



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: Dave DeRocher

Professional Background: I have spent the last 24 years working as a College/Student Minister and a Sports Chaplain.

Personal: I have been thankfully married to Mandy DeRocher (from Franklin, TN) for 16 years and we have four children. We have two sons (ages 14, and 9) and two girls (ages 13, and 11) who all love sports.

Education: I attended the University of Southern California (USC) and received a Marketing Degree in 1994 and I am currently working on my graduate degree in Intercultural Studies at Asbury Seminary.

Coaching: I served as assistant coach at George Mason University Men's Team in 2006-07, and then helped coach the Impact Volleyball Men's Team. Also, I helped start a volleyball ministry where we held annual summer camps for 8 years.

Coaching Philosophy: In essence, I love the phrase teamwork makes the dream work. I believe strongly that sports at all levels are perhaps the best place to build teamwork, character, confidence, and enthusiasm.

Playing Experience: I played varsity on the University of Southern California Men's Volleyball Team 1989-93 as an opposite hitter. Also, in the summers I played Beach Doubles on the east and west coasts.

Top Volleyball Highlights: Our team won the NCAA Men's Championship in 1990 and were runners-up in 1991. My freshman year I went from a walk-on to earning an athletic scholarship. I gained a "AAA" rating on the beach (thanks mostly to my partner who played on the AVP tour) while still in college at age 21. Also, I helped organize a summer mission volleyball trip to Peru and to Brazil with "Athletes in Action" filled with NCAA All American players across the US.

My biggest highlight now is to watch my two daughters and the next generation fall in love in volleyball.