

Haykel Chala

Coaching & Playing Experience

10 years of coaching experience with many accolades at the club level and high school level. 1 district champion in girls' volleyball and 1 district champion in boys' volleyball. Aside from my coaching experience I have an additional 5 years of playing experience at the high school and collegiate level.

Why do you coach?

I coach because I have a deep passion for volleyball and a genuine love for helping young athletes grow—both as players and as people. There's nothing more rewarding than watching athletes discover their potential, develop confidence, and achieve goals they once thought were out of reach.

For me, coaching is about more than wins and losses; it's about building character, discipline, and teamwork that carry over into everyday life. I take pride in creating an environment where players feel supported, challenged, and inspired to be their best selves—on and off the court.

Ultimately, I coach to grow the game and to help shape successful, well-rounded young individuals who will carry the lessons learned through volleyball far beyond the gym.

Fun facts about you

A fun fact about me is that I like to play all sports including chess.

Coaching Philosophy or Style?

The Steady, or “S,” coaching style emphasizes two-way communication, emotional support, and thoughtful technical guidance. Rather than simply instructing, I aim to listen, ask questions, and enable my players to take ownership of their development. I believe that athletes learn best when they feel valued, heard, and understood.

- **Technical & Relational Balance:** I guide my players through drills, strategies, and skill refinement, while also investing in their psychological well-being. The goal is not just to make them stronger on court, but more confident, resilient, and self-aware.
- **Athlete-Centered Growth:** Each player is unique. I adapt my approach based on their strengths, challenges, and goals. In practice, this means sometimes stepping back and letting them explore solutions—and other times stepping forward to provide structure.
- **Trust & Stability:** In volleyball, consistency matters. By being a reliable presence—calm, focused, and supportive—I cultivate an environment where athletes feel safe to make mistakes, stretch themselves, and push through adversity.
- **Situational Adaptation:** While steady is my default style, I’m mindful that different moments call for different approaches. In time-sensitive or high-pressure situations, I’ll adjust, providing more directive feedback or energetic motivation when needed.

My steady style fosters open communication, deeper athlete trust, and sustained progress over time. It helps players buy into a shared vision, lean on one another, and build the mindset needed for success, not just during a season, but over a career. By creating a balanced, supportive, technically sound environment, I believe teams become more cohesive, more resilient, and ultimately more competitive.