

# Renato Gomes

## Coaching & Playing Experience

My name is Renato Gomes. I'm Brazilian, 44 years old, married, a father, and a Christian. I have over 25 years of experience in volleyball.

I started playing indoor volleyball at the age of 17, and at 23, I transitioned to beach volleyball, training alongside high-performance athletes. In 2006, I was invited to represent Georgia, obtaining dual nationality and beginning my journey in international tournaments.

Throughout my career, I had the opportunity to visit around 30 countries and compete in some of the world's most prestigious tournaments — including three World Cups, European and Brazilian circuits, and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, where I achieved 4th place, a historic accomplishment as it was the team's first Olympic appearance.

After retiring from professional play in 2014 due to injuries, I remained deeply connected to the sport, now focusing on coaching indoor volleyball for girls ages 8 to 18. Since December 2023, I have been living in the United States, continuing to share my passion for the game.

## Why do you coach?

Coaching, for me, is a way to give back to the sport that shaped my life. It's an opportunity to share my Olympic and professional experience with the next generation — not only by teaching technical skills and fundamentals but also by instilling values like discipline, perseverance, and teamwork, both on and off the court.

## **Fun facts about you**

I started playing sports quite late, with no financial resources, just height and determination. But through hard work, faith, and dedication, I was able to play in the main tournaments in the world, including the Olympic Games.

I'm grateful to God for every step of this journey — it proved that passion, effort, and belief can take you further than you ever imagined.

## **Coaching Philosophy or Style?**

My philosophy is to make athletes think and understand the game. We don't train just for the sake of training or play just to play — we aim to understand the purpose behind every action, the strategy behind each play, and the importance of growing not only as athletes but also as individuals.

I believe that commitment and attitude matter even more than talent — and my goal is to help each player discover her potential, both on the court and in life.