



Simon Deschamps
Président-fondateur
AquaSport

Former water polo player Simon Deschamps looks back on an impressive past and an equally promising future. His career in water polo gave him the savoir-faire and the expertise he needed to found Aquasport, a retail concept with everything in water sports under one roof, from diving boards to swimsuits to kayaks!

In 1982, Simon Deschamps tapped a well of demand when he opened his first store. Two further stores, in Pointe-Claire in 1992 and in Laval in 2001, showed that there was a real need for his business; as an athlete, he knew all about supply problems in competition equipment.

Simon Deschamps is an accomplished athlete who devoted many years to intensive training as part of the Canadian water polo team; his devotion to water polo reached its zenith when he participated in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.



His athletic career lasted nearly fifteen years and saw him compete in numerous championships, including the World University Games, World Aquatic Championships, and the 1983 and 1987 Pan-Am Games.

Despite an intensive training schedule, Simon Deschamps received a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Ottawa in 1984. Alongside his academic training, he worked continually at the personal, professional, and corporate level to support amateur sport.

His contribution has been recognized by numerous sporting groups and governments, in particular during the fifth Masters World Championships in swimming in Montreal in 1994. Simon Deschamps also received the Ontario Sports Award in 1998, the Ontario government's Corporate Sport Citation in 1999, and SWIM Ontario's Sponsor Recognition Certificate several times in 2007.

His business's involvement was noted and highlighted during the Luxe – Performance - Passion exhibition in Montreal in 2002. Also Aquasport received a prize from the Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de l'Est de l'île de Montréal at the Gala Honneur et Mérite 2001, in the small retail business category.

