



Oksana Masters

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The Will to Triumph

Oksana Masters was born in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine, not far from Chernobyl, the site of the historic nuclear disaster in 1989. Pre-natal exposure to radiation resulted in tibial hemimelia, causing her legs to be of different lengths and without shin bones (requiring the amputation of both legs at the knee), five webbed fingers on each hand but no thumb, six toes on each foot, and only one kidney. After birth, she was abandoned at an orphanage, where she lived until she was seven. Conditions were horrific, but the spirit of a champion burned within her, and she fought through her challenges to emerge victorious.

Sports

Oksana has competed in Para-biathlon, Para-cross-country, Para-cycling, and Rowing.

Awards and honors

In a mere five years, Oksana has amassed an impressive collection of awards and honors, including:

- 2017 World Para-Nordic Skiing World Cup– Gold
- 2017 World Para-Nordic Skiing Championships
 - Gold: sprint freestyle, middle distance freestyle and long distance classic cross-country and short distance biathlon;
 - Bronze: long distance biathlon
- 2016-17, 2015-16 – Over all World Cup Winner Cross-Country Skiing
- 2015 IPC Nordic Skiing World Championships
 - Silver: middle distance classic cross-country
 - Bronze: sprint cross-country
- Named Female Athlete of the Month for March 2015 by the United States Olympic Committee [USOC]. (teamusa.org, 10 Apr 2015)
- 2014-15 IPC Cross-Country World Cup – Overall winner
- Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games
 - Silver: long distance freestyle cross-country
 - Bronze: middle distance classic cross-country
- 2014, 15, 16, 17 – ESPY Nominee, Best Female Athlete With a Disability.
- London 2012 Paralympic Games – Bronze in Rowing
- Named 2012 United States [US] Rowing Female Athlete of the Year. (teamusa.org, 14 Nov 2013)
- She and teammate Rob Jones received the 2012 Isabel Bohn Award for Achievement in Adaptive Rowing in United States of America. (usrowing.org, 10 Oct 2012)

Oksana Masters' Sporting Philosophy

“Just because you’re missing a limb, or you’re missing your sight, or you’re missing your hearing, it doesn’t mean that your life is missing either.”

teamusa.org, 10 Nov 2015

