

USA DEAF VOLLEYBALL



**Patrick
O'Brien
Team Director**

Name: Patrick O'Brien
Birthplace: St. Paul, MN
Hometown: St. Paul, MN
High School: Minnesota School for the Deaf
College: Gallaudet
Major: BS – Business Administration/Data Processing

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2016 - World Deaf Volleyball Championship - Washington, DC (w-gold and m-fifth)... 2016 - Pan Am Volleyball Championships - Washington, DC (w-gold and m-silver)... 2013 Deaflympics - Bulgaria (w-4th place)... 2012 World Deaf Volleyball Championship - Bulgaria (w-silver)... 2011 Friendship Game - Washington, DC (w-gold and m-bronze)... 2009 Deaflympics - Taiwan (silver)... 2008 - World Deaf Volleyball Championship - Argentina (w-bronze)... 2005 Deaflympics – Australia (w-bronze)... 2001 Deaflympics – Italy (w-silver)... 1997 Deaflympics – Denmark (m-fifth)... 1993 Deaflympics – Bulgaria (m-silver)... 1989 Deaflympics – New Zealand (m-fourth)

BIOGRAPHY:

Patrick "Pat" O'Brien brings a wealth of international volleyball experiences to the table as US Volleyball Team Director. His major responsibilities as team director include overseeing and administering all men's and women's volleyball and beach volleyball sports.

Pat competed as an athlete on the 1989 US Men's volleyball team in the 16th edition of the Summer Deaflympics in Christchurch, New Zealand. He then served as head coach on four US teams for both men and women, winning a total of three medals. His first coaching stint was with the 1993 US Men's Team that won its first medal ever in US history. He has been running the USA Deaf Volleyball as Team director since 2007. He took USA Men's Volleyball program as Head Coach in the last minute in Year 2011 and captured 3rd place in 2011 Friendships Game in DC.

During his collegiate career, Pat has coached with the Gallaudet University volleyball program for 24 seasons. Pat received a multitude of honors throughout his storied career, including the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Coach of the Year in 2003. The veteran coach has seen Gallaudet's squads take eight CAC Conference championships (1992, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2006) and two North Eastern Athletic Conference championships (2010 and 2011). He was selected to be inducted into the Minnesota School for the Deaf Alumni Association Hall of Fame for its sports category in 2003.

Pat works as Computer Specialist with the Treasury Department and is a 1985 Gallaudet graduate. Favorite hobbies include traveling with my wife, fishing, and hunting. He and Kathy reside in Maryland.

QUOTE: 'If you're going through hell, keep going.' – Winston Churchill

