



Our Team

The Aquatic Games: 2018

Organizers



Tony Azevedo

Azevedo is a 5X water polo Olympian and silver medalist. He is considered to be one of the best American water polo players of all time. While at Stanford University, Azevedo was awarded four consecutive Peter J Cutino Awards, and led the Stanford men's water polo team to four CIF State Championships and two NCAA titles. He served as captain of Team USA for 15 years and played professionally abroad for club teams in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Brazil.



Michelle Manire

Manire heads CTC Conferences and Events, the event planning company overseeing the Aquatic Games. She boasts extensive meeting, event and hotel industry experience. CTC delivers programs with innovation, creativity and flawless execution. Large-scale events and high visibility programs are managed in the Long Beach California area and across the nation.

Water Polo



Rick Azevedo

Azevedo is regarded as one of the most dynamic water polo coaches in the history of the sport. In a career spanning four decades, he has coached water polo at the high school, college and Olympic levels in at least eight countries. Born in Rio de Janeiro, Azevedo competed for the Brazilian National Water Polo team from 1973-1981. In 1974 he moved to the USA where he became an All-American water polo player for Long Beach State University.



Adam Wright

Wright is a two-time water polo Olympian who brought home the silver medal with Team USA in 2008. He also played professional water polo for club teams in Italy and Russia. Wright is now head coach of the UCLA Bruins men's and women's water polo teams.



Ryan Bailey

Bailey is a 4X water polo Olympian and silver medalist. He was the leading scorer for Team USA at the 2012 London Olympics, with 13 goals. He has played professionally for water polo club teams in Croatia, Russia, Greece and Serbia (where he competed in two European Championships).

Swimming



Jason Lezak

Lezak is an former USA competition swimmer and a four-time Olympic gold medalist. He was a specialist in the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle races. He also owns long-course world records in the 400 m freestyle and medley relays, and is a former American record holder in the 100-meter freestyle.



Jessica Hardy

Hardy is an USA competition swimmer who specializes in breaststroke and freestyle events. She earned a gold medal in the 4x100-meter medley relays at the 2012 Summer Olympics. She has won a total of twenty-eight medals in major international competition: fourteen gold, nine silver, and five bronze spanning the Olympics, World and Pan Pacific Championships.



David Salo

Salo is head coach of the men's and women's swimming teams at the University of Southern California. He holds a doctorate degree in exercise physiology that has positioned himself at the front of elite coaching and international success. Salo also served as a three-time Olympic assistant coach and a three-time FINA World Championships head coach. He was named USA Swimming Coach of the Year in 2002. He has mentored several USA and international Olympians including Jason Lezak, Aaron Piersol and Amanda Beard.