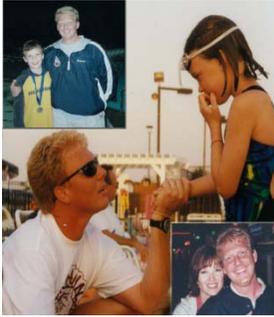


## ***Richard Dickmann Wall of Fame Plaque***

### **Picture**



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Richard Dickmann  
Inducted July 2011

### **Biography**

Northern Kentucky Swim League  
Wall of Fame  
Richard Dickmann Biography

Very few people have done more to advance swimming in Northern Kentucky outside of the pool than Richard Dickmann. Richard's desire to expand the competitiveness of Northern Kentucky Swimming resulted in him investing his personal funds to build Silverlake Recreation Center, with the ultimate goal of providing an indoor 50 meter pool for swimmers in the area to advance their training capabilities. This investment directly correlated with the increased national rankings of the Northern Kentucky Clippers.

But Richard's passion for the sport isn't confined to financial investments. Richard is frequently found timing meets and cheering on competitors, regardless of what team they are on. In his youth, Richard competed for Ludlow Bromley Swim Club where he helped to elevate his team mates to perform better. In those days, Ludlow Bromley struggled to win more than 1-2 meets per year, but it didn't matter to Richard. He excited a core group that cheered and encouraged swimmers of all ability levels to compete at the best of their ability. Winning or losing the meet was not the goal; competition, friendship and elevating personal achievement were the objectives. Richard set a standard that many have tried to copy, but few have been as successful.

Through High School, Richard was captain of Covington Catholic's swim team, and after taking a few decades off, came back to coach Covington Catholic. His goals are the same, to bring Covington Catholic's swimming program back to the glory days when Covington Catholic routinely won the KHSAA Swimming Championship. Along the way, he's teaching and leading a new generation of swimmers in what it means to compete, build friendships and achieve maximum personal potential. These are lessons that will serve this generation of swimmers well through the balance of their lives.

What Richard is most proud of though, is the success of his children. His daughter Claire won multiple KHSAA championships, achieved Olympic Time Trial cuts, and received a Division I swimming scholarship, but when presented with the LaRosa's MVP in January 2008, she quoted her biggest influence as her "dad in life". His son Ryan currently is swimming with his father at Covington Catholic. His wife Polly just tries to get a word in whenever Richard is around!