

Joe Russo



The Long Island Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum is delighted to induct Joe Russo of Lindenhurst into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for a second time! However at the time of his induction Joe did not have the opportunity to be recognized at home. Therefore the Long Island Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall Of Fame and Museum is proud to include Joe Russo as an honoree in our 2009 recognition Dinner.

Wrestling has taken Joe Russo to five continents and many countries. His international officiating experience has enriched his life and he has returned

that rich experience many times over through his coaching and volunteer efforts in wrestling.

As a volunteer he officiated in seven World Championships, five Olympic Trials four Pan American Championships, and dozens of other tournaments. He worked as the staging manager for the 1996 games in Atlanta and represented his county wrestling programs as the sectional chairman for USA Wrestling for several years.

Joe pioneered the Lindenhurst Kid Wrestling program and as a coach he achieved many outstanding accomplishments. Among them are three coach of the year trophies, nine sectional champions, four team champions, and he participated as a member of the USA Wrestling Coaching staff for ten years.

Joe's service to wrestling has been recognized by The Suffolk County Coaches Association with the presentation of the "Grand Master Award" in 1995 and induction into the National Hall of Fame in "Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award" in 1994.

The induction ceremony and dinner are set for April 24, 2009 at the Hilton Long Island in Melville. Please call the Long Island Chapter for more info @ 516-804-8676