

RACHAEL SUNDER

Rachael Kidder, 13 Royal Head Coach
Director of ASJ Leadership Council
Austin Skyline: 4th Season

Rachael Kidder is going into her fourth season with Austin Skyline Juniors as the 13 Royal head coach. Prior to Austin Skyline, she was a volunteer assistant coach with The University of Texas at Austin. Rachael is an experienced coach, having coached for three years at the Sports Shack during her collegiate career at UCLA as well as two years coaching at Actyve Volleyball club in Santa Monica, California.

Rachael played four years of volleyball in at Moorpark High School. She was named All-Ventura County All-Marmonte League and L.A. Daily News and Ventura County Star All-Area each season, earned team MVP and Female Athlete of the Year honors as a senior and was ranked 10th on the PrepVolleyball.com Senior Aces list and named to Volleyball Magazine's Fab 50. Rachael was honored as the ESPN Rise California State Player of the Year as a sophomore and named to the ESPN Rise California All-State and AVCA Under Armour All-American Teams as a senior. She was a team captain each of her last two seasons and produced 1,139 kills in her four years. Rachael was coached in volleyball by Brendan Hanson, named to the 18 Open Gold Division All-Tournament Team at the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior Olympic Championships, and was a 2007 JO 18U National Division gold medalist with Point West Volleyball Club. She also won a gold medal with the 2008 Women's Junior National A2 Team at the High Performance Championships and was an 18U silver medalist with Sports Shack at the 2008 Volleyball Festival.



After graduation from Moorpark, Rachael accepted an offer from UCLA to join their collegiate volleyball team. During her sophomore year at UCLA, she was named to the All-Pacific -10 Conference honorable mention team. In 2011, Rachael was named AVCA All-America, All-Pacific Region and All Pac-12 First Team, as well as being ninth in the nation in kills and points per set. Rachael was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament and named to the Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention team. In 2012 she went on to be recognized as an AVCA Honorable Mention All-American.

After having so much success at UCLA, Rachael was highly sought after to start her professional career to play overseas. Kidder began her professional overseas career in January 2013, in Puerto Rico for Valencianas De Juncos, where she established herself as one of the elite young athletes in the league. Soon after finishing the season in May 2013, Rachael was invited to the U.S. Women's National Team where she trained and played for several months before leaving for her second international experience in Italy. For the 8 month season, she played for IHF Volley Club.

Awards & Recognitions

- 2012-AVCA All-American
- 2011-Division 1 National Champion
- 2011-Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament
- 2011-Top 10 in the Nation in kills and points per set
- 2011-All Pac-12 1st Team
- 2011-All-Pacific Region
- 2010-All Pac-10 Honorable Mention
- 2009-USA Junior Nationals 18- Open All Tournament
- 2009-Team MVP & Female Athlete of the Year