

The Find Your Grind Podcast, Episode 5: Nick Ansom of Venice Ball and how to pivot into your dreams

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The **Find Your Grind podcast** is a weekly series hosted by our founders, **Nick Gross, Natasha Gross, Mike Smith, and Luke "The Dingo" Trembeth**. Each week, we speak with special guests on the first 10% of their personal journey, decisions that led them where they are today, and how they built their ideas from finding their grind. In this week's episode, Nick Gross, and Dingo sat down with founder of the **Venice Basketball League (Venice Ball), Nick Ansom**.

Leader and **entrepreneur**, Nick Ansom shares his journey of how he pivoted from an ACL injury into creating one of the most recognized streetball leagues today. From his love for basketball and community, he pushed his leadership skills to organize and create something that was more than for himself. Today, **Venice Ball** brings together the best talent in basketball, gives back to the community, and attracts hundreds on Sundays for the love of the game.



Nick Ansom spent his formative years in Paris and instantly found his passion for basketball as a kid. Splitting his time between households, he easily learned how to relate and navigate between the communities in the suburbs and the city of Paris. By the time he was 12 years old, he built a basketball court so he'd have easier access to play and practice. In high school, Nick played in basketball clubs and **practiced relentlessly** – taking any free time (even during lunch) to play. From 8am-6pm he dedicated his time in school and

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