

## [Austin Coombes](#)

Austin Coombes is a recent graduate of the Asper school of Business and currently serves as the head coach of the Junior Varsity Boys' volleyball team at Kildonan-East Collegiate.



Austin has been involved in the sport of volleyball since he was 13 years old. He started coaching when he was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as an assistant helping with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, and has been coaching ever since. During his 7<sup>th</sup> year as a head coach in the fall of 2018, he led the varsity boys at Kildonan-East Collegiate to their best season in school history; they finished fourth in KPAC, were ranked in the top 10 and qualified for provincials, all firsts for the program. Overall, Austin has begun to create a reputation for Kildonan-East as a volleyball school. Other achievements include coaching teams to the 2012 RETSD Grade 9 Boys B-side Championship, the 2015 RETSD Grade 9 Boys B-side Championship and the 2017 KPAC Varsity Boys Tier 2 finals. He is also an assistant coach at the Legion Athletic Volleyball Camp each summer.



Austin ran his own independent club for 2 years before joining the Winman family for the 2018 season. In his first season with the club, he was able to lead his team to a 16U Tier 2 National Championship, and in his second year he was able to lead his Whiteout team to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in Tier 1 at 14U Nationals, capping off what had already been a great year. Austin is excited for the 2020 club season where he will Head Coach the WinMan Whiteout 15u team.

Finally, Austin believes in two core coaching principals; student-athletes must be students first and that multi-sport athletes are the best types of athletes. Putting your academic career first will always be the priority on any of Coach Austin's teams, as sports should never limit an athlete's ability to succeed in the classroom. He gives out a scholarship at Kildonan-East Collegiate based on this principal, awarding an athlete who maintains a high academic average while also competing on multiple athletic teams. Austin also believes that playing multiple sports creates a more dynamic athlete – different sports work different muscles meaning that overall you create a stronger, less likely to be injured from repetition athlete. If your son plays multiple sports and is worried about the commitment of the season, feel free to speak with him and his coaching staff and they will create a plan to make it work.

In his spare time, Austin enjoys travelling all over the world, but especially across North America seeing live sporting events. (Preferably ones that involve his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs) He plays a ton of sports including volleyball, curling, soccer and slo-pitch and is a diehard Fantasy Football addict.

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***“You said we're a team. One person struggles, we all struggle. One person triumphs, we all triumph” – Jason Lyle in Coach Carter***