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Biography

I'm a lifelong baseball guy -a coach, leader, and mentor who believes the true scoreboard isn't measured in wins, but in the growth of the young men who trust you to lead them. My coaching philosophy is simple: build people first, players second. When you develop character, confidence, and accountability, the performance takes care of itself.

I've coached across youth, travel, and high school baseball, working with athletes from early development stages all the way to college and professionally bound players. Over the years, I've built and led competitive travel programs, run player development systems, overseen pitching and catching instruction, and helped players navigate the jump in speed, size, and decision-making required at higher levels. My focus is preparation -mentally, physically, and emotionally -so players can compete with clarity and purpose.

On the field, my style is direct and positive. Players always know where they stand, what's expected, and how to improve. I coach hard, teach details, and create an environment where athletes learn to own their development. I believe in building baseball IQ, improving situational awareness, and teaching players to think the game instead of waiting for instruction. Winning is a by-product of doing things the right way every day.

Off the field, I bring decades of leadership experience from the business world. I've built teams, developed leaders, and helped organizations scale by focusing on culture, communication, and shared standards. That perspective shapes the way I run a baseball program: clear expectations, strong relationships, honest feedback, and an unwavering commitment to growth. Parents and players know exactly what they're getting with me -consistency, structure, accountability, and support.

I'm proud of the relationships I've built with players and families over the years. Many of the athletes I've coached return as mentors, stay connected long after their seasons end, or step into leadership roles on their own teams. That, to me, is the greatest sign of impact. Baseball ends for all of us someday -but the lessons, confidence, and character built along the way stick forever.

I'm constantly studying the game, learning from other great coaches, and evolving how I teach. Player development is never "finished." The modern athlete needs more than drills -they need guidance, context, and a coach who understands how today's game (and world) works. My goal is always to prepare them for the next level, whatever that level may be.

I'm passionate about connecting with programs and leaders who value culture, development, and long-term thinking. I'm driven by the opportunity to build strong young men, strengthen communities, and contribute to programs that want to do things the right way. Whether I'm coaching in Little League, high school, or travel ball, I show up with the same mission: help players grow, compete with purpose, and believe in what's possible.

Straight ahead, always.

Statement

Coach and leader committed to developing athletes who compete with character, confidence, and purpose. I've coached across youth, travel, and high school levels, helping players handle the speed, pressure, and growth of the game. My approach is honest, positive, and focused on building people first. I believe great culture creates great competitors and I'm driven to help athletes reach their potential on and off the field.

PRINCIPLES

- 1. Develop People First, Players Second

Baseball is the tool -character is the mission. I coach to build young men who compete with integrity, lead with confidence, and treat others with respect. When you build solid people, the on-field performance always follows.

- 2. Tell the Truth, Coach with Purpose

Players deserve honesty, clarity, and direction. My approach is straightforward: be direct, hold them accountable, and make sure they know you're in their corner. Growth requires challenge, and challenge requires trust.

- 3. Effort and Attitude Are Non-Negotiable

Talent comes and goes. Work ethic, resilience, and consistency are what separate good players from great ones. I expect athletes to own their habits, show up prepared, and compete with purpose every day.

- 4. High Standards Create High Outcomes

Culture isn't a slogan -it's the daily behaviors, choices, and expectations that drive a team. I build environments based on respect, discipline, communication, and team-first thinking. Players rise to the level of the standard, not the level of the moment.

- 5. Teach the Game, Don't Just Run Drills

Understanding the "why" behind actions builds smarter, more confident competitors. I focus on baseball IQ, situational awareness, and helping players think the game on their own. A prepared mind plays faster.

- 6. Development Over Early Results

Youth sports should be about the long game, not the weekend scoreboard. My priority is helping players progress physically, mentally, and emotionally so they're ready for the next level -whenever it arrives.

- 7. Compete Hard, Stay Humble

Play with intensity, win with class, lose with maturity. The game has a way of humbling everyone, and athletes who respect the process always get better.

- 8. Lead by Example

Coaching isn't just instruction- it's mentorship. I strive to model composure, consistency, and character so players see what leadership looks like, not just hear about it.

- 9. Build Meaningful Relationships

The greatest impact comes from connection. Players grow when they feel seen, supported, and understood as individuals. Strong relationships form the foundation of strong teams.

- 10. Always Learn, Always Evolve

Great coaches never stand still. I stay curious, study the game, and adapt my methods to meet the needs of today's athletes. Growth doesn't stop at the foul line -it applies to coaches, too.
