skiatook Velocity Volleyball Club, Head Coach (2015-2019)

- Club One Volleyball Club, Assistant Coach (2012-2013)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Volleyball was an anchor in my life from a very young age, teaching me invaluable lessons and showing me that in a world where women were asked to be small and passive, that I was allowed to take up space.

On paper, I've been coaching for 12 years, but in reality more like 16, as I started coaching as a freshman in high school, helping out with camps, intramural teams, clinics, etc. I fell in love with the realization that through combining my own knowledge/experiences with clear and simple communication, I could create positive change and development for/within another person.



What are your career goals in the sport?

- Using social media to make high-level volleyball knowledge accessible to those who cannot afford or do not have access to private volleyball training
- Creating a pipeline where former players who are interested in evolving in the game can be developed into effective coaches that prioritize positive coaching and empowering principles
- Being a continual student of the game, wherever that leads me- whether that is continuing to grow Volleyball Lessons Tulsa, coaching collegiately, eventually starting my own club, or another opportunity that hasn't presented itself yet

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

- John Cook: Attended Nebraska team camp as a freshman on varsity and he worked with me on setting, instilling a love for the position.
- Chadd McKee: Coached me for 4 years in high school and was an incredible father figure.
- Dan Meske: Currently is someone I learn from immensely in his awareness and expression of the game.
- Kristyn Johnson: Has encouraged, believed in, and taught me an indescribable amount over the last two decades.
- Matthew Redmond: Has sharpened my mind for the game and given me countless new perspectives on integrating data usage within the human elements of coaching.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Volleyball is such a small part of life, but it is a beautiful avenue for connection and a unique space to help guide these amazing young athletes into healthy patterns. It is so meaningful to me that I get to play a small part in equipping them with tools for emotional management, good decision making, hard work ethic, and relationship building that will far outlast their time on the court. My ultimate goal is to be a source of light and consistency for them, and to give them the kind of anchoring support that I needed at their age.

