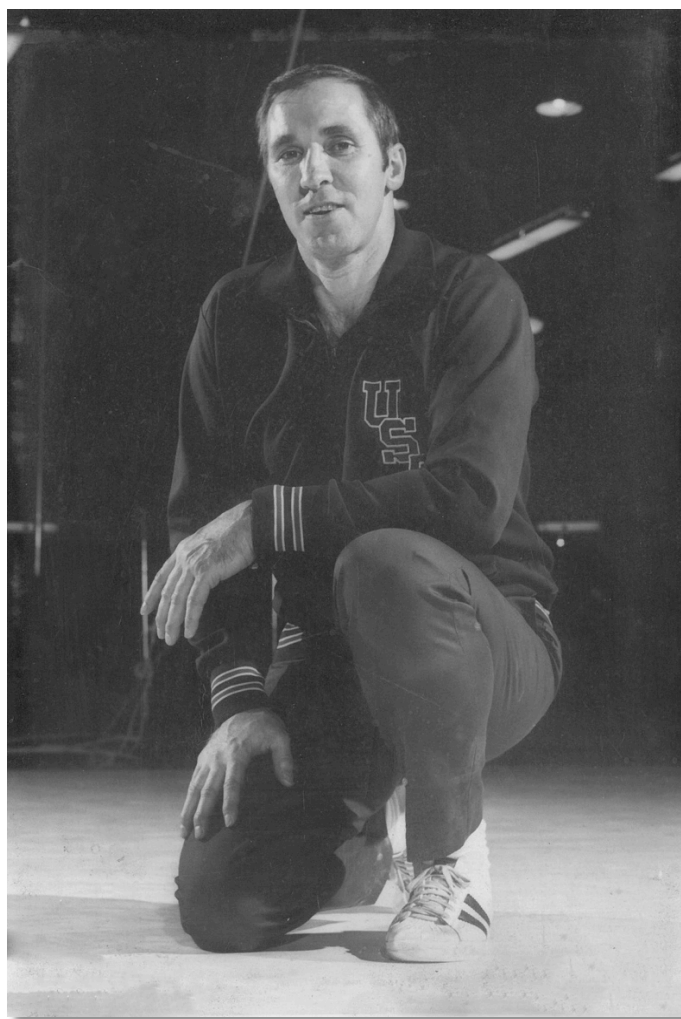


Dick Mulvihill

**USA Gymnastics Olympic Team Coach
& Founder of Mid-America Gymnastics Conference**



HALL OF FAME

Inducted 2012

Dick was a successful coach in several other sports before he began coaching gymnastics. He coached football, tennis, swimming and basketball. In fact he still holds a 50 year old record for the most wins and State titles at Hixton High School in Hixton, Wisconsin.

He moved to Champaign, Illinois in 1958 to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois. There he got a part time summer job at Charlie Pond's Palaestrom. Dick taught classes and developed a girl's gymnastics team. In 1964 he began his own gymnastic program at the McKinley YMCA where he worked for 28 cents an hour. Here he coached many State and National Champions. He also coached gymnasts who made the next three Olympic Teams; one in Tokyo in 1964, three in Mexico in 1968 and two in Munich in 1972. Dick was an assistant coach of United States teams that competed in the 1966 World Championships, 1967 and 1971 Pan American Games, the 1968 and 1972 Olympic Games and the 1967 World University Games.

One of the accomplishments that he is most proud of is the establishment of the Mid – America Gymnastics Conference. This began the competition and dedicated clinic work of 8 clubs and coaches, who helped to build the sport of Women's Gymnastics in the Mid-West throughout the 60's and 70's.

Dick continued his coaching career in Eugene, Oregon, in 1973, where he coached Olympians on to the 76, 80 and 84 Olympic Teams. Girls came from around the world (Israel, Brazil, England, Japan, Mexico, Finland, Canada, and Puerto Rico) to be coached by Dick Mulvihill. He has inspired and motivated generations of gymnasts. Throughout his coaching career he has coached athletes to 17 Olympic berths and over 50 National Champions, Elite and JO.

He was inducted into the USAG and the USAIGC Halls of Fame and was also named co-coach of the year for USAG. Dick produced a series of video tapes "The Mulvihill System" to help train coaches and a series of books called "Show Me Gymnastics."

