## Seattle Metropolitan Aquatic Club Achieves 20th Gold Medal Recognition in USA Swimming's 2024-25 Club Excellence Program

**Seattle, WA** – Seattle Metropolitan Aquatic Club (SMAC) proudly announces its recognition as a Gold Medal Club in USA Swimming's 2024-25 Club Excellence Program, marking an impressive 20th year of Gold Medal status. USA Swimming today unveiled the nation's top 200 clubs awarded Gold, Silver, or Bronze status, spotlighting the highest-performing teams in developing young athletes. SMAC was among an elite group of 21 clubs nationwide to achieve Gold Medal standing this year.

This recognition highlights SMAC's commitment to nurturing talented swimmers under the age of 18, cultivating a robust program that emphasizes both age-group and senior-level excellence. Ken Spencer, Head Coach, described the recognition as "a goal we set years ago and after extensive planning and lots of work, we've finally made it happen. It's a huge accomplishment that took a tremendous amount of effort from the athletes, coaches and families."

Now in its 24th year, the USA Swimming Club Excellence Program is designed to reward clubs that not only produce elite young athletes but also demonstrate exceptional standards in their coaching, athlete development, and organizational effectiveness.

Since the program's inception, SMAC has consistently been at the forefront of youth swimming in Seattle and its surrounding cities, providing top-tier training, development opportunities, and resources to its members. USA Swimming's Club Excellence Program supports Gold and Silver medal clubs with grants that allow them to further their missions and sustain high levels of athletic performance.

The Club Excellence Program continues to reinforce USA Swimming's commitment to advancing the sport by supporting clubs that serve as the foundation for national success. SMAC's inclusion in the 2024-25 list of 21 Gold Medal clubs exemplifies its role in developing future Olympic hopefuls and inspiring athletes to achieve their full potential.

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