

Ann Wauters

Team player, reliable and result oriented

Success is where preparation and opportunity meet.

I strongly believe that by playing professional basketball for more than 2 decades, I have learnt more than just the game of basketball. Working in a team is crucial in basketball, as it is on any work floor. Showing leadership but also being coachable are characteristics that have made me a successful basketball player. Perseverance, dedication, passion, having fun but also showing resilience helped me to build a long professional career.

All those tools, soft skills can be very beneficial as an assistant coach for the Chicago Sky.

Work experience

Professional basketball player

1998 – 2021

- I have played basketball over 2 decades in 7 different countries over 3 continents.
- Number 1 of the WNBA draft in 2000
- All star in 2005 with New York Liberty
- WNBA champion in 2016 with LA Sparks
- 4 Euroleague titles, 1 Eurocup title, 12 domestic championships, 11 cups, Bronze medal at the European Championship, 5 time European player of the year.
- This summer, I retired at the Olympics in Tokyo.

Keynote speaker

2019 – now

- I love exposing the parallels between the sports and business worlds.
- As captain of the Belgian Cats, I liked sharing my experiences and loved motivating the team. Now I can still do this as a keynote speaker.


Consultant at the 'Resilience Institute'


2020 – now

- Resilience is an important skill in elite sports. Here, I also like to share my experiences with companies regarding mental resilience.



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Competences

Passionate
Result oriented
Working together
Open mindset

Languages

Dutch: mother language
French: very good
English: very good

Experience

- I've played for more than 30 different teams, where each season we had to start all over again to win together. I love the different team dynamics and how you can become successful as a team. Communication is crucial in this process and different roles and responsibilities are needed within a team.
- As captain of the Belgian Cats I often had to speak to the media and I learned a lot about public speaking.
- About 100 keynotes I gave both physically and digitally.
- With GameChangers I like to take the lead in order to fulfill concrete actions to create more opportunities for women in the sports industry.
- As the chairman of the athletes commission, I proudly represent the voice and needs of the Belgian athletes.

Education

Latijn-Wetenschappen

Sint-Niklaas | 1998

High school degree

Fiba Time-Out Program

2017-2018

General course on organizing big basketball events

Coaching degreee

Trainerscursus A

VTS | 2015

I was an assistant coach at the World Championship U19 in 2015 as an internship in order to receive my A level coaching degree.

Side activities

Chairman of the athletes commission of the Belgian Olympic committee

Co-founder of the GameChangers

Ambassador of SOS Kinderdorpen