

RONALD A. HAWTHORNE

Judo- 4th Degree Black Belt

Hometown: Kansas City, KS



Personal Profile:

Ron lives and trains as a full-time athlete in Kansas City, KS. He has had an interest in grappling since grade school and wrestled for F.L.Schlagle High School from his freshman through senior years. During this period, he was a 3-time state qualifier.

Ron first represented the United States at the 2005 IBSA World Student & Youth Games where he won a bronze medal in judo. He went on to win multiple gold medals in various domestic and international events. Ron competed in the 2012 London Paralympic Games where he placed 7th overall.

Ron has helped in many camps, such as Camp of Abilities, NWABA and Envision Blind Sports. He has helped many athletes train for their journey to both the Olympic and Paralympic games through his long career in judo. Mentoring athletes of all abilities, Ron has a true grasp for what it means to be an athlete.

Advocating for athletes, being the voice that is needed, is both a calling and a passion for Ron. With his 20 years of national and international experience, Ron has heard the voices of many athletes, making him the ideal Athlete Advisory Council candidate.