



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: Tatiana Alvarez

Professional Background: I am a former music industry professional having worked for Sony ATV Music Publishing (Nashville) and Reservoir Media Management (NYC). Alongside my career and during my studies at the University of Miami, I have coached volleyball for ages ranging from 12-17. I began my coaching career as an assistant for the 16 National team and head coach of the 12U team at Miami Elite. After two seasons with Miami Elite, I accepted a head coach position for the 14 National team at South Florida Volleyball Club. In addition to my club experience, I was the head coach for the varsity volleyball program at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart. While in NYC, I focused on only training privately while continuing my playing experience in the Urban Professionals League. Since moving to Nashville from New York, I began coaching for Club West as the head coach for 17 Elite and 15 National for the past two seasons. Also, I am currently in my second season at Battleground Academy in Franklin as the head coach for high school. In the last year, I have chosen to pursue volleyball coaching as a full-time career and I am very excited about a new opportunity with Alliance Volleyball Club as the 14 Premier head coach.

Personal: I grew up in Miami, FL where I also stayed for college. After getting married to my best friend in 2011, we moved to New York City to begin careers in the music business. After 3 exciting, but challenging years in NYC, we both wanted a more settled lifestyle while remaining close to a music hub, so we packed up and moved to Nashville. We bought a house in Mt. Juliet and November 2017 will make 3 years of us living in the middle Tennessee area. An interesting fact about me is that I am a practicing songwriter and recording artist. Volleyball and music are my two greatest passions!

Education: Bachelor of Music - University of Miami - Graduated 2011

Coaching Philosophy: My philosophy for coaching is based on steady growth and improvement, hard work and dedication. Although volleyball is a team sport, many different types of people play and yet all types of people can succeed together if they realize their common goals early on. No matter the type of person, I expect all players to be focused on improving each day by giving their full attention to their trainers, trying new things with their maximum effort, and pressing on regardless of successes or failures. I demand hard work and accountability; I instill this in my players early on so it becomes part of their team culture and expectations. I consider it a victory when my players put their best efforts into accomplishing their goals, whether or not they succeed. I find that when you provide a learning environment with new daily challenges, outwardly believe in the abilities of your players and encourage confident playing, improvement and success in many ways, on and off the court, is inevitable.

Playing Experience: I played 3 seasons as a DS/L for the division I volleyball program at The University of Miami under the instruction of former head coach Nicole Lantagne-Welch and former assistants Matthew Botsford and Laura “Bird” Kuhn. While in New York City, I played two seasons with multiple division I teams (women’s, co-ed and men’s) in the Urban Professionals League. Currently playing pick-up whenever I get a chance! Hope to explore middle tennessee sand volleyball opportunities over the next year.

Top Volleyball Highlights: Going to the Florida state final four with my high school in 2007, being invited to walk-on to a division I volleyball program, competing with nationally ranked players in the ACC, winning the silver bracket at the Palm Beach Juniors tournament as a 14U head coach for South Florida Volleyball Club in 2010, winning the gold bracket at K2 Wilderness of the Rockies as the 17 Elite head coach for Club West in 2015, winning the district title as the number 4 ranked team with Battleground Academy in 2016, Receiving over 20 text messages notifying me that players I trained privately prior to tryouts made their middle school volleyball teams.