



# TOP TIER

## LESSONS

MARKETPLACE MATCHING COLLEGE STUDENT ATHLETES  
WITH PARENTS LOOKING FOR SPORTS LESSONS FOR  
THEIR KIDS

# We connect athletes to parents to venues



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Student athletes list their availability

December 2023


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2

Parents browse the student athletes in their area



**Logan Kuehne**  
Sprint Freestyle, Butterfly | Swimming  
BIG10 Roster Freshman & Soph...  
Adaptability Organization Leads  
from **\$27.99** per session [Book Now](#)



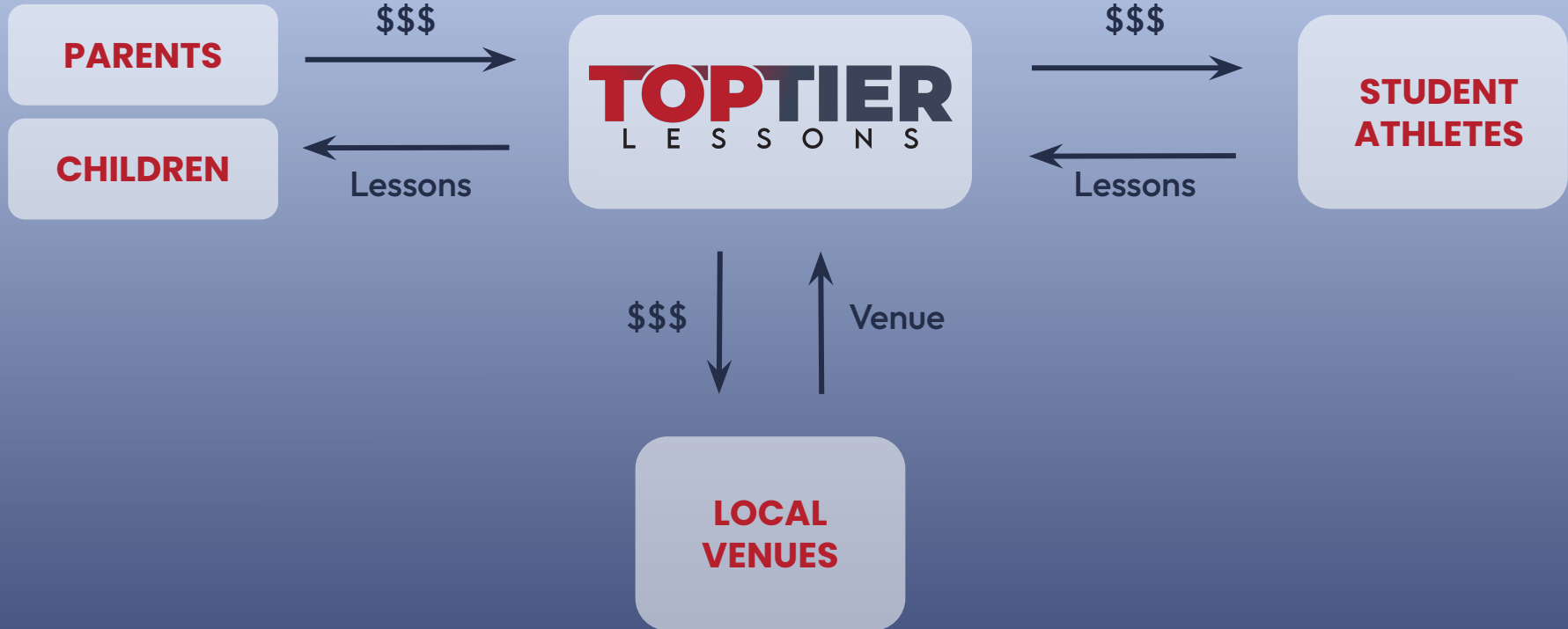
**AJ Redd**  
Guard | Basketball  
1,000+ points scorer in HS (Sal...  
Leadership Problem Solving  
from **\$27.99** per session [Book Now](#)

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Venue is suggested for the lesson to be hosted



# Our sports lessons ecosystem



# Being a student athlete is now profitable



## Name, Image, & Likeness Bill

Passed June 2021

Top Tier Lessons would not be possible without the NIL bill. Student athletes can leverage their own branding and the University's branding while setting their own prices/lesson.

# We have a 4 step go-to-market strategy



1

Beta  
Launch

APRIL 2023

Initial beta launch in  
Champaign



Generated over \$13,000  
teaching over 200  
lessons and hosting 3  
clinics



# We have a 4 step go-to-market strategy



\$5,000 in sales Within 1st 3 Weeks, \$40,000 Projected in 2024

1

Beta  
Launch

APRIL 2023

Initial beta launch in Champaign & testing in Chicago, \$13,000 generated

2

Official  
Launch

FEBRUARY 2024

Champaign, Chicago



# We have a 4 step go-to-market strategy



1

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in Chicago, \$12,000  
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Official  
Launch

FEBRUARY 2024

Champaign, Chicago

3

Intern Program  
Launch

AUGUST 2024

17 cities staggered  
across 2024



# We have a 4 step go-to-market strategy



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**4**

**Location  
Scaling**

**MARCH 2025**

Fully operational in 20  
cities across the  
country



# Check out our traction



**NIL NEWS**

## Illinois Swimmer Creates Sustainable NIL Model

BY NOAH HENDERSON · NOV 1, 2023 12:38 PM EDT



# The only all-in-one solution for sports lessons



	Community Based	Safety	Source Venues
			
			
			

# The only all-in-one solution for sports lessons



Generates \$111 Million in annual revenue, not college athlete specific and does not source venues. Not consistent in each community.

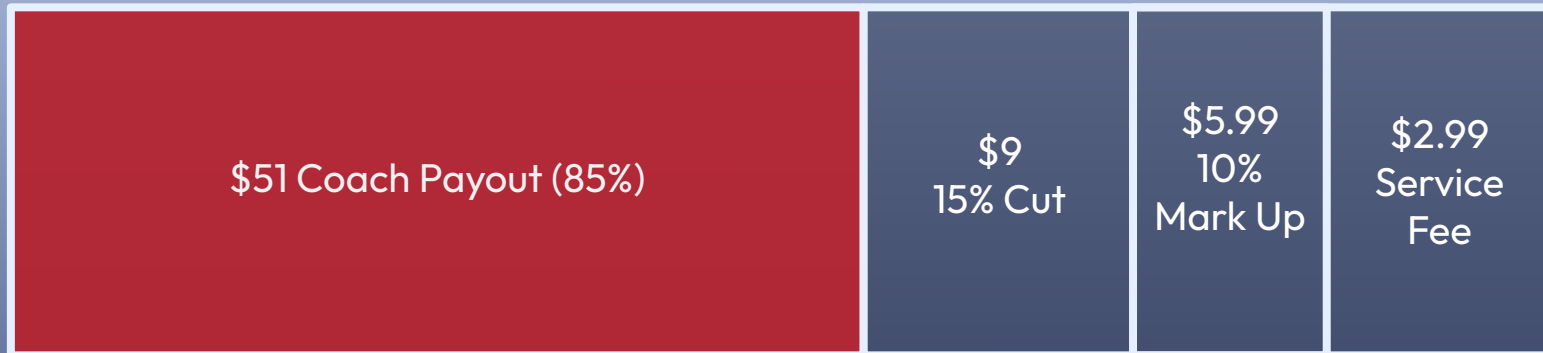


Startup started in Florida 2 years ago, generated \$300,000 in year 2. Does not source venues or handle marketing for the student athletes.

# We earn by charging service fees to parents



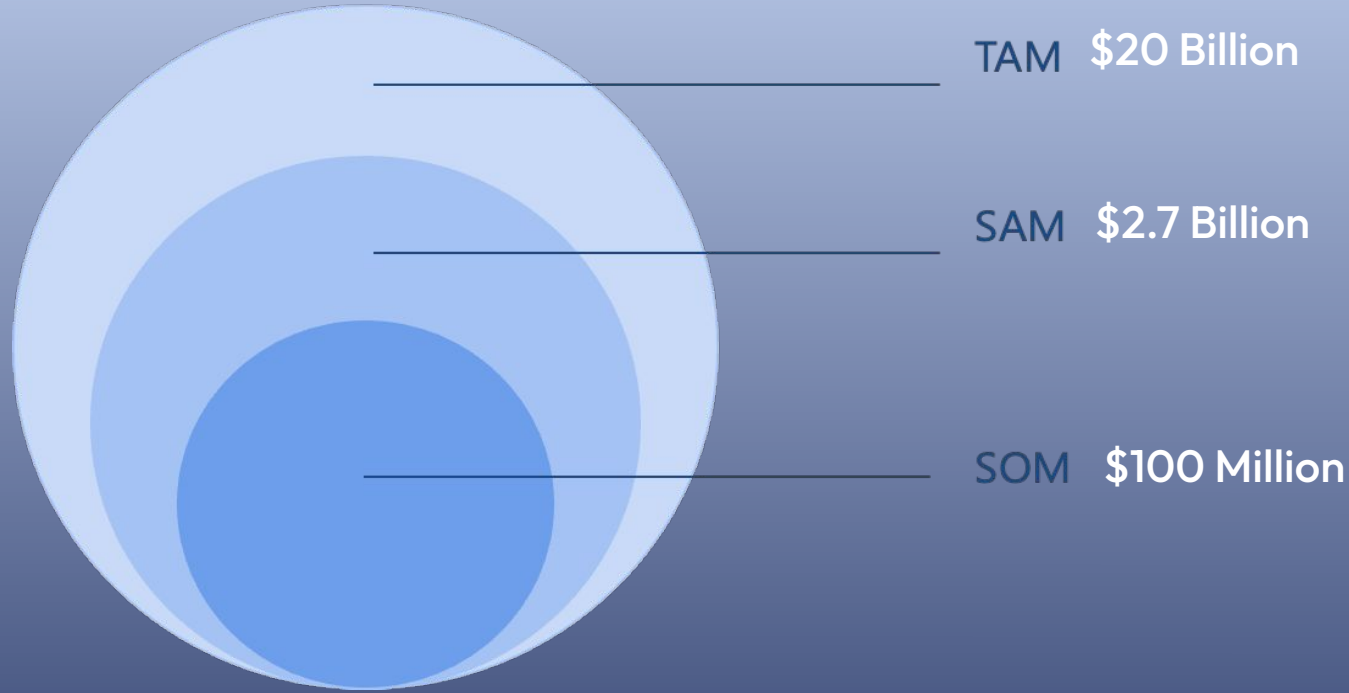
**Athlete Rate: \$60/hour**



**Parent Cost: \$68.98/hour**  
**~31% Profit Margin**

**Top Tier Lessons: \$17.98**

# The USA Youth Sports Market is Projected to hit \$37 Billion by 2030



# Revenue (GMV) projections



**\$24 CAC , \$215 LTV (12 Lessons)**

\*year one = 2025

# By athletes, for (future) athletes



**Cara Bognar**

Founder & CEO

D1 team captain, engineer and entrepreneur. Worked in 2 previous startups, a marketplace and a biotech genetics company. Full time.



**Journey Amundson**

Market Expansion  
Manager

Student athlete and graduate student at St. Louis University. Brings experience in coaching, event planning and her national athlete network.



**Rahul Sai**

Lead Developer

Brings a full year of industry experience as a full stack developer as well as creating a platform with over 400,000 monthly users. Full time.

**By 2025, we will Support the Entire Lifecycle of an Athlete**







**Raising \$1.5 Million to  
scale from 20 to 50  
universities in Q3 2025**

# Help us inspire the future generation of athletes.







# Thank you!



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# Testimonial



First, I have to say that Makira is A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! She did such a great job with my son and, in just one hour, she helped him gain confidence in himself and he enjoyed his session so much. It also makes me happy that he can meet young athletes and adults that he can look up to.



"This has been a great experience for me and my daughter, Valerie. Cara asked what I wanted Valerie to learn so they could tailor the lessons to her needs. Gaining confidence around water and overcoming self-doubt about what she can do in the water are my main goals for Valerie. She is already showing improvement and is excited about going to lessons each week. Valerie now has a role model in Meghan and that personal connection to Illinois athletes is invaluable. Many grow up in a university town without getting to meet and learn from these amazing young men and women. Top Tier Lessons is changing that!"

-Laura

We've only had one lesson but I'm so happy. Logan connected with her easily, tried a lot of different things to get a feel of Ellia's comfort level and ability, but I feel like she was able to make progress right away! I hope you are also able to connect with aspiring college athletes, but for swimming lessons for young kids, this is exactly what we needed! I hope this works well for you as athletes, because I think it is a huge win for us parents! :)