

DARIAN TOWNSEND – HEAD COACH & CEO



Darian joined Phoenix Swim Club as the Head Coach and CEO in October 2021.

Darian started his coaching career at Tucson Ford Aquatics where he was Associate Head Coach. After finishing up his professional swimming career Darian went on to be the Head Coach and Club President of the YMCA Westside Silver Fins (YWSF) in Goodyear, AZ from 2017-2022. Under his leadership YWSF saw a 30% membership growth as well as multiple State and Sectional individual and relay champions. YWSF was promoted from a Bronze Medal Club to a Silver Medal Club under the USA Swimming Club Excellence Program.

Coaching Achievements:

- 2018 Arizona Swimming Senior Coach of the Year
- 2019 Arizona Swimming Senior Coach of the Year
- 2021 Olympic Trials Qualifier (1)
- 2022 & 2023 World Championships Qualifiers
- 2023 Arizona Swimming Senior Coach of the Year
- 2023 Short Course Senior State Team Title
- 2023 Short Course Sectional Team Title
- 2024 Long Course Senior State Team Title
- 2024 Sectional Long Course Team Titles (2)
- 2024 Olympic Trials Qualifiers (2)
- 5 Junior National Champions
- 12 Sectional Champions
- 27 State Champions
- 9 Division 1 Scholarship recipients
- Current Arizona Swimming Technical Chair member

Swimming Achievements:

- Olympic Gold Medalist (2004)
- Former 200 IM world record holder (2009)
- 2-time NCAA Individual Champion (2007, 2008)

- 5-time NCAA Relay Champion (2005-2008)
- 1-time NCAA Team Championship (2008)
- Team captain for the Team USA in 2015
- Currently holds over 15 masters swimming world records

