

PROFILE

Allison Rivera YNVA Coach

Allison Rivera grew up in Colorado and was a varsity athlete all four years in high school for all sports that she participated in: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and Track. She played volleyball and basketball in leagues all year around.

She attended the University of San Diego where she was introduced to beach volleyball. Playing competitively in grass and beach tournaments ever since. She continues to play in indoor leagues as well as on the beach.

In 2007, she took a hiatus from her corporate career as a Chief Financial Officer in the Beauty Industry and returned to the gym. She became the Girl's Junior Varsity Volleyball coach and assistant to the Varsity coach at St. Monica's Catholic High School.

Her second year coaching, she became the Girl's Head Varsity Coach at St. Monica's Catholic High School. The team has placed 2nd in league for the past 2 years and earned a seat in the CIF playoffs both years. With a record of 19-9 during the 2009-2010 season, her team advanced to the second round of CIF playoffs.

It is important to Allison that her program stays competitive. She spends time in the off-season attending clinics with top ranked college coaches to bring new drills, techniques, offensive and defensive strategies to the program.

Allison attributes much of her career success to being an athlete. She brings this to her coaching philosophy, balancing academics and athletics. Her dedication to the development of each player as part of the team has resulted in measurable improvements in just the short time that she has

been coaching. She sets high expectations for herself and her players to prepare them for competition both in and outside the gym.

As a young executive, her leadership has proven to drive teams to meet the goals set forth both within the corporate environment and in the gym. Although her competitive nature drives her, winning is not the only goal. Developing young players to be responsible, confident, respectful, self-loving, team driven young adults all fall within the goals set in her program.

Allison's greatest strength is her interpersonal skills where she is able to observe and assess both skills and personality and be able to place the player in the most appropriate position for the good of the team. Trust and respect for each player as well as their parents is highly regarded. Her program is well organized and has excellent participation by the parents.

Although her first love is volleyball and basketball, Allison participates in many other athletic activities, which include, road biking, triathlons, snow boarding, surfing, running, swimming and yoga.