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## Jason Morris (Coach)

**Date of Birth:** February 3, 1967

**Residence:** Scotia, N.Y.

**Education:** Syracuse University

**Club:** Jason Morris Judo Center, Head Instructor

**Honors:** Six-time National Champion (1989-1993, 1999)...60 career international medals... two-time Pan Am Games Champion (1987, 1991)... Ranked first in the United States for 12 years (1987 – 1996, 1999 – 2000)... three-time U.S. Olympic Committee Judo Athlete of the Year.

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### *Athlete Achievements (81kg):*

**Olympic Teams:** 2000, 1996, 1992 (Silver), 1988

**World Championship Teams:** 1995, 1993 (Bronze), 1991, 1989, 1987

**Pan American Games Teams:** 1995 (Silver), 1991 (Gold), 1987 (Gold)

### *International Coaching Assignments:*

**Olympic Teams:** 2008

**World Championship Teams:** 2005

**Pan American Championships Teams:** 2006, 2005

*Personal:* Jason began his judo career at the age of 8 and would go on to become one of the top players in U.S. history. A 1992 Olympic silver medalist and 1993 World bronze medalist, Jason is a veteran of four Olympic and five World Teams. Jason is the owner and head instructor of the Jason Morris Judo Center and is the personal coach for three of the athletes of the top-ranked athletes in the United States.

Jason received his first international coaching appointment in 1997 as an assistant World Team Coach. In 2005, he led Team USA to four gold medals at the Pan American Championships and two top 10 finishes at the World Championships later that year. In 2006, Jason returned to coach his second Pan American Team – a crew that garnered six medals in the first qualifier leading up to the Beijing Olympic Games.

### **International Career Highlights:**

**1999:**

Gold – U.S. Open

**1995:**

Silver – Pan American Games

**Bronze – World Championships**

Bronze – Pacific Rim Championships

Bronze – U.S. Open

**1994:**

Bronze – U.S. Open

**1993:**

Gold – U.S. Open

**1992:**

**Silver – Barcelona Olympic Games**

Silver – Hungarian Open

**1991:**

Gold – Pan American Games

Bronze – Pacific Rim Championships

**1990:**

Gold – Tblissi International (Only member of the Americas ever to win

Silver – U.S. Open

**1989:**

Gold – U.S. Open

Silver – French Open (First U.S athlete to qualify for finals)

Silver – Pacific Rim Championships

Fifth – World Championships

**1988:**

Bronze – U.S. Open

**1987:**

Gold – Pan American Games

Gold – Austrian Open

Silver – U.S. Open

Fifth – World Championships

**1986:**

**Bronze – Junior World Championships**

Bronze – U.S. Open

**1985:**

Silver – U.S. Open