



U.S. OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION

Sean O'Neill, OLY - Table Tennis (1988, '92) - Oregon Chapter

Following an illustrious athletic career that included competing in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games, five World Championships, four Pan American Games, and numerous national and international competitions, Sean was named USA Table Tennis Male Athlete of the Year five times. After retiring from competition, he remained deeply committed to the sport, dedicating himself to service and leadership.

Sean has served on the U.S. Olympic Athlete Advisory Committee, representing the interests and perspectives of athletes at the national level. His passion for the sport led him into coaching, where he worked with top U.S. Para table tennis athletes and served as head coach for the U.S. Paralympic teams in 2004, 2008, and 2012. He also held leadership roles at major international events, including head coach for the 2006 World Championships and team leadership positions at multiple Pan American competitions.

In addition to coaching, Sean contributed to the growth of the sport through his work with USA Table Tennis as Director of Communications and later High-Performance Director. He has also been a trusted voice in the sport, serving as an analyst for NBC's Olympic coverage across multiple Games.

Recognized by peers and across the sport industry, Sean is a member of the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame and has received numerous coaching honors, including National Coach of the Year. His influence extends beyond the court through leadership roles with the Oregon chapter of the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association and Oregon Sports Action, where he continues to foster connection, mentorship, and opportunity for athletes of all backgrounds.

Dedicated not only to sport but also to family and community, Sean is known for his leadership, humility, and commitment to helping others succeed. His lifelong contributions to athletics and service make him a true example of excellence in action.

It is with great honor that the Oregon Chapter of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Alumni Association recognizes Sean O'Neill with the Alumni Award of Excellence.