



## Jason Lezak

Jason grew up in Irvine, California and enjoyed all sports as a kid. He began swimming at the age of 5 and grew up to become an All-American in Water-Polo. Jason also played on his high school basketball team and is considered one of the most athletic and energetic personalities in the sport of swimming.

Virtually unknown in the swimming world in 1998, Jason lit up the 1998 U.S. Nationals winning his first National Title in the 100 Freestyle...and that was only the beginning. Jason went on to win a Gold and Silver Medal at the 2000 Olympic Games. In 2002, Jason dominated his opponents becoming the #1 ranked sprinter in the world. At the 2004 Olympics, Jason took the Bronze in the 4x100m freestyle and the Gold Medal in a world record breaking swim in the 4 x 100m medley relay.

A seasoned veteran in the sport, Jason took his place on the US Team one more time in 2008 when he qualified for the Beijing Olympics in the 100m freestyle, the 4x100m free relay, and the 4x100m medley relay. At 32, the oldest man on the U.S. swim team and tri-captain, Jason anchored the U.S. men's 400-meter freestyle relay team to a come-from-behind victory, stealing the Gold from the French. Expect to see his leg, the fastest 100 relay split (46.06), for decades to come in sports highlight films. Jason also dominated the last leg of the 4x100m Men's Medley Relay, winning the gold for his USA team and securing Michael Phelps' record setting 8<sup>th</sup> gold medal. These Olympic Games proved that Jason is definitely a team player.

### **STATS**

**Birthday:** November 12, 1975

**Hometown:** Bellflower, CA

**Residence:** Irvine, CA

**Sport:** Swimming

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist where he swam the fastest 100 relay split
- 2008 Olympic Bronze Medalist in 100m Free
- 2 Gold Medals at the 2003 World Championships
- 2005 2-Time World Champion
- 2004 Olympic Gold Medal in the 4 x 100m medley relay (world record), bronze in the 4 x 100m freestyle
- 2002 #1 Sprinter in the World
- Pan Pacific Games Gold Medalist