

Team Challenge

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LAS VEGAS RUN COACH – Jimmy Edwards II



Jimmy considers himself one of the lucky ones because he has found his calling and true passion in life...competing in triathlons, running events, and coaching others to do the same. He has been active throughout his entire life starting as an avid tennis player throughout high school and college. It was in college that he found his passion for running. A couple of 5ks and 10ks later, there was no looking back. Since 2005, he has competed in half-marathons, marathons, and ultra marathons (50-100 mile races). This affinity for running then evolved into a desire to conquer the sport of triathlon by competing in half and full distance triathlons. Jimmy's goal is to successfully complete a double ironman distance race.

Jimmy has been teaching for 8 years as a Middle School Health and Physical Education teacher, and shares his passion for running and competing with his students. Aside from teaching his students the importance of overall health and wellness, Jimmy also works with students to improve their fitness and running abilities in the school's Endurance Club. He has successfully worked with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to successfully train for and complete half-marathons and triathlons. He maintains the belief that training well, having fun, and enjoying the journey is the best way to achieve any goal.

Jimmy holds a coaching certification from Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) and a personal trainer certification from the American Council on Exercise (ACE).

LAS VEGAS WALK COACH – Jill Whitaker

Jill is returning for her second season with Team Vegas!

After her mother's second cancer diagnosis, Jill made the pact with her mom to do "something big" together once the cancer treatments were over. That "something big" ended up being a marathon. Upon finishing Jill knew that she wanted to feel that energy and excitement for the rest of her life.

Since then Jill has completed numerous races in varying distances, from 5K to multiple marathons. She has trained for a marathon with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and she runs the Race for the Cure event every year with her mother. Through these experiences she is familiar with the unique challenges that face a walker or runner as they train for an endurance event while raising money for a cause that is close to their heart.

Jill has been practicing yoga for more than a decade and is also an advocate for how yoga can help runners with both physical and mental aspects of the sport. Her focus is on running for life, keeping yourself healthy to enjoy the sport for years to come.

Jill is a certified coach with the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA).

