



USOC Biography

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE



JIM SCHERR
Chief Executive Officer

The first Olympian ever selected to lead the United States Olympic Committee's day-to-day operations, Jim Scherr was named Chief Executive Officer of the USOC April 29, 2005. As the Chief Executive Officer, Scherr directs an organization dedicated to providing unparalleled service and support to America's Olympic and Paralympic athletes. He was asked to take on the responsibilities of serving as the USOC's Chief Executive Officer in an acting capacity on March 2, 2003 while continuing in his role as Chief of Sport Performance. During his two-year tenure as the acting Chief Executive Officer, Scherr helped lead the organization through a critical period that resulted in a landmark governance reform initiative which now enables the USOC to better fulfill its mission efficiently and effectively.

Scherr joined the USOC staff as Senior Managing Director for Sport Resources in November 2000 following his highly successful tenure as Executive Director of USA Wrestling from 1990-2000. As Chief of Sport Performance, Scherr was responsible for directing the many programs and services offered by the USOC in support of the National Governing Bodies and America's athletes.

Under Scherr's leadership, USA Wrestling's membership increased to more than 135,000 athletes, coaches, officials and clubs. The landmark USA Wrestling National Team Program contributed to impressive athletic success, including the 1993 and 1995 Freestyle World titles. The U.S. won eight medals at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the most of any nation.

Scherr has a vast background in sport as both an athlete and administrator. He was elected Treasurer of USA Wrestling in 1990 and served as a member of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. He was a member of the USOC Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and served on the Audit Committee and NGB Council. He is a former member of the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council, the International Games Prep Committee and the U.S. Olympic Foundation. On a local level, Scherr is a former President of the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation.

He was named USA Wrestling Man of the Year in 1994 and received the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Order of Merit in 1997.

A 1988 Olympian in freestyle wrestling, Scherr won two silver medals and a bronze in World Championship competition, in addition to his fifth-place finish at the Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. He took silver in the 1987 and 1989 World Championships and was a bronze medalist in 1986. He is also a three-time U.S. National Champion and a two-time World Cup champion.

Originally from Mobridge, S.D., Scherr attended the University of Nebraska, where he won the 1984 NCAA Division I wrestling title at 177 pounds. He also earned an MBA degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, one of the most prestigious programs in America.