



# Madison Inferno Volleyball Club

## Coach Profile: Cooper Kemnitz



### Coaching Philosophy:

My coaching philosophy can be summed up quite well through the mantra "Growth through volleyball." Since I began coaching club volleyball, I realized how influential my position was to the young men I mentored. While I have all the necessary tools and skills to help them become wonderful athletes and volleyball players, I also have the influence to affect their personal growth and development. I am committed to fostering a learning environment that not only allows my athletes to progress in their volleyball goals, but also develop and grow as individuals.



### About Me:

Grew up in Platte, SD  
I work for UW Health  
My favorite food is breakfast  
My favorite color is Maroon  
I collect coffee mugs  
My favorite position to play is Libero but I'm a wannabe Opposite!



Coach Cooper's USA Volleyball National Team Try Out  
December 17-18, 2018 at the American Sports Center in Anaheim, California

### Coaching Experience:

- Head Coach SDSU Men's Club Team (2014-2018)
- Student Assistant for SDSU D1 Women's Team (2014-2018)
- Head Coach, Madison Elite 17U Boys Team (2018-2019)
- Strength & Conditioning Coach, Madison Elite (2018-2019)
- USA Volleyball High Performance Volunteer (2018-2020)
- Coach, Madison United Sting 16U Boys Team (2019-2020)



### Volleyball Playing Experience:

- Founded the South Dakota State Men's Club volleyball team
- Starting Libero for SDSU (2014-2016)
- Outside Hitter for SDSU (2017)
- NIVC All-Tournament Team Honorable Mention 2014
- NIVC All-Tournament Team 2016 and 2017
- USA Volleyball National Team tryout as Libero (2018)



### Favorite Volleyball Moment:

There have been so many, but if I had to pick I would say when my 16U team (mostly 15s) earned a 3rd place at the Chicago National Qualifier in the USA division. That was a great weekend.

But there's this moment in coaching that's absolutely remarkable. When the language, model, and/or coaching style we use makes a difference for an athlete. It's like seeing a light-bulb turn on in their minds and the skill they've been practicing makes perfect sense. Seeing that type of growth and success and knowing that I aided an athlete in reaching their goal feels unreal. That's my favorite.