



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: Ashley Raby

Professional Background: Math teacher at Hillsboro High School since August 2015, specifically teaching Statistics and IB Math Studies 1.

Personal: I'm from Lenoir City, TN, just outside of Knoxville. My family still lives there and I'm very close to them. I moved to Nashville for college and have ended up loving the city (and its people) and am building my life here. I have also very recently moved into my first house!

Education: I attended Belmont University and earned my B.S. in Mathematics as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching. I also worked as the Belmont Volleyball manager for the 2010-2012 seasons where I had the opportunity to learn from multiple talented college coaches.

Coaching: This will be my eighth season with Alliance Volleyball Club. I've coached ages 11-14 at all levels from Mizuno to Regional. In the past I worked as the assistant coach at Davidson Academy (2 seasons) and I currently have the pleasure of being the freshman volleyball coach at Hillsboro High School.

Coaching Philosophy: I believe in competition. I believe it is important for young athletes to learn to set goals and strive to meet them, and I also believe it is important to learn how to appropriately deal with failure and disappointment. While I do think winning is important and can teach young athletes how to work hard and push themselves to meet new challenges, I value growth even more than winning. Each season provides new opportunities for growth and improvement and I believe it's my job as a coach to help each player meet their potential both on and off the court while providing the encouragement and tools they need along the way.

Playing Experience: I started playing rec leagues, as well as for my middle school team. Then I played for Lenoir City High School during the school season and for Smokey Mountain Juniors Volleyball Club for 3 seasons.

Top Volleyball Highlights: MVP 2009, All-District 2006 and 2009