

Rhythm Volleyball Academy (RVA) is pleased to announce the hiring of Jeff Wismer to serve as the academy's Executive Director. Wismer is one of the Southeast's most experienced club coaches with over 29 years of coaching experience (both boys and girls) at the collegiate (D1, D3, NAIA), club, and prep levels. Additionally, he has extensive club leadership experience with over 18 years serving in leadership positions at several nationally prominent junior clubs.

Wismer is well-respected as an innovative leader in the junior club volleyball community. He has served a 3-year term on the Junior Volleyball Association's (JVA) National Board of Directors, founded the JVA Southern Power League, contributed to creation of the American Volleyball Coaches' Association (AVCA) VPI™ (Volleyball Performance Index) and was the Keystone Region's (USAV) Coaches Representative.

Most recently, Wismer was the Assistant Director at Mid TN Volleyball Club. The club experienced measurable growth during his 4-year stint in Smyrna. As did his teams. Wismer qualified 3 teams for USA Volleyball's Girls National Championships (2022, 2023 and 2024). Additionally, Wismer was essential in the advancement of the club's training techniques and models which has enhanced the level of volleyball in Rutherford County.

Wismer is no stranger to Middle Tennessee. He spent 8 years with Alliance Volleyball Club in Franklin, TN. It was in 2013 when Wismer left collegiate coaching having concluded 12 years as a first assistant at Lipscomb, Belmont, Villanova, Taylor, Eastern Universities, and Gwynedd-Mercy and Messiah Colleges to become the full-time Executive Director of Alliance. Wismer served in that role until 2018 when he returned to his roots in the Philadelphia area and joined East Coast Power Volleyball Club. While at Alliance, Wismer, supervised a 12-court facility and managed a staff with more than 90 coaches. He simultaneously coached alongside his administrative duties and in 2018 led Alliance 18-1 to a USAV National Championship in the National division. Wismer also USAV OPEN qualified his 16-1 team in 2013 finishing 13th in the country. In 2015, his 15-1 team finished 5th at AAU OPEN National Girls Championships. In his career, Wismer led teams have qualified for USAV Nationals 12 times and finished top 25 in AAU OPEN Girls National Championships 4 times.

During his stint in Philadelphia, Wismer served as Advancement Coordinator at East Coast Power where he focused on program development designed to enhance player training and support coach development. Moreover, he also worked to create and grow large tournament events including 2 national events at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and Atlantic City Convention Center.

Wismer's early coaching career kicked off while he was a special education teacher working with troubled teens in the Philadelphia area. During that time Wismer worked extensively to grow and develop the boys' game both at the high school level and in junior club. He founded and led two boys' junior club programs, Central Bucks Volleyball and Buxmont Volleyball Club. Under Wismer's direction Buxmont 17s and 18s teams became one of the premiere boys' teams in the Philly area. Wismer started Xceleration Volleyball Club in 2004 which eventually merged with Philadelphia Volleyball Academy working closely with longtime Northeast Volleyball standout coach, Josh Steinbach (Villanova University Head Coach).

Scholastically Wismer was a mainstay in the Philadelphia area earning state bids in both the the boys and girls side of the high school scene while coaching at Central Bucks West and Hatboro Horsham High School. He served as the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Girls and Boys Coaches' Representative for 7 years and was a voting member for the state's top 20 polls.

Wisner has trained 7 Gatorade of the Year Honorees (1 from Pennsylvania, 1 from Alabama and 5 in Tennessee). One of those awardees, Logan Eggleston, was selected as AVCA 2022 National Player of the Year and is a current member of the USA Womens' National Team. Eggleston is 1 of 4 Wisner trained athletes who have played internationally.

Before returning to Tennessee in the Fall of 2020, the Philadelphia native served as Assistant Director at Triangle Volleyball Club (Raleigh, NC). The nationally renowned club utilized Wisner's diverse experience to operate its newly opened 8-court training facility at the Wake Competition Center. Additionally he impacted the continued development of the boys side of the travel club while serving as the girls' head coach of Triangle 17-1 Black team in the covid shortened season.

This coach's career path shifted to coaching exclusively in 2008. Wisner decided to leave the teaching profession to pursue coaching at the next level joining the legendary staff at Munciana Volleyball Club (Muncie, IN), while also assisting at Taylor University (NAIA). At Munciana, he coached their 17-1 team who achieved top 20 Open finishes at AAU and JVA National Championships. During his time in Muncie, Wisner was mentored and coached alongside volleyball legends Wes Lyon and Mike Lingenfelter.

Wisner is USAV CAP I and Gold Medal Squared certified and a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). He graduated from Messiah College in 1997 having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies education.

Wisner and his wife Andrea have a son Noah and live in Murfreesboro. Andrea (Colbert) played field hockey at Messiah College. She currently is employed as an administrator at Vanderbilt.