

SGT ILDAR S HAFIZOV

GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING



Hometown: Tashkent, Uzbekistan
High School: Olympic College
College: Physical and Cultural
Joined Army: May 2015
MOS: 88M Motor Trans Operator
Event: Greco-Roman Wrestling 60KG

Ildar started wrestling at the age of ten, when his first coach lived next door. He invited Ildar to watch practice, and the rest is history. "What I remember next is that I started winning national competitions," he says. He won many of those, in fact, and earned a bronze medal at the Cadet Asian Championship. Joining the U.S. Military in 2015 has opened up new doors for Ildar, including earning him a place as a U.S. Olympic alternate.

" Being a Soldier Athlete, means that I have to be not just good athlete but also a great leader for soldiers, be an example."

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2020** U.S. Olympic Team Member
Pan-Am Olympic Qualifier Silver Medalist
- 2019** World Team Member
- 2018** National Team Member
- 2017** World Team Member, Thor Masters Champion, Armed Forces Champion
- 2016** Olympic Alternate
- 2015** National Champion, Vantaa Cup Champion
- 2012** Azovmash Cup Champion (for Uzbekistan)
- 2011** Asian Silver Medalist, World Team Member (for Uzbekistan)
- 2010** David Schultz Tournament Champion (for Uzbekistan)
- 2009** World Team Member (for Uzbekistan)
- 2008** Junior Bronze Medalist, Beijing Olympian
- 2007** Senior Asian Bronze Medalist, World Team Member (5 at the Worlds)
- 2006** Junior Asian Champion
- 2005** Cadet Asian Bronze Medalist

