



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: Darryl Suddath

Professional Background: Darryl Suddath has been involved with volleyball for about 35 years when he started playing men's club volleyball at the University of North Carolina. Once his playing days were ended, Darryl has been coaching club, middle school or high school volleyball in this area for over 10 years. He is entering his 8th season with the Alliance Volleyball Club and is currently the interim head coach at Lipscomb Academy.

Personal: Growing up in North Carolina, Darryl was an all-around athlete, but excelled in basketball. His high school played for the North Carolina state championship his senior year. Instead of pursuing a basketball scholarship, Darryl went to UNC and hoped to "walk on". A freshman injury stopped the dream. The injury forced Darryl to look for another sport and volleyball took over. Once he moved to the Nashville area, Darryl played indoor and sand volleyball for many years. Darryl was named Williamson County's "King of the Beach" for two straight years. Darryl and his wife Julie have two daughters, Lauren and Olivia. Lauren and Olivia both played club volleyball for seven years. Lauren went on to play college volleyball until injuries forced her to retire. Both daughters attend Harding University and Lauren is the current student assistant volleyball coach at Harding University.

Coaching: Mizuno 13-1

Coaching Philosophy: Darryl brings heavy doses of competitiveness and energy to his tough love style. He will get on you if he has to, but will always praise you as well! Darryl strives to help players reach their goals within the team concept. Darryl believes in playing hard, playing smart, playing together, and appreciating every team member. He believes character should always come before winning. By creating a caring culture that fosters a learning environment, Darryl develops the player and prepares her for adversity that she or the team will face. Darryl believes that this model is not only important for success on the volleyball court, but also for life lessons that will follow.

Recent Coaching Highlights: Although Darryl has successfully coached all ages along the way, he committed himself to coaching the 11-1 team and developing that particular age group during the last 4 years. The Alliance 11-1 teams have consistently ranked either first or second in the SRVA during those 4 years. Two of those teams won the prestigious Bluegrass Pre Qualifier in Louisville, KY. In addition to winning the Bluegrass, this past season's team won two twelve year old age group tournaments and finished 13th at the AAU National tournament in Orlando, FL.