



Ian Smith, Westmount YMCA Masters Swim Club

Ian Smith has accomplished much during near twenty year involvement with Masters swimming in Canada. Since his debut, he has been one of the top-ranked swimmers in sprint freestyle and butterfly provincially, nationally and internationally.

Smith currently holds the world record for the 70-74 mens 50 meter freestyle long course meters, set in 2009. Since 2004, he has been ranked number one in the world nine times in three events across 60-64, 65-69 and 70-74 age categories. He has made the top ten of the world 39 times in six different events in the same three different age categories. As well, Smith is currently ranked nine times in the world all-time rankings in the 50 meter freestyle, the 100 meter freestyle and the 50 meter butterfly in both short and long course for the 65-69 and 70-74 age categories.

Smith has also participated in two relays ranked in the top ten in the world in 2009 and 2014. Last summer at the 2014 FINA Masters World Aquatic Championships, Smith placed fourth in both the 50 meter Freestyle and as a member of the Westmount YMCA Masters Swim Club's 240-279 4 x 50 meter mixed medley relay team.

Smith has also broken 48 individual Canadian records over four age categories. Thirteen of these records are still current across the 60-64, 65-69 and 70-74 age categories. He has also been a member of five national record-breaking relay teams.

Smith has been named Québec male swimmer of the year on two occasions. He currently holds 23 Québec provincial records across three age categories, having broken 76 individual records throughout his career. As well, of the 15 provincial record-breaking relays Smith has been a member of, seven of them are still present today.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Smith is an outstanding, courteous member of the Westmount YMCA Masters Swim Club. He frequently offers advice to his teammates on technique and racing tactics. Continuing his pursuit of excellence both in the water and on deck, Smith is currently preparing to enter the 75-79 age category next year. There may be more records that have the name Ian Smith soon listed beside them.

