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USA Deaf Swimming is pleased to announce the selection of Brad Robbins as Head Coach and Chris Daly as Assistant Coach for the 2019 World Deaf Swimming Championships. The World Championships will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil on August 25-31, 2019.

Brad Robbins, currently Head Coach of the Tigard Tualatin Swim Club in Tigard, Oregon, has nearly 20 years of experience coaching athletes from age group to the collegiate level at local, state, and national competitions including Olympic trials. He was recently selected to coach the USA Swimming National Select Camp given his diverse experience with swimmers across a broad range of ages and ability levels. Robbins also previously coached for five years with the Sierra Marlins swim club where he coached Deaflympian and world record holder, Matthew Klotz.

Chris Daly has been chosen as Assistant Coach for the USADS national team. Daly is currently Assistant Coach with Sarasota Tsunami Swim Club, Sarasota, FL; and has over 20 years of experience coaching at the club and collegiate level with athlete qualifiers at the state, national, and Olympic Trial competition including achievement of several national deaf swimming records. Daly's work with Emily Massengale, 2017 Deaflympian and national deaf record holder, for the past two years has provided valuable experience in the unique challenges presented by deaf athlete training. He has also developed successful communication methods that have prepared him well for working with the nation's top deaf athletes.

"We are pleased to have both Brad and Chris leading the USADS National Deaf Swim Team to the 2019 Deaf Championships," said Doug Matchett, Director of USA Deaf Swimming. "They both bring an incredible amount of experience and enthusiasm that will lead athlete success in a wide range of national team athletes."

The team roster will be announced in the next few weeks. Elite swimmers with USA Swimming national qualifying times may still apply. More information can be found at USA Deaf Swimming website (www.deafswim.org).

The 2019 World Deaf Swimming Championships will be held at the Brazilian Paralympic Center in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from August 25-August 31, 2019.

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