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## Corona Del Mar Selects Former UC Irvine Head Coach Marc Hunt to Lead Girls Water Polo Program



**Newport Beach, CA** – Corona Del Mar High School has named Marc Hunt the girls' water polo head coach, effective immediately. Hunt, who has coached at the NCAA Division 1 collegiate level for over twenty years, will lead a program coming off back-to-back seasons as CIF-SS Division 1 Champions and Open Division qualifiers.

Hunt, a two-time NCAA All American at UC Irvine, and former Co-Captain of the USA Men's National Team. Following his playing career, Hunt went on to coach Division 1 collegiate water polo at UC Irvine, serving as the men's assistant for six seasons, head coach of the women's team for one season, and seventeen years as the Head Coach of the Anteater men's team. Coach Hunt's teams finished five times in the NCAA Top 5 and ten times in the Top 10. He was twice voted MPSF Coach of the Year and selected as the USA Water Polo Elite Coach of the Year. He served on the NCAA Championship Committee as

well as the NCAA Rules Committee, acting as Chairman in 2014. During his coaching career, Hunt coached thirty-one NCAA All Americans and four eventual Olympians.

"I'm honored that Principal Dr. Jacob Haley and Athletic Director Brian Walsh have selected me for this opportunity. I have tremendous support from our administration and look forward to connecting with our alumni while continuing the rich tradition of Corona Del Mar High School water polo created by an elite corps of coaches that have come before me," stated Hunt. "I'm grateful to have a significant role in carrying out this proud tradition in the classroom, in the pool, and in the community."

Coach Hunt's experience also broadens in the youth water polo world with his club Back Bay Water Polo (formerly Anteater Water Polo Club) operating into their 20th year in 2024. Having coached all age groups, both boys and girls, Hunt's teams have collected twelve Junior Olympic medals, including taking Gold in the Platinum division of USA Water Polo's very first all-girls 10 & under in 2015. Many outstanding Corona Del Mar High School alumni have had their start at Back Bay/Anteater Water Polo.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a coach of Marc's caliber lead the Corona Del Mar girls' water polo program," commented Athletic Director Brian Walsh. "His experience, connection to the community, and desire to provide a top-tier program for our student-athletes are just some of the many reasons we are confident that the future of our program is in good hands."

"This is an incredible group to coach. I cannot be more impressed with such a great team of student-athletes," added Hunt. "I'm excited about our journey together!"

Hunt is joined by his wife Christine who also competed in water polo at UC Irvine. His daughters, Halle (11) and Haddie(9), have both played water polo for the past three years and attend Newport Elementary.