



## **Anne Merklinger – Biography**

### **Director, Summer Sports**

An elite athlete for most of her life, Anne Merklinger was member of Canada's national swim team from 1977 – 1981. She earned a silver medal at the 1979 World University Games in the 200 m breaststroke.

After a distinguished swimming career Merklinger focused on curling and since the early 1980's she has competed with distinction at every major event she has entered. She is consistently ranked as one of Canada's foremost curlers, winning the Ontario Women's Curling Championships in 1993, 1994, 1998 and 2000. She has twice led her team to the final of the Scott Tournament of Hearts (1998 and 2000).

A passionate, creative, and inspiring leader, Merklinger has more than 20 years of management experience with national sport organizations. During her term as Director General of CanoeKayak Canada, she also worked for the Commission for Inclusion of Athletes with a Disability and the Canadian Federation of Sport Organization for the Disabled.

Her life-long experience in sport as an athlete & professional is complemented by extensive volunteer experience with a number of organizations including the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, Women's Tour of Curling, and CAAWS. Merklinger is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Coaching Association of Canada as well as Special Olympics Canada.

