

# Richard Powers

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## Summary of qualifications

Over a 50 year career as a head coach I have coached the national teams of seven countries: Ecuador, Venezuela, Brazil, Israel, Kuwait, the Philippines and Malaysia, as well as at the club, high school and university levels. My swimmers have participated in 6 Olympic Games, many other international regional championship meets and at every level in the US.

Swimmers I have trained have set a world record, many national records in the various countries I coached, won at the junior national level and have had many Top 16 rankings in the US. I have given over 100 clinics in 57 countries. I was a speaker at the 2007 World Swimming Clinic in San Diego and taught the Masters School, as well. I have been the Senior Chair of Alaska Swimming and have an ASCA Level 5 certification.

Currently, I give clinics for FINA and other swimming organizations around the world.

## Education

1963 - 1966 Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL  
**Bs in Ed.**

- Award for highest GPA among graduating athletes

1978-1979 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL  
additional physical ed courses

## Professional experience

1966 - 1967 Peace Corps Volunteer Guayaquil, Ecuador

Head Coach of Ecuadorian national team for  
Pan Am Games, Winnipeg, Canada

1967- 1970 Head Coach Central University, Caracas,  
Venezuela and National Team

1970- 1977 Head Coach of club teams in Brazil and  
national champion team, 1976. Coached Brazil  
national team for Maccabiah Games in Israel,  
1973

1978- 1980 Head Coach, women's swim team, Southern  
Illinois University

1980- 1981	Head Coach of Quito Tennis Club, Quito, Ecuador
1981- 1983	Head Coach of Geshom Club and national team of Israel
1983- 1987	Head Coach of NOX Club, Hania, Crete, Greece
1988- 1989	Head Coach of Clubs in Singapore and the national team of Malaysia
1989- 1994/ 1995-1998	Head Coach of Northern Lights Swim Club, Anchorage, Alaska
1994- 1995	Head Coach of national team of Kuwait
1998- 2000	Head Coach of Sheridan Swim Club and Quincy HS, Quincy, IL
2001-2008	Head Coach of Davis Aquatic Masters, Davis, California. Largest single masters team in USA, with over 600 swimmers annually
2008-10	Consultant to the Philippine Aquatic Sports Association

**Publications** Many articles published in both American and foreign swimming magazines since 1977. Book published in 2009, Swimming from A-Z, Alaska to Zimbabwe

**Languages** Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, fair Greek.

**References** On request

**Objective** Develop national level swimmers within a team environment that meets

the commitment and ability levels of all participants, stressing technique to promote efficient swimming. As a masters coach, promote fitness swimming to maintain a healthy body and mind and provide an atmosphere where competitive swimmers can also reach their goals.

**Interests and activities**

Jogging, swimming and weightlifting