

Swim PEI's featured Coach for the 'Best Times of Your Life' Swim Camp announced as Provincials Mentor Coach for Swim Ontario.

Swim Ontario Announces Dean Boles as Provincial Mentor Coach

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Toronto - Swim Ontario is proud to announce the appointment and hiring of Dean Boles as Provincial Mentor Coach. In his new role, Dean will be responsible for the implementation of Swim Ontario's Provincial Team Development programs. He will commence his responsibilities in September.



"We are incredibly pleased to welcome Dean as part of the Swim Ontario personnel," said Executive Director, John Vadeika of Swim Ontario. "As we aim for great performances in our future, aiming towards the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games, Dean will be a tremendous asset to the development of our Provincial Team program while working with the personnel coaches and swimmers as they progress to the National Senior and Junior teams. "Through-out his extensive coaching career, Dean has consistently developed competitive international swimmers and has provided valuable mentorship to many of our top coaches." Vadeika added that, "In addition to Dean's accomplishments and skills, his current responsibilities as the Head Coach of our Ontario Canada Games team will provide for a great level of awareness of our current status and vision of where we need to go"

The Provincial Coach will be responsible for developing and implementing programs that identify and educate Ontario's high performance and developing high performance swimmers and coaches. His key responsibilities will be geared towards the enhancement and implementation of competition, mentor coaching, and coaching enhanced training strategies for targeted developing swimmers. The focus of his position is to enable the development of a continuum of athletes, able to gain selection to the National Senior and Junior Teams with all attributes and skills required to successfully represent Ontario and Canada on the International stage. He will also be instrumental in aligning the partnership of Swim Ontario deliveries with the National Swimming Center at U of T and center coach John Rogers.

"I'm very excited to take on the role of Provincial Mentor Coach for Swim Ontario," said Dean Boles. "It's an exciting time for Ontario Swimming and I'm very eager on helping our Coaches and young athletes as they reach for the Podium in 2012 and beyond."

"I have enjoyed the years, the swimmers and the people of the Region of Waterloo Swim Club and Wilfred Laurier University, and I was most fortunate to have perhaps some of the greatest people surround me and help make me who I am today and I will take that experience and knowledge and hopefully be able to pass it along" said Boles

Boles' coaching career began in the early 80's as Age Group Coach for the ROW Swim Club in Waterloo under the guidance and mentoring of Clifford Barry, one of Canada's greatest coaches. He became Head Coach of the ROW Swim Club in 1987 as well as the Wilfred Laurier University Varsity Team

"We're grateful to the ROW swim club and the Wilfred Laurier University for the leadership they have embarked on and delivered with their partnership over the years of delivering high performance excellence. We know that having Dean transition from club to Provincial Coaching responsibilities will improve the level of swimming across the province" remarked Vadeika.

Throughout his coaching career, Boles coached swimmers to 4 Olympic Teams most recently coaching Keith Beavers to a 7th place finish at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, 4 to a World Championships, 3 to Commonwealth and 5 to a Pan-American Games. He also coached Jennifer Button, Laura Nicholls and

Keith Beavers to several National record setting performances. Since 1987 Boles has represented Canada as part of over 20 Canadian National Teams.

Quick Facts: International & Provincial Coaching History

1996 Olympic Team- Personal Coach

2000 Olympic Team Staff

2004 Olympic Team-Personal Coach

2008 Olympic Team-Personal Coach

2004 World Championships Staff

1995-present Senior Canadian National Team Coach

1995-present Coaching Staff for the following: 1997 Pan Pacific's, World Championships, 1998 World and Commonwealths, 1999 World Championships, Pan Am Games, Pan Pacific Championships

1987-89 National Youth Tour Coach (Germany & Spain 8 Nations)

1989 & 93 Canada Games Coach- Ontario

2008-09 Head Coach Team Ontario- Canada Games

2008-09 Mentor and Lead coach for Ontario Training Camps

1994-present Level 1 NCCP Instructor/ Master Coach Facilitator

1996-2000 Chair of the Ontario Coaches Association (OSCA)

2000-present Swim Ontario Board of Directors

1997-2001 Swimming Natation Canada Board of Directors

2000-2003 Executive Committee-Canadian Swim Coaches Association (CSCTA)

2003-2006 Swimming Natation Canada- Human Resource Committee

Achievements:

Ontario Swim Coach of the Year—2006, 2007, 2008

OUA Coach of the Year—Women 1995, 1996, 1999; Men 2000

3M Coach of the Year – 2000

Ontario Ministry of Culture & Sport Winner 2000

Swim Ontario Speedo Friend & President's Award 2000, 2001

Wilfred Laurier University Coach of the Year—1998, 1999, 2000

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