

Dennis Leizear
Head Coach, 10U

Dennis Leizear has been coaching youth since 1989. He got his start at Aston Middletown Little League as an assistant coach for an 8-10 year old team. The next two years he took over his own 10-12 year old team and compiled a 28-9 record and a league championship. After that he assisted several teams in the league including the district all-star teams each year.

In 1996, Coach Leizear changed sports and became an assistant in CYO girl's basketball. It was there that his love for the sport emerged. In those years with CYO he learned the game and began to hone his skills as a coach. Each summer, Coach Leizear coached in the Stormin' Norman league, a high school girls league. He coached some of the best high school talent around at that time. It was the relationships he made in the Stormin' Norman league and his attendance at high school games during the winter that led him to AAU basketball.

He became the coach of the Delaware PAL Wildcats 10U coach the spring of 2001. After a 10-16 record their first year, the Wildcats improved, over time, into a Division I National Qualifier competing in 2007 in Monroe, Louisiana. That team produced two 1,000 point scorers, 3 Delaware state champions, 2 starters on nationally ranked teams and 8 players at various levels of collegiate basketball.

Coach Leizear was also the Freshman basketball coach at Padua Academy from 2001-2006. In that time, he also assisted the JV and Varsity teams while also serving at the head coach of the Padua Varsity team in the Crozier Summer league. In 2007, Coach Leizear became the JV coach at Padua Academy. During the 2008-2009 season his JV team finished with a 17-2 regular season record.

He has been successful at every level of coaching, due in part to his belief in preparing his players for the next level of competition. He constantly seeks out the best competition in order to provide his players with the opportunity to improve their game. His goal is to encourage the players to reach their full potential both on the court and off the court.