

Oakville Aquatic Club announces David Tontini as new Head Coach

Oakville Aquatic Club is excited to announce their new head coach, transferring all the way from British Columbia! David Tontini is joining OAK beginning in September 2022.

“On behalf of the Board we are excited to have Coach Dave joining the OAK team as our new head coach and director of performance” said David Shemilt, President, Oakville Aquatic Club. “We believe Coach Dave to be an effective and inspiring leader. His commitment to all aspects of athlete development and grasp of sport science makes him a modern sport leader and great fit into the OAK culture.”

Tontini has coached at Pointe-Claire Swim Club in Montreal for 10 years and was an integral part of the club that won three consecutive Junior National Championships. During the past 5 years he coached the Island Swimming Club in Victoria, BC, winning two provincial championships. He was also named BC Coach Of The Year and he is currently coaching Team BC at Canada Games. Now he is excited to bring his coaching expertise back to Ontario. “I believe we have the potential to become the model for swim clubs across the country. Oakville is a first-class organization whose values of integrity, respect, and excellence reflect my own. I can’t wait to meet the coaches, members and especially the athletes and get to work!” said Tontini.

Coach Dave joins OAK in its 54th season. Since 1968, Oakville Aquatic Club have been serving the community of Oakville and providing excellence in the sport of competitive swimming with truly outstanding results. The club offers programs ranging from development to international high performance level. There are currently 550 competitive swimmers with Oakville Aquatics Club from the Acorns groups to the High Performance athletes. Coach Dave is known for his high energy and enthusiastic coaching style and he is eager to start the new season in Oakville.

“I want to create an environment that encourages individual success within a team first model”, said Tontini. “A big focus will be supporting and developing our coaching staff and creating an athlete development model to act as a pathway for our athletes’ success”.

The Club is excited to start the 2022-2023 season!

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