



# Northeast Houston Aquatics

Kingwood Athletic Club

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## News Release

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### **Denis Kaltchev, New Head Coach for Northeast Houston Aquatics**

NEHA is proud to introduce our new head coach, Mr. Denis Kaltchev, who has joined the team after having coached most recently with Clearwater Aquatics Team in Clearwater, Florida. Denis is a member of the American Swimming Coaches Association and has attained his Level 4 certification. In 2007, he received the Association's Excellence in Coaching Award. The ASCA Award of Excellence in Coaching is bestowed annually to coaches who have swimmers reach the top-8 at national championship-level meets. He brings a wealth of both coaching and international level swimming experience to NEHA having represented his native country of Bulgaria as a record setting swimmer and has over six years as a head coach at the club level.

An accomplished butterfly and IM swimmer, Coach Kaltchev appeared at both the 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the FINA World Cup and World Championships for Bulgaria. Additionally, he was a fixture in the European Championships for much of the 1990s coming on the scene in his late teens and swimming competitively until 1997 in international competition. He was a European gold medalist in the IM and was a bronze medalist in butterfly during this time and swam in Europe, America and South America for Bulgaria.

He is a native of Silistra, Bulgaria and graduated from the National Sports Academy in Sofia with a degree in Physical Therapy. The National Sports Academy's mission is to prepare its students with higher education degrees so they are capable of developing and applying scientific knowledge and theories to the different areas of physical education, sports programs, tourism activities and kinesitherapy, which is the treatment of disease by means of passive and active movements, such as massage and exercise programs.

Coach Kaltchev is a strong supporter of the total swim club program from novice swimmer to international competitor. Being a recognized master level swimmer himself, he has a strong commitment to the Masters swimming program. He is committed to developing young people with a competitive spirit while maintaining the principles of high character and team work. For Coach Kaltchev it is very important to make the training process fun, challenging, stimulating, rewarding, satisfying and enjoyable.



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If you would like more information about NEHA and our USA Swim Club, Masters program and commitment to developing athletes of both character and excellence see our website at [www.nehaonline.net](http://www.nehaonline.net) or stop by the Kingwood Athletic Club at 806 Russell Palmer Road and meet Coach Denis and our top flight Age Group coaches. NEHA – “The Power Behind Your Potential”.



Coach Denis (R) pictured with his friend, Anthony Nestor from Surinam, fellow Olympic competitor and gold medalist in the 100 M Butterfly in the 1988 Seoul Games.