



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: Sarah Klein

Professional Background: Pharmaceutical Sales

Personal: Married to Justin Klein and have three beautiful daughters together. Annabelle(8), Emmalin(7), Mae(4)

Education: Completed BS in Business Administration with a double emphasis in Marketing and Management in four years while on a full volleyball scholarship.

Coaching: Hellgate Middle School(Missoula, MT)-2000
El Dorado High School Freshman(Placerville, CA)-2004
Alliance 14's(Franklin, TN)-2014-present

Coaching Philosophy: I believe that volleyball is a true team sport and there are no "individuals" that make a successful team. I love that the sport requires passion, concentration, coordination, strength, mental toughness, and teamwork to make an athlete successful in this game. I learned from one of the greatest players of the sport, Gene Selznick. He is known nationally as the original "King of the Beach." He was not only an outstanding player and pioneer of the sport, but was an amazing coach as well. He coached many teams to national titles as well as coaching two Olympic teams including Sinjin Smith, Misty May, and Holy McPeak. Gene coached me through my high school career. He taught me the importance of ball anticipation combined with simplicity and a certain level of concentration will make your game on step above others. I hope to pass on these techniques and passion to many athletes to come.

Playing Experience: I fell in love with volleyball and have been passionate about the sport since I was 10 years old. I played on my first club team in the sixth grade and have been playing for over 25 years. Most my years learning and playing the game were spent in Northern California before I accepted a full athletic scholarship to play in the NCAA Division 1, Big Sky Conference at the University of Montana. Go Griz! I was recruited as a Middle Blocker but eventually played both Left and Right side(all around).

Top Volleyball Highlights:

- NCAA Division 1 full athletic scholarship-4 year starter

- **Held records for service aces as well as number of digs and kills in a single match and career categories.**
- **Named "Outstanding Defensive Player" as a senior at the University of Montana**
- **Named "Outstanding Front Court Player" as a sophomore at the University of Montana**
- **Named "Most Valuable Player" as a sophomore at the University of Montana**
- **Nominated "All Conference" in the Big Sky as a sophomore at the University of Montana**
- **Named "Rookie of the Year" as a freshmen at the University of Montana**
- **1995 MVP Northern California all Metro player of the year.**
- **1995 MVP All League player**
- **93',94',95' All League player**