



JVA Board Candidate JOHN BRANNON

Carolina Union Volleyball Club
Charlotte, NC

How many years have you been a JVA member?

11 years

Please explain how you have supported the Junior Volleyball Association

We were the first club in the area to host any JVA events, the Charlotte JVA Challenge, which will enter its 9th year! I have contributed with videos and articles from training, to starting boys programs, to sharing guidance on budgeting and facility management. We attend the World Challenge whenever it is feasible for us to do so, and are usually one of the few clubs from the Carolinas to do so.

Describe your experience in the volleyball industry, including any volunteer leadership experience, such as board, committees, offices, etc.

I am the owner and director for Carolina Union Volleyball Club, and began in 2012 when taking over the club which was previously operated as a small, travel-season only organization. The club had 11 teams during the 2012 season, prior to our opening a facility and my taking over, this year we will have 49, including 6 boys teams. We are in our second facility, and have expanded to include a satellite location. I currently serve as the AAU Volleyball Director in NC, and have overseen extensive growth in AAU volleyball within North Carolina. I run 7 tournaments through the year with AAU, JVA, and USAV. I have set on the JVA board for critical decisions when there were conflicts of interest in place for operating board members.

If nominated and elected to serve, which areas would you feel you could make the greatest contribution?

Tournaments, financials, training ideas

What personal qualities will you bring to the Board?

Determination, and the ability to problem solve and think outside the box about new areas to explore. Starting an organization with private lenders and minimal staffing, and growing it into a debt free organization requires creativity, a great staff, and the willingness to learn from mistakes and be better because of it!