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Witold Dłuzniak

Deceased

Mr. DŁUZNIAK passed away in 2013.

In 1989, Mr. Witold Dłuzniak became the President of the Polish Sports Association for the Disabled “Start” and he strongly supported the development of standing volleyball in Poland. The Polish National Men’s Team in standing volleyball was a very important team for him and, as the President, he allocated considerable funds to constantly improve the sport’s level, which led to winning two medals at the Paralympic Games (silver medal in Barcelona 1992 and bronze medal in Atlanta 1996).

After finishing his own sports career, he became a valued activist in many sports organizations in Poland. He held an important position in the Polish Football Association in the 1970s, and later was a President of the Polish Cycling Federation. Sport was the most important element of Mr. Dłuzniak’s life. In the mid-1980s, he became involved in sport for people with disabilities and developed them until the end of his life.

Mr. Witold Dłuzniak was the President of the Polish Sports Association for the Disabled “Start”, which was responsible for the development of standing volleyball in Poland and the preparation of the Polish Men’s National Team for the most important sports events/competitions.

During his presidency, the Polish National Team won the following medals:

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Silver medal in Barcelona 1992

Bronze medal in Atlanta 1996

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Silver medal in Amilly 1990

Gold medal in Bottrop 1994

Gold medal in Olsztyn 1998

Silver medal in Wisla 2002

His involvement with standing volleyball ended in 2006.

