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DEREK WILLS APPOINTED AS BOYS TRAINING DIRECTOR



Milwaukee Sting Volleyball Club is pleased to announce Derek Wills as its new Boys Director of Training.

In this role, Derek will lead the technical development of Sting's boys athletes and help expand the high-quality training opportunities available throughout the boys program.



Derek will oversee the boys division of the Sting Training Academy, Boys Summer Camps, boys college camp opportunities, and positional and master coaching programs. His responsibilities will include developing curriculum, coordinating coaches and schedules, and ensuring each program reflects Milwaukee Sting's standards and core values.

He will work closely with Club Director Dave Bayer and Boys Program Director Nick Maske to create a consistent training philosophy across the boys program. Derek will also serve as the head coach of one Milwaukee Sting Boys 1 team each season, allowing him to remain directly involved in practices, competition and athlete development.

"We are excited to create this position and make an even greater investment in the development of our boys athletes and coaches," Bayer said. "Derek is the perfect person to lead this work. His experience in the men's game, his technical knowledge and his ability to connect with young athletes will add tremendous value to our boys program and to every player's club experience."

Derek brings collegiate playing and coaching experience to the position. He completed a decorated five-season career at Marian University, earning five All-Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference honors, including three First Team selections and two Second Team selections. He finished his career as Marian's all-time leader in kills and earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-District recognition three times.

Derek has continued his involvement in the men's game as a graduate assistant with the Concordia University Wisconsin men's volleyball program and as a player for the Milwaukee Dive in the Volleyball League of America. He also brings junior club coaching experience from two seasons with Fox Valley Performance and served as the head coach of Milwaukee Sting's Boys 16-2 team during the 2025-2026 season.



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"I am grateful for the opportunity to take on this role and help build the next stage of the Milwaukee Sting boys program," Wills said. "I am excited to create consistent, high-level training opportunities that challenge our athletes, support our coaches and help every player build a strong technical foundation. There is tremendous potential within this program, and I look forward to working with our athletes and staff to continue moving it forward."

As Boys Director of Training, Derek will help strengthen the connection between Sting's team programs, training academy, summer camps, positional instruction and college camp opportunities. His leadership will support a clear and consistent developmental pathway for boys athletes at every stage of their volleyball journey.

Please join us in congratulating Derek and welcoming him into this new leadership role.

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