

ODIRILE SIBANDA

Coaching & Playing Experience

I am from Botswana, I studied a degree in PE and sport science in Cuba specializing in volleyball. Played for my U19 up to my senior national team for more than 10 years from 2001-2014. From 2014 I played beach volleyball until 2018. 2016 I started my own volleyball academy in Botswana from 2018 - 2021. I was the U19 national team coach and did not lose any game in that period. I'm a level I FIVB beach volleyball coach and level II FIVB indoor coach. I was introduced to beach volleyball while I was studying in Cuba, Havana from 2003-2008. While a student I coached the provincial team and in my last year I was working with cadets and the Cuban U17 national team. In USA, I coach in North Miami Beach Academy.

Why do you coach?

I coach to develop disciplined athletes, strong teams, and confident individuals on and off the court.

Fun facts about you

- Former outside hitter turned passionate volleyball coach
- More than 15 years coaching experience
- Certified Physical Education Teacher and., FIVB Level 2 indoor and FIVB level 1 Beach Volleyball Coach
- Biggest motivation: helping athletes reach their full potential
- Favorite quote: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

Coaching Philosophy or Style?

My coaching style is player-centered, disciplined, and growth-oriented. I believe in balancing structure with support. I believe in challenging athletes to push their limits while creating an environment where they feel valued and motivated.

On the court, I emphasize:

- Strong fundamentals - building technical consistency as the foundation for success.
- Tactical awareness - teaching players to read the game and make smart decisions.