



The Wilmington Tigers Coaching Biography

Dennis Leizear - 7th Grade

Dennis Leizear has been coaching youth sports since 1989. He got his start at Aston Middletown Little League as an assistant 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 U-10 coach the spring of 2001. After a 10 -16 record their first year, the Wildcats improved, over time, into a Division I National Qualifier in 2006.

Coach Leizear was also the Freshmen basketball coach at Padua Academy from 2001-2006. In that time, he also assisted the JV and Varsity teams while also serving as head coach of the Padua Varsity team in the Crozer Summer League. From 2008-2010 Coach Leizear was JV coach at Padua.

For the past two years Coach Leizear has coached with the Tigers. Last year his team finished 4th in the Region and was competitive in the AAU National Championships in Monroe, Tennessee.

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 and off the court.