

“Visually Impaired but Physically a Champion”

JudoVisions

Judo — creating a level playing field

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8th Dan Black Belt



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Blind Judo Foundation hosts Special Judo Training Seminar

Former President Judo Sub-Committee of IBSA-International Blind Sports Federation & his wife Aida Guemati visits Cahill's Judo Academy

The mission of the Blind Judo Foundation is to create champions of blind and visually impaired individuals through the sport of Judo. Cahill's Judo Academy is the home of the former US Olympic and Paralympic Judo Coach and Black Belt Hall of Famer Willy Cahill.

IBSA—International Blind Sports Federation

A nonprofit organization and member of International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as representative of sports for the blind

IBSA encourages all blind and visually impaired individuals to get involved in different sports and physical activities. This includes school sports to becoming an elite athlete representing the USA at the second largest sporting event in the world, the Paralympic Games...Judo is one such sport. IBSA believes is ideal means to promote integration of disabled people in general and the blind in particular.

Who is Bruno Carmeni?

Bruno Carmeni represented his home country of Italy at 1964 Olympic Games where Judo was first introduced at Olympics

Carmeni was introduced to Judo at early age of 15 and hasn't stop promoting Judo to all who will listen. As an author of over fourteen books on the sport, his goal is to introduce Judo to blind and visually impaired individuals around the world. He believes sports are the ideal means to promote integration of disabled people in general and blind in particular helping them overcome their disabilities creating a level playing field.

Carmeni holds 7 Italian National Championship titles and has seen blind Judo for men become a part of the Paralympic Program in 1988. For women, Judo became a part of the 2004 Paralympic Games held in Athens.

In 2003, Carmeni was awarded the prestigious Gold Star Medal by the Italian Olympic Committee in recognition of his life devoted to Judo and Judo for the blind.

Carmeni has been a technical delegate for every Paralympic Game since 1988 and it currently ranked as 8th Dan Black Belt and more recently competed at the World Masters (2006) winning Silver. A true champion of the sport of Judo.



Prof. Willy Cahill
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You make a living by what you get; You make a life by what you give



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Judo and Blindness by Bruno Carmeni

Documentation for Judo instructors to understand problems of blind and visually impaired individuals and social integration.

Once again Carmeni shows his understanding and knowledge of working with blind / visually impaired individuals authoring this book. The book covers:

- Disabilities Classifications
- Body Analysis
- Pathology
- Multi-sensory definitions
- Notion of space for blind children
- Communications Systems
- Proposals—the need for Respect
- Typical Childhood Problems
- Judo Teacher Qualification
- Judo and the Visually Impaired
- Teaching Approaches
- Technical Programs
- Exams in Judo
- IBSA Refereeing Rules

Judo Teacher's Qualification

The real master, more than teaching what he knows, helps to find what maybe he does not clearly know...Socrates

Carmeni goes on in his book to talk about the **Coach** as being the “sports technician” with the task to train athletes in their

Specific activity. In Latin the word **Teacher** has the task to teach a discipline. In this case Judo. And **Master** from Latin means magister or a person who by teaching stands out within a discipline, being able to teach it to others. Or in Carmeni’s words “a person who has to educate and teach youngsters; who guides, teaches and gives the example”.

“Judo’s philosophical base allows, especially when teaching children, to have a high respect for the person, since the need to help him or her is more felt, when the task that one has includes a relationship with a person, who is to be formed and completely trusts his master”

The Coach, Teacher and Master with students

A Special THANK YOU to the Carmen’s for their visit and special training seminar

For more information about Judo for blind and visually impaired children and young adults visit the Blind Judo Foundation’s website www.blindjudofoundation.org and www.dawave.com—we welcome your inquires and continued interest in supporting the blind and visually impaired

