

RYAN MULHOLLAND –VILLAGE PARK COY

Dear Irvine Swim League Representatives,

I would like to nominate Ryan Mulholland of the Village Park Piranhas for Coach of the Year.

Ryan joined the Village Park Piranhas out of his passion for the sport and his love of the community. He grew up swimming in the league and was a successful coach for many years before leaving to pursue his career and start a family. Although he stepped away from the league for several years he never lost the thirst for coaching. What better way to get his feet wet again than when his own children were old enough to swim in the league?

Ryan not only signed up his own kids for the league but had around 15 new families join the league this year all because the families believed not only in his coaching abilities but also in his professional conduct, his ability to relate to the kids and his fun demeanor. I heard first hand from so many families things like "if Ryan is coaching, we are in" and "my child always complained about swimming but hasn't at all this year and looks forward to being at practice with Ryan".

Ryan somehow manages to juggle his full time career, his family of 5 and the swim team for no other reason than he loves the sport and he loves these kids!

Coaching comes so naturally to Ryan. He loves developing the talent. It doesn't matter to him if you are the fastest swimmer on the team or the slowest; he has equal time and equal critique for everyone on the team. He is at the pool on many nights an hour or two after practice is over talking to parents, letting them know how their swimmer is doing.

Ryan's coaching stats speak for themselves. Anyone that observes him on deck can see that he brings a high level of knowledge and skill to the pool. I don't have the exact numbers off hand but the last several weeks somewhere around 96% of our entire team have had time improvements. But more importantly than that he has brought fun to the team and a sense of community and family. He has spearheaded social gatherings outside of the pool such as movies on the lawn, taco nights, bowling nights and pizza parlor dinners after our meets. He gives every last ounce of his energy to these kids and this team.

Additionally, Ryan is always ready to get wet in coaches races and is friendly with and the first to congratulate the other teams. He encourages all of our younger siblings to participate in the Jr. Piranha half time races as well. It isn't rare to see a group of three and four year olds all arguing and pouting over who gets to go in the lane with Coach Ryan.

These are just a few of the reasons that I believe Ryan Mulholland deserves to be Coach of the Year. In my humble opinion the team, the kids, the families and the Irvine Swim League are very lucky to have someone with Ryan's coaching ability, knowledge, understanding of the sport and passion for coaching. He would be touched to be recognized.

I encourage you to ask a few of our Piranha Families at random about their satisfaction as parents with Coach Ryan and also how their kids are enjoying their time on the team with Coach Ryan. I am 100% certain you would receive many more rave reviews.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandy

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Hi, I am a parent from Village Park Piranhas. I would like to nominate our head coach Mr. Ryan Mulholland for the Coach of the Year award.

Coach Ryan brings lots of energy to the team. He is fair, knowledgeable, encouraging, and responsible. Most importantly, he makes it fun for the kids while they are learning.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Rainbow

Ryan Mulholland deserves the award because he is showing individual attention to each swimmer.. He calls them by their first name... He is in the water the whole time of the practice going from one lane to another to make sure that he covers all the kids...

He has 3 kids of his own so he would know very well how to interact with kids... You can tell that he is doing this because he really loves to spend time with the kids...

My daughter is not a competitive kid and if it wasn't because of coach Ryan and how he has made it very smooth and fun my daughter would have not continued with swim team..

We all really appreciate his work considering his busy life...

Mitra Mosallaie (Neeka Zarrabi mom)

My coach Ryan Mulholland of the Village Park Piranhas should win the best coach award because he really cares about making me a better swimmer. He encourages me to try my very best and pushes me to try harder than I think I can. I feel really proud of my self for all of my time improvements this season and I know that I'm getting better because of what a great coach Coach Ryan is. He should get an award.

By

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