

Dan O'Brien Bio:



Career Highlights:

- ❖ 5 time US Champion Decathlon
- ❖ 3 time World Champion Decathlon
- ❖ 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist- Decathlon
- ❖ 1992-1999 World Record-Decathlons (8891 pts.)
- ❖ 1992-2010 World Record Indoor Heptathlon
- ❖ USATF Hall of Fame-Inducted 2006
- ❖ USOC Hall of Fame-Inducted 2012
- ❖ IAAF Hall of Fame-Inducted 2012
- ❖ Broadcast: CBS, NBC, ESPN, Yahoo Sports, & more

Millions of Americans proudly watched Dan O'Brien win the 1996 Olympic Gold Medal to become the first American winner in the sport since 1976. As an Olympic Gold Medalist in the decathlon, Dan O'Brien is officially considered the "World's Greatest Athlete," and his name is synonymous with athletic achievement and success both on and off the field.

Adopted at the age of two, and raised in a home with seven other children of racially mixed backgrounds – Dan has overcome many adversities throughout his life. And with a great deal of self-determination and commitment, he has become one of the most successful and dominant athletes in the history of sports. He is an inspirational leader and motivational force for millions of people across the world.

At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Dan O'Brien overcame almost insurmountable odds. Four years prior, on Super Bowl Sunday early in 1992, Reebok introduced its unprecedented Dan & Dave campaign, a series of entertaining TV and print ads featuring Dan and rival Dave Johnson, debating who would take the title as the "World's Greatest Athlete" in Barcelona.

This publicity also provided for one of the most publicized failures in sports history when Dan "no-heighted" in the pole vault and failed to qualify for the 1992 Olympic team headed for Barcelona. All of Dan's hard work had come to an end...or had it?

Dan O'Brien has spent his entire life overcoming obstacles. He went on to win the 1993 and 1995 World Championships, the 1994 Goodwill Games, and three US Championships – all leading to the 1996 Olympic Gold Medal in Atlanta.

Today Dan continues to give back to the sport that has given so much to him. He is the on-field emcee for every major USA Track & Field event, and he's also heavily involved as both a host and celebrity athlete for USATF's Win with Integrity program, a community outreach and mentoring program designed to help kids make good life

decisions, set positive goals and adhere to a drug-free lifestyle. Dan also works very closely with the United States Olympic Committee as part of its Olympic Ambassador Program, mentoring current athletes in the areas of media training, preparation and peak performance.

Dan has become a highly sought motivational speaker, bringing his inspirational story to the employees and leaders of some of the biggest companies in the world, and over the years he has worked as both a color commentator and guest analyst for networks such as ESPN, CBS and NBC. He was a part of Yahoo! Sports 2012 Olympic coverage from London.

Today Dan resides with his wife Leilani in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he is entering his seventh year as an assistant volunteer coach at Arizona State University. Dan also trains athletes of all ages in sports ranging from tennis to football. He can be found most days in a nearby gym or track.

Career Achievements:

<i>1991</i>	<i>Unites States Champion</i>
<i>1991</i>	Gold Medal, World Champion, Gold Medal – Tokyo, Japan
<i>1992</i>	World Record & Decastar Champion – Talence, France
<i>1993</i>	Gold Medal, Heptathlon – IAAF World Indoor Championships in Toronto, Canada
<i>1993</i>	United States Champion
<i>1993</i>	World Champion, Gold Medal – Stuttgart, Germany
<i>1994</i>	Gold Medal–Goodwill Games, St. Petersburg, Russia
<i>1994</i>	Decastar Champion
<i>1995</i>	United States Champion
<i>1995</i>	World Champion, Gold Medal – Gothenburg, Sweden
<i>1996</i>	Olympic Champion- Gold Medal – Atlanta
<i>1996</i>	United States Champion
<i>1996</i>	Olympic Champion, Gold Medal – Atlanta, Georgia
<i>1998</i>	Gold Medal – Goodwill Games in New York
<i>1992-1999</i>	Held Decathlon World Record (8,891 points)
<i>1993-2010</i>	Held Heptathlon World Record
<i>1992- Present</i>	American Record Holder in Decathlon

Coaching Achievements

2007

*Arizona State Women's Indoor & Outdoor National
Champions*

2008

Arizona State Men's & Women's Indoor National Champions