

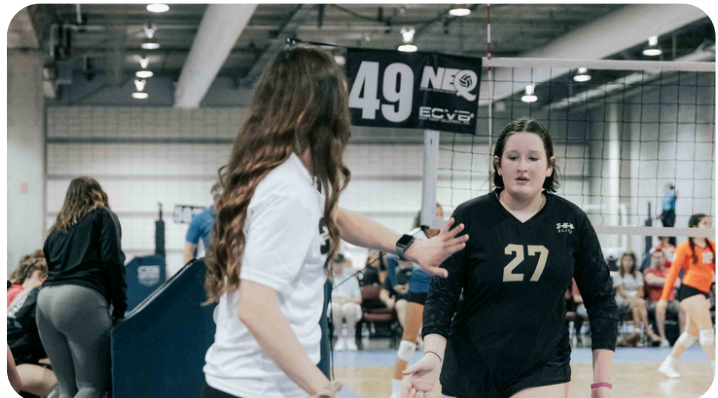
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# SKILL . KNOWLEDGE . YOUTH

# CLUB COACHES

Learn a bit more about our 2024-2025 SKY Elite club coaches!

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# **SUZE POLLINS**

**18 BLACK HEAD COACH**

**14 BLACK ASSISTANT**

## ***Coaching:***

***6 years at Canon McMillan High School***

***Boys & Girls Assistant Varsity & JV Head Coach***

***SKY Elite 16 National placed 5th out of 168 teams at the AAU Nationals in Orlando, FL in 2024.***

***Owner of Top Flight Boys Volleyball Club***

***Currently have multiple players playing at Division 1 & 3 level***

***Head coach of our 17 National teams that placed 15th out of 70 teams at the Junior National Championships***

## ***Beaver Area High School:***

***Assistant Varsity, Head JV & Middle School Coach 2016-2020***

***Currently Head Varsity & Middle School Coach 2021-present***

***3 straight seasons of being section champs***

***2023 Undefeated section champs, 2023 WPIAL Champ & 2023 State finalists***

## ***SKY Elite:***

***This will be Suze's 6th year coaching at SKY, she has coached 5 national teams, and most recently coached 18U who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nationally at AAUs***

# **JORDAN BARTON**

## **18 BLACK ASSISTANT COACH**

*Jordan has been with SKY for the last 5 seasons! While coaching and training at SKY She has also maintained a full-time position coaching volleyball at the collegiate level!*

*Head coach for two seasons at Franciscan University*

*She served as the Head Coach at Bethany College where she led the Bison to their second consecutive Presidents Athletic Conference championship.*

*Jordan previously coached for five years in Illinois where she was the club director and head volleyball coach for SMASH Volleyball Academy, where she oversaw all aspects of running a successful club program. She also served as the head coach of Unity Point Middle School, and she was an assistant coach at Carbondale Community High School.*

*Barton has also served as a head coach at the NCAA Division III level before, as she served in that position at Blackburn College for the 2015 season. While with the Beavers, she led them to the most wins in a single season since 2008 and more conference wins than the previous six seasons combined. Before her time at Blackburn, she was the head coach at Suffolk University in Boston, Mass. for the 2014 season. She proved to be a strong recruiter, as she brought in fourteen new student-athletes in her 2015 recruiting class*

# **MACKENZIE GREENE**

**DIRECTOR OF VOLLEYBALL / 17 BLACK HEAD COACH**

*Mackenzie began her volleyball journey at Hopewell High School, where she was awarded WPIAL gold and silver medals during her own extensive high school career. She also competed in club volleyball with local teams including Renaissance and Pittsburgh Elite. During her senior season, she competed at Nationals with Pittsburgh Elite. She went on to receive a volleyball athletic scholarship to Clarion University as a right-side hitter. During her years at Clarion University, Mackenzie was a 3 time All-PSAC*

*conference player, a 2-time all-state nominee, and conference player of the week. In her junior season, she even saw a competition in Italy as a member of the USA Athletes International team. Mackenzie was also a captain of the team during her senior year. At college, she began to develop an interest in coaching. She assisted at Clarion University camps and clinics as well as coached with the Clover volleyball program in Clarion before accepting her first head coaching position at Clarion-Limestone.*

*Coach Greene obtained her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Clarion University and relocated to Pittsburgh, PA. In her first season as Head Coach at Fort Cherry, the Lady Rangers had their highest finish in school history. The team earned WPIAL silver and competed in the state playoffs. Season two was the first undefeated season for the Lady Rangers. Unfortunately, the pandemic forced the team to withdraw from the WPIAL finals. Mackenzie recently accepted a position at Chartiers Valley School District in 2024 as the Head Volleyball Coach.*

# **MAXINE NEIBERG**

## **17 BLACK ASSISTANT COACH**

With over seven years of coaching experience, Coach Neiberg brings a strong foundation in player development and a passion for helping athletes reach their full potential. Now in her second season at Penn State Beaver, she has previously coached at the club level with East Coast Power Volleyball and Renaissance VBC and has now joined the staff at SKY Elite. Her coaching philosophy is straightforward: You must put in the work to achieve the desired results. She believes in the importance of strong fundamentals—because how you practice is how you play. Every rep matters, and she expects athletes to bring effort, focus, and accountability into the gym every day. Coach Neiberg brings integrity and a consistently positive attitude to the program. She strives to create a competitive yet supportive environment where athletes feel empowered to push themselves and their teammates. Her volleyball journey began in 7th grade. She was a four-year letterwinner at Upper Saint Clair High School and played club volleyball for Renaissance VBC. She went on to compete collegiately at George Mason University before transferring to California University of Pennsylvania, where she was part of a team that reached the NCAA Division II National Semifinals in 2000.

Coaching has allowed her to stay connected to the game she loves, and she is grateful for the opportunity to help develop the next generation of volleyball players at SKY Elite.

# **EMMA MORELLI**

## **17 GOLD HEAD COACH**

Emma played at Ambridge High School and Club volleyball for 6 years. She was the assistant coach at Ambridge for an additional 2 years after graduating in 2019. Emma's first season with SKY, she was the assistant coach for 14 gold. Last season, Emma coached 16 Gold. We are very excited to have her back for another season at SKY!

# **KIMBERLEE KUZMA**

## **17 GOLD ASSISTANT COACH**

*Kimberlee played volleyball at Ambridge Area High School and continued her career at Geneva College for one year before stepping away due to injury. She currently stays active in the sport by playing in multiple recreational leagues. Last season, she volunteered with the 16 Gold team and is excited to continue helping athletes grow their skills and love for the game.*

# **ANNALISE SHANK**

## **16 BLACK HEAD COACH**

### *Playing Experience*

*Played 7th - 12th grade.*

*Lettered all 4 years of varsity*

*Played for KVC junior and senior year of high school; senior year we*

*competed at nationals in Florida*

*Played at Geneva College for 2 years*

*Assisted at Geneva College for 1 year*

*Student Athletic Trainer (for fall sports) at Geneva College for 1 year*

### *Coaching*

*Junior High Head Coach*

*1 year at Saltsburg School District*

*2 years at River Valley School District*

*Varsity Head Coach*

*1 year at River Valley School District*

*Varsity Head Coach at North Hills High School*

# RACHEL MAROTTI

## 16 GOLD HEAD COACH

Played club in college as a setter/right side for a year 2022/2023

Assisted with SKY for 2 years (16w & 16g)

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# LEON HARRISON

## 16 WHITE HEAD COACH

*Coach Leon Harrison brings over 20 years of volleyball coaching experience, rooted in a lifelong passion for the game and a deep commitment to developing student-athletes. A former All-State setter at Farrell High School, Coach Harrison's understanding of the game comes not just from the sidelines, but from years of high-level competition.*

*Though he attended Edinboro University on a football scholarship, his love for volleyball continued as he competed with the Edinboro Fighting Scots travel club team, sharpening his skills and passion at the collegiate level.*

*Coach Harrison is known for his leadership, high energy, and ability to build disciplined, confident athletes. His coaching style emphasizes fundamentals, teamwork, and mental resilience — all while fostering a culture of growth, character, and excellence. He has helped countless players develop their skill sets, compete at higher levels, and grow into leaders both on and off the court.*

*Above all, Coach Harrison believes that sports are a platform for life lessons — teaching responsibility, humility, and perseverance. His mission is to build not just better players, but stronger people.*

# MARIAH PEREZ

## 15 BLACK HEAD COACH

*Coach Perez is from Denver CO, and currently attending Point Park University playing volleyball. She will graduate this year with her bachelor's! She has been playing volleyball for 12 years now and has two years of coaching under her belt. I'm so excited to be a part of the SKY Elite family!*

# MICAELA SHEVELL

## DIRECTOR OF MEDIA / 15 BLACK ASSISTANT COACH

*Micaela grew up in Denver, Colorado where she was a 4 Year Varsity Letter. She played for Otero Junior College for two years and competed on their top 20 Nationally Ranked Team. After transferring to Point Park, she played for 3 seasons, winning a Conference Championship as a DS.*

*Micaela has been with SKY for 7 seasons now, and most recently coached 14 Black. She also acts as our Social Media Director and enjoys highlighting the accomplishments of our players.*

# MCKENZIE SHATZER

## 15 GOLD HEAD COACH

*Coach McKenzie is a former setter who played for Greencastle-Antrim High School, where she was a two-time varsity letterwinner and earned Mid-Penn Colonial First Team honors in 2020. She continued her playing career at the collegiate level, competing for one year at Alderson Broaddus University and two years at Geneva College.*

*During college, McKenzie helped coach at Absolute Volleyball in Hagerstown, Maryland, working with athletes across various age groups. This season marks her first as a head coach, and she is excited to lead the 15 Gold team at SKY Elite.*

*McKenzie graduated from Geneva College in 2025 with a BA in History and a BS in Secondary Social Studies Education. She has a passion for working with athletes in this age group and is committed to helping them not only grow in the sport of volleyball but also grow into confident, empowered young women. She is thrilled to bring her energy, experience, and love for the game to the SKY Elite family.*

# LEANNE KINTZ

## 15 WHITE HEAD COACH

*Leanne played 4 years at West Shamokin Jr/Sr High School, as an opposite hitter, and one season AIVA club volleyball.*

*After high school, Leanne played one season at RMU for their club volleyball team, and played one season at Pitt Greensburg as a Defensive Specialist.*

*Leanne has recently earned her masters in education and is excited to start coaching and teaching at SKY!*

# BRY NEIBERG

## 15 WHITE ASSISTANT COACH

*Bry Neiberg brings a lifelong passion for volleyball and years of playing and coaching*

*experience to the court. She began playing the sport in 7th grade and quickly developed into a*

*standout athlete. During her high school years, she competed for Upper Saint Clair High School*

*and trained year-round with clubs including Renaissance and East Coast Power Volleyball.*

*Currently, Bry is continuing her playing career at Penn State Beaver, where she is a key*

*contributor to the women's volleyball program and is pursuing a degree in psychology.*

*In addition to her playing experience, Bry has been actively coaching for the last four seasons.*

*Before joining the staff at SKY Elite, she began her coaching career with East Coast Power and*

*Renaissance, where she was known for her energy, commitment to fundamentals, and ability to*

*connect with young athletes.*

*With her strong background as both a player and a coach, Bry brings valuable insight,*

*dedication, and a team-first mentality to every gym she enters.*