

# 2025

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



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Club Director and 16-1 Head Coach

### **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to help lead teams to two MSHSL State Tournament appearances and four Top 5 finishes at AAU and USAV National Championships.

### **Coaching Roles:**

I started coaching at Crossfire Volleyball in 2013 and have been with the club ever since. The past 4 seasons I have head coached the 16-1 and 17-1 teams. I'm currently in my seventh season as Lead Skills Trainer and my third year as Volleyball Club Director. I also spent three years as the Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach at Heritage Christian Academy in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

### **What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?**

After my college playing career ended, I knew I wanted to stay connected to volleyball. Coaching gave me a way to do that, but what really drew me in was the chance to invest in young athletes—not just in the game, but in life. I love helping them grow in confidence, learn to advocate for themselves, and develop skills that go far beyond the court.

### **What are your career goals in the sport?**

My goal is to continue making a meaningful impact at the club level. I love the mission and community at Crossfire, and I feel called to keep building on that. At the same time, I'm open to exploring college coaching someday if the opportunity and timing are right.



**Which coaches have influenced you the most?**

The coach who has influenced me the most is my dad. He founded Crossfire in 2003 and has been such a strong example for me throughout my life. I'm incredibly blessed to have him as my assistant coach this season and to keep learning from him every day.

**What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?**

What I love most about coaching is the relationships I get to build with my players. Watching them grow not only as athletes but as individuals is incredibly rewarding. I enjoy being someone they can trust, challenge, and learn from—both on and off the court. It's meaningful to me to help them navigate their journey and remind them that their identity and worth go far beyond volleyball.