

CANDELA RUANO FIUZA - Lefty Setter - Class of 2025

Player Information

- Graduation: 2025 (D.O.B. 9/30/2007)
- GPA: 4.5
- National Honor Society Member ([link](#)) / AP Scholar with Honor and Distinction Awards ([link](#)) / College Board NHRP ([link](#)) / Cherry Creek High School Academic Letter Award / Cherry Creek High School Varsity Academic Award ([2023](#), [2024](#))
- Trilingual: Chinese, English, Spanish (speak/read/write)
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2025 film: <https://youtu.be/6W9Lwqy3BIQ> - <https://youtu.be/BnmbZ8J-oIU> - https://youtu.be/c01_3peTZ-g

2024 5s highlight: https://youtu.be/a4mt63dMy_g

2024 30s highlight: <https://youtu.be/AjDbc1fc5K4>

2024 Under Armour Nex+: <https://youtu.be/6V6IqTOE6r8>

2024 Highlights: <https://youtu.be/lbPfaQkPkOY>

International Volleyball Experience

2024 | U18 Spain Women's National Team | Setter | Jersey #1

- Finished 5th @ WEVZA U18 European Championship 1st Round

2023 | U17 Spain Women's National Team | Setter | Jersey #7

- Finished 3rd @ CEV U17 European Championship 2nd Round – **BEST SETTER AWARD** ([link](#))

Club Volleyball Experience

2025 | Elevation 18-1 Peak | Setter | Jersey #6

- Finished 3rd @ RMR Seeding Tournament
- Finished 21st @ Salt Lake City Qualifier
- Finished 21st @ Boston Qualifier
- Finished 11th @ RMR Qualifier Series #2
- Finished 3rd @ RMR ZBT Qualifier securing **Freedom Bid to GJNC**
- Finished 5th @ Mideast Qualifier securing **USA Bid to GJNC**
- **FINISHED 11TH in USA DIVISION @ USAV GJNC**

2024 | Elevation 17-1 Peak | Setter | Jersey #6

- **FINISHED 23RD in LIBERTY DIVISION @ USAV GJNC**

2023 | CVA 16-1 Mizuno | Setter | Jersey #6

- Finished 1st @ RMR Power 1
- Finished 15th @ 18th Annual Colorado Challenge
- Finished 1st @ RMR Top Flight Invitational 1
- Finished 6th @ RMR Power 3
- Finished 17th @ Music City Qualifier
- Finished 2nd @ RMR Power 4
- Finished 5th @ RMR ZBT Invitational Qualifier
- Finished 28th @ Mideast Qualifier
- Finished 3rd @ RMR Top Flight Invitational 3
- Finished 17th @ Lone Star Qualifier
- Finished 5th @ RMR ZBT

2022 | Colorado Juniors 14 Open | Setter | Jersey #6

- Finished 1st @ RMR PIT 14s

- Finished 2nd @ 17th Annual Colorado Challenge
- Finished 29th @ Triple Crown NIT
- Finished 11th in Open @ SLC Showdown
- Finished 7th in Open @ Far Western Qualifier
- Finished 1st @ RMR ZBT securing **National Bid to GJNC**
- **FINISHED 3RD IN NATIONAL DIVISION @ USAV GJNC!!!**

2021 | Colorado Juniors 13 Open | Setter | Jersey #6

- Finished 5th in Open @ Omaha President's Day Classic
- Finished 11th in Open @ Northern Lights JNQ
- Finished 2nd in Open @ Colorado Crossroads securing **Open Bid to GJNC**
- **FINISHED 23RD in OPEN DIVISION @ USAV GJNC**

2020 | Colorado Juniors 13 Open | Setter | Jersey #6

- COVID-19-abbreviated season

2019 | Momentum 12 Tara | Setter | Jersey #26

High School Volleyball Experience

Cherry Creek High School (Greenwood Village, CO):

2024 | Senior Year | Varsity | Starting Setter | Jersey #6

- Team captain
- Starting setter
- Centennial League Champions
- 5A Regional Champions
- 5th place 5A State Championship
- **Academic All-State First Team** ([link](#))
- **All-League First Team** ([link](#))
- **All-State Honorable Mention** ([link](#))
- **Cheyenne Mountain Invitational All-Tournament Team** ([link](#))
- **1000 Assist high school career award** ([link](#))

2023 | Junior Year | Varsity | Starting Setter | Jersey #6

- Starting setter

- Centennial League runner-up
- 5A Regional Champions
- 9th place 5A State Championship
- **Academic All-State First Team** ([link](#))
- **All-League Second Team** ([link](#))

2022 | Sophomore Year | Varsity | Starting Setter | Jersey #1

- Starting setter
- Centennial League Champions
- 5A Regional Champions
- 5th place 5A State Championship
- 2nd all time CCHS one game ace record (9 aces)
- **All time CCHS season ace record (78 aces)**

2021 | Freshman Year | Junior Varsity | Starting Setter | Jersey #1

- Starting setter
- Team best server

Academics

- National Honor Society Member ([link](#))
- AP Scholar with Honor and Distinction Awards ([link](#))
- College Board NHRP ([link](#))
- Cherry Creek High School Academic Letter Award
- Cherry Creek High School Varsity Academic Award ([2023](#), [2024](#))
- DECA
- Partners In Health Engage

Trilingual

- *Chinese (speak/read/write)*
- *Spanish (speak/read/write)*
- *English (speak/read/write)*

Freshman Year / 4.2 GPA

- *CP English 9*
- *CP United States History*
- **Algebra 2/Trig **Honors***

- *Physical Science **Honors**
- ***AP** Spanish Language and Culture
- *Chinese 3/4 **Honors**

Sophomore Year / 4.2 GPA

- ***AP** World History
- *English 10 **Honors**
- *Chemistry **Honors**
- ***AP** Chinese Language and Culture
- *Pre Calculus **Honors**
- ***AP** Spanish Literature and Culture

Junior Year / 4.2 GPA

- ***AP** Calculus BC
- ***AP** English Language and Composition
- *Biology **Honors**
- ***AP** US Government and Politics
- ***AP** Human Geography
- CE Marketing 1: Principles of Mktg

Senior Year / 4.5 GPA

- ***AP** Statistics
- ***AP** Microeconomics
- ***AP** Macroeconomics
- ***AP** English Literature and Composition
- *Physics Engineering **Honors**
- *Engineering Physics **Honors**

Extracurricular Activities

- Traveling, languages, skiing, anything ocean.

High School Goals

- Maintain a 4.0 GPA or higher
- Help lead my team to an open bid to nationals every year
- To earn a scholarship to play volleyball at the division 1 collegiate level

College Goals

- Pursue a high level technical career with international projection
- Play volleyball in college at a high level of competition and win a national championship

Social Media

- **SportsRecruits:** https://sportsrecruits.com/athlete/candela_ruano
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@CandelaRuanoVB>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/candelaruanoVB/>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/CandelaRuanoVB>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087266785284>
- **MaxPreps:** <https://www.maxpreps.com/co/greenwood-village/cherry-creek-bruins/athletes/candela-ruano/?careerid=2vdkknos924dd>

Coach Quotes

“It has been a pleasure to coach Candela during her 16's season. She has some of the best ball placement I have ever seen from an athlete her age. She has the ability to make an incredible, fast-tempo, set out of just about any pass. It actually becomes easy to overlook her ability based on the ease that she sets with. This season Candela made huge improvements as a 5-1 setter being offensive with setter dumps, as well as improving her defensive reading and movement. She demonstrated steady leadership on and off the court all season serving as Team Captain and helping the team navigate through a few difficult situations. Candela is a hard-working, determined, and positive young lady whose love of the game shines through every time she is in the gym. It was a joy having the opportunity to coach her!”

- Danni Jenkins, 16s Mizuno Club Coach, Colorado Volleyball Association

“Candela’s personality truly defines that of a setter. She is a natural leader, who maximizes her team’s potential, energy and competitiveness. She always leads by example putting in the most time and effort to become the best she can be for her team. She is a learner of the game. Constantly wanting and gaining more information, reflecting on both failures and successes and then applying that knowledge and reflective feedback to increase her effectiveness as a setter,

teammate, and leader. Candela is the absolute competitor that any team would be lucky to have on their side of the net!"

- Sarah Reilly, 14s Open Club Coach, Colorado Juniors

"I had the pleasure of coaching Candela during her 14U club season and the best way to describe her is the ultimate competitor. When Candela came into the season, we already knew she had the ability to set the ball for us, but we ultimately pushed her to be a better defender and excel behind the service line, and she did just that. By the end of the season and into her high school and further club career she is leading her teams behind the service line and establishing ace records, digging hard driven balls she wasn't a year ago and becoming a much more dynamic setter with literally each passing match. It is truly remarkable to see, and I can't wait to continue watching her game grow!"

- Tarah Harms, 14s Open Club Coach, Colorado Juniors

"One of the players with the best work ethic I've ever coached. Very proud and honored to be a small part of your volleyball career. You are a testament to the improvement possible when you work your butt off inside and outside of practice. You are a natural leader on the court, in practice and in matches you set the tone by staying focused, working hard and pushing others to do the same. Extremely committed to the team and to self improvement. Thank you for a great two years, you've grown into an extremely mature leader and one hell of a setter, and I have no doubt this is just the beginning for you. Very, very proud of you Candy."

- Tammy Shotkoski, 13s Open Club Coach, Colorado Juniors

"Candela is a special player and a young lady that I will never forget. I had the privilege and honor of coaching the first club team that Candela played on. In all of my years in coaching, I have never seen a player develop so quickly and so drastically in one season. Candela went from a player that could not overhand serve to our best server, jump serving to zones in games. She went from my middle and right-side hitter who rarely served or played back row to our best setter (at times running a 5-1) and one of my best back row defensive players. Candela's ability to receive and apply instruction and correction is phenomenal and she truly is a coach's dream in regards to work ethic, being a team leader and most importantly having a great attitude. The true icing on the cake of Candela is the amazing person she is on and off the court. She is kind, intelligent, warm and

funny. I could go on and on but will close by saying I know Candela will do great things in volleyball and life and I am so proud to have been a part of her introduction into this amazing sport that we all love."

- Michelle Grace Blubaugh, 12s Club Coach, Momentum Volleyball

"Candela, you have become a true setter this season. The difference between this season and last season is incredible. You are setting with intent and purpose. It has been fun watching you progress this season. I am looking forward to seeing an even more improved Candela next November!"

- Kevin Marquis, 13s Club Director, Colorado Juniors

"Great work ethic & teammate."

- Bill Peer, Club Director & Founder, Colorado Juniors