

Eddie Burch

Born: Albuquerque, New Mexico

High School: Albuquerque High School

College: University of New Mexico - Education degree in Special Education and Physical Education in

Burch served in the US Air Force from 1969-1971.

High School

- Earned his black belt in Judo and brown belt in Karate and competed in national and regional meets during his teen years.

College

- Competed for the UNM Rusty Mitchell gymnastics team.

Professionally

- Founder of Gold Cup Gymnastics School in 1978. Burch has been coaching gymnastics for over 30 years.
- Burch has been a senior national team from 1974 to 1982, Burch was the USA Gymnastics Federation State Chairman representing New Mexico and was the boys USA Region Nine Chairman in 1981.
- Member of the USA Men's Program Committee from 1981-1983 and the Compulsory Development Committee from 1983-1987 and was chairman of the Strength Development Committee 1983-1987.
- Directed junior and senior training camps since 1981.
- Five of Burch's most notable students include 2008 Olympian Joey Hagerty, 1996 Olympians Mihai Bagiu and Chainey Umphrey, 1992 Olympic gold medalist Trent Dimas and Olympic team member Lance Ringnald. Ringnald, a two-time Olympian, made the Olympic team at the age of eighteen, the youngest team member in 20 years. Dimas was the 1991 McDonald American Cup champion and the National high bar champion. Burch's gymnasts were the first to compete three releases on high bar and Yerchenko vaults for men.
- First and only club coach to have senior and junior level athletes at the team level. He is the first private club coach to produce an Olympian and the first club coach to qualify more than a dozen gymnasts for the senior national team.
- Ninety-eight percent of his high school athletes earned college scholarships and have competed in the NCAA program. Burch has had at least one and/or two college athletes in one of the top ten NCAA programs.
- Head coach for the 1992 World Championships in Paris.
- In 1989 and 1991, Burch was an assistant coach for the USA World Gymnastics team.
- Coached teams at the 1991 pre-Olympic meet in Barcelona, Spain, the 1991 World Cup, and the prestigious McDonald's American Cup from 1988-1992.
- One of Burch's most impressive accomplishments was leading the US team to a silver medal in the 1990 Good Will Games in Seattle, Washington. {Ringnald finished with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.}
- First club coach to win a gold medal team award in South America at the Pan American Games, beating out Cuba by .1 in 1995.

- Named team coach at the Swiss Cup, the China Cup, the Chunichi Cup, the French Cup, the Cuperus Cup, Moscow News, the Canadian Cup, the Junior Pan American Games, the DTB Cup, the Salem Cup in South Africa, and dual meets with Australia, Japan, and Brazil, and the 1983 and 1989 Olympic Festival.

Honors

- Received the Frank Cumiskey Award in 1986 from USA Gymnastics, the highest award given to a coach.
- Voted by his peers for “1988 Coach of the Year”.
- Albuquerque honored Burch with the Excellence for Albuquerque Economy Award in 1990.
- inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1998.