



Chan Gailey enters his 21st season as an NFL coach and second stint with the Dolphins after being named offensive coordinator on Jan. 20, 2020.

Gailey has a wealth of coaching experience, having been an NFL head coach on two occasions. This is his fifth job as an NFL offensive coordinator. Gailey also has led three college programs and was a head coach in the World League of American Football. In total, Gailey has 40 years of coaching experience and has been a head coach for 16 seasons, an offensive coordinator for nine years and a defensive coordinator for two seasons. He has coached in four Super Bowls (XXI, XXII, XXIV and XXX).

Gailey previously served as offensive coordinator for the Dolphins from 2000-01, helping the Dolphins win 11 games in back-to-back seasons. The Dolphins made the playoffs in both of his seasons calling the offensive plays. In 2001, Miami was eighth in the NFL in scoring (21.5 points per game) and sixth in yards per pass attempt (7.4). Center Tim Ruddy was named to the Pro Bowl following the 2000 season.

Most recently, Gailey was the offensive coordinator for the New York Jets from 2015-16. The 2015 Jets offense set franchise records for total offense (5,925), passing offense (4,057) and completions (362). Wide receiver Brandon Marshall set the team's all-time receiving record with 1,502 yards in 2015 while quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick broke the team record for touchdown passes (31) in a single season. Fitzpatrick's 3,905 passing yards that season were second-most in Jets history. Marshall, running back Chris Ivory and center Nick Mangold all made the Pro Bowl following the historic season.

Gailey was head coach of the Buffalo Bills from 2010-12. In his final season in Buffalo, the Bills finished sixth in the NFL in rushing (138.6 yards per game) and fourth in yards per carry (5.02). Running back C.J. Spiller rushed for 1,244 yards that season, which was eighth-best in the NFL, and earned a Pro Bowl selection. His 2011 offense finished in the top half of the league in total offense (351.5 ypg), passing offense (231.4 ypg), rushing offense (120.1 ypg) and scoring (23.3 ppg). Other Pro Bowl selections during his tenure in Buffalo include defensive tackle Kyle Williams (2010, 2012) and safety Jairus Byrd (2012).

In 2008, Gailey was the offensive coordinator of the Kansas City Chiefs. He helped tight end Tony Gonzalez (1,058) and wide receiver Dwayne Bowe (1,022) become just the third pair of players in Chiefs history to record 1,000 receiving yards in the same season despite having a first-year starter in Tyler Thigpen at quarterback. Thigpen finished tied for 13th in the league with 18 touchdown passes.

Gailey was the head coach at Georgia Tech from 2002-07. He led the Yellow Jackets to a winning record and bowl games in all six of his seasons at the helm, becoming the first head coach in school history to do that. In 2006, Georgia Tech won nine games and the ACC Coastal Division, representing the division in the ACC Championship Game. During his six-year tenure, he had 46 players drafted into the NFL or signed as undrafted free agents, including wide receiver Calvin Johnson, who won the Biletnikoff Award, was named ACC Player of the Year and was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2007 NFL draft.

Gailey's first NFL head-coaching job came with the Dallas Cowboys from 1998-99. He made the playoffs in both seasons, going 10-6 and winning the NFC East in 1998. His teams totaled 37 rushing touchdowns during those two seasons, the fourth-most in the NFL during that span. The Cowboys finished in the top 11 of the league in scoring in both seasons he was there, finishing ninth in 1998 averaging 23.7 points per game and 11th in 1999, averaging 21.2 points per game. Several Cowboys players made the Pro Bowl in both seasons he served as head coach, including guard Larry Allen (1998-99), linebacker Dexter Coakley (1999), guard Nate Newton (1998), cornerback Deion Sanders (1998-99), running back Emmitt Smith (1998-99), tackle Erik Williams (1999) and safety Darren Woodson (1998).

Prior to that, Gailey spent four seasons (1994-97) with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was the wide receivers coach for two years (1994-95) and offensive coordinator for two years (1996-97). He helped the Steelers win the AFC Central division all four years, appear in three AFC Championship games and win the AFC in 1995, earning an appearance in Super Bowl XXX. In 1997, his offense led the NFL in rushing, averaging 154.9 yards per game. The Steelers were sixth in total offense (346.4 ypg) and scoring (23.3 ppg). Utilizing the 'Slash' offense, quarterback Kordell Stewart was tied for third in the NFL with 11 rushing touchdowns in 1997. Running back Jerome Bettis finished third in the NFL in rushing both seasons Gailey called plays. Bettis had 1,431 rushing yards in 1996 and 1,665 rushing yards in 1997, and earned Pro Bowl selections both seasons.

Other Pro Bowl selections he coached in Pittsburgh include center Dermontti Dawson (1996-97) and wide receiver Yancey Thigpen (1995; 1997).

Gailey spent the 1993 season as head coach at Samford University. From 1991-92, he was the head coach of the Birmingham Fire of the World League of American Football (later known as NFL Europe).

Gailey began his NFL coaching career with the Denver Broncos from 1985-90. He coached tight ends/special teams from 1985-86, wide receivers/tight ends in 1987, quarterbacks in 1988 and served as offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach in 1989-90. During his time in Denver, the Broncos won the AFC three times, participating in Super Bowls XXI, XXII and XXIV. He coached Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway, who passed for more than 3,000 yards all six seasons Gailey was on staff. Elway earned a Pro Bowl selection following the 1989 season while running back Bobby Humphrey earned Pro Bowl honors following the 1990 season.

Gailey's first head-coaching job was at Troy State from 1983-84. In 1984, he led Troy State to a 12-1 record and the NCAA Division II National Championship.

Prior to that, Gailey was a defensive coach. He was at Air Force from 1979-82 where he coached defensive backs (1979-80) before being promoted to defensive coordinator (1981-82). His first full-time coaching job came coaching defensive backs at Troy State from 1976-78.

Gailey began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, the University of Florida, from 1974-75. He was a three-year letterman for the Gators and a former all-state quarterback at Americus High School in Georgia.

Gailey and his wife, Laurie, have two sons – Tate and Andrew – and five grandsons.

CHAN GAILEY'S COACHING CAREER		
1974-75	University of Florida	Graduate Assistant
1976-78	Troy State	Defensive Backs
1979-82	Air Force	Defensive Backs (1979-80) Defensive Coordinator (1981-82)
1983-84	Troy State	Head Coach
1985-90	Denver Broncos	Tight Ends/Special Teams (1985-86) Wide Receivers/Tight Ends (1987) Quarterbacks (1988) Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers (1989-90)
1991-92	Birmingham Fire	Head Coach
1993	Samford University	Head Coach
1994-97	Pittsburgh Steelers	Wide Receivers (1994-95) Offensive Coordinator (1996-97)
1998-99	Dallas Cowboys	Head Coach
2000-01	Miami Dolphins	Offensive Coordinator
2002-07	Georgia Tech	Head Coach
2008	Kansas City Chiefs	Offensive Coordinator
2010-12	Buffalo Bills	Head Coach
2015-16	New York Jets	Offensive Coordinator
2020-present	Miami Dolphins	Offensive Coordinator