

Coach George Block has been the Director of Aquatics for the Northside School District since 1977 and Assistant Director of Athletics since 1993. In that time, he has developed the Northside Aquatic Center into an internationally recognized center for athlete development.

In his over three decades at Northside, Coach Block has developed 6 different Olympians in three different sports, 52 UIL State Gold Medallists, over 285 All-Americans, Olympic Trials qualifiers in 1984-88-92-96 and 2000, and numerous National and Junior Champions. He has produced Olympians in three different sports (swimming, triathlon and pentathlon) and Olympic swimmers from three different countries (United States, Nicaragua and Algeria).

In 1987, Coach Block was awarded the Phillips 66 *Performance Award*. In 1992, Coach Block was the *Coca-Cola Texas Coach of Honor*. In 1997, the United States Water Fitness Association named the Northside Aquatics Center the *Top School District/Community Facility* in the nation and Coach Block its *Top Aquatics Director*. From 1997-98, Coach Block served as the President of the American Swimming Coaches Association and in 2000 Coach Block was been awarded the *Silver Award of Excellence* for 20 years of USA Swimming National finalists. He is currently Vice-President of USA Swimming.

Also heavily involved in the community, Coach Block was one of the founders of the San Antonio Sports Foundation and of Voices for Children – San Antonio, an early childhood advocacy organization of which he is now Chairman of the Board.

Coach Block is married to Margie, a retired nurse. They have three children, Meagan, an Assistant District Attorney in Bexar County, TX; Jeremy, an archaeology graduate student at the University of Texas – San Antonio; and Jackson, a senior at Holmes H. S.