

MIKE MACZUGA - Group Coach



Groups: Gold, Tigersharks & Marlins

Mike has been coaching 45+ years, including Head Coach of the Imperial Valley Swim Association, the Yuma Sidewinders, and the Village Vikings, before starting the Arizona Marlins in 1982, originally in a 5 lane 25-yard pool (Melrose Rec pool). By 1987 he had developed his first Junior National Qualifier and placed swimmers in the Top 5 at Arizona Age Group Championships.

At Senior State Championships the team was consistently in the Top 4 teams for the next 25 years, and won the Arizona Senior Championships in 1989, 1990 & 1999.

At Age Group State Championships, the team won 16 out of 18 State Championships from 1991-1999., then remained in the Top 3 teams for the next 12 years, never dropping out of the Top 5.

These accomplishments were done in an 8 lane 25-yard pool and a 5-lane teaching pool at PCDS that limited their size, until the new PCDS pool was built in the fall of 2014 and the merger with PSC.

They broke over 50 Arizona State Records, had three Top 10 team finishes at the Junior Nationals West Championships, had multiple Junior National Champions, and had swimmers qualify for Senior Nationals every year since 1986. They also had swimmers qualify for every Olympic Trials since 1992: 1992 (1), 1996 (1), 2000 (5), 2004 (1), 2008 (1), 2012 (2), 2016 (2) and 2021 (1).

Coaching Highlights:

- ASCA Level Five Certified Coach
- U.S. National Jr. Team Qualifiers in 2001 & 2016
- 1999 Pan American Championships Qualifier

- 1998 World University Games Qualifier
- 1990 & 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival Championships
- 37 High School All Americans
- 43 Arizona State Records
- 4 Junior National Championships
- 70+ Junior National Qualifiers
- 2017 Arizona Senior Coach of the Year
- Served AZ Swimming as Technical Chair & Vice President of Coaches Association

