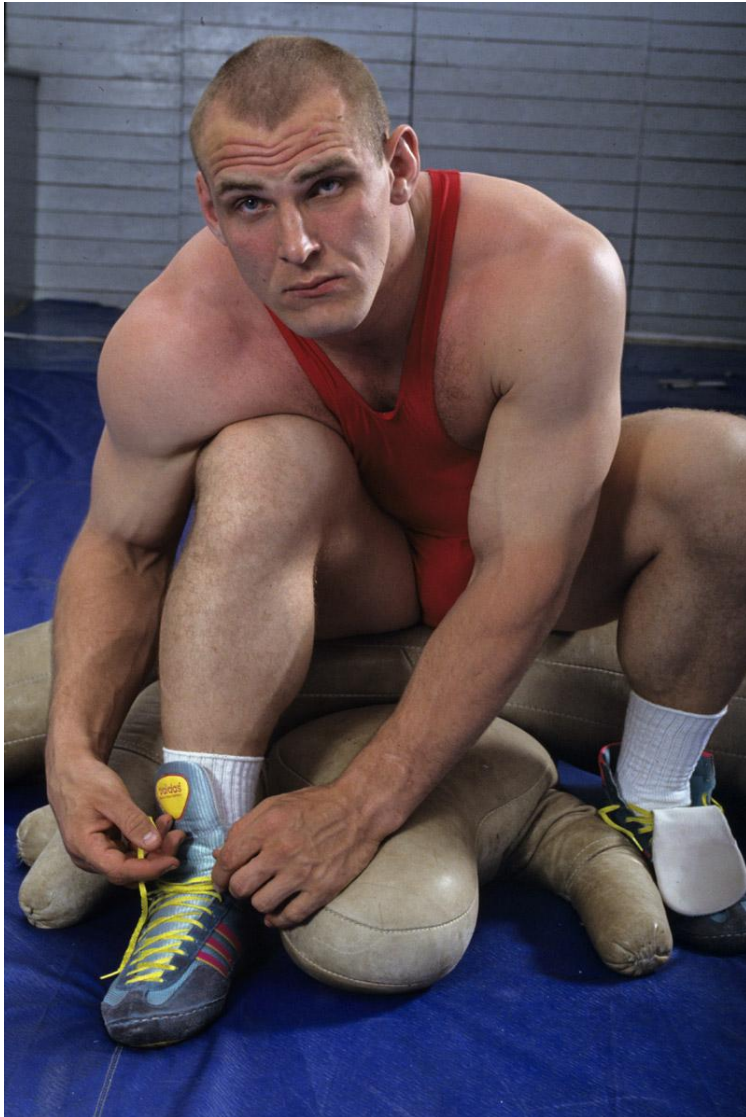




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# Alexander Aleksandrovich Karelin

Russian  
fighter  
classical  
(Greco-Roman)  
style



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**Alexander  
Aleksandrovich Karelin**  
(born September 19, 1967 in  
Novosibirsk) - the legendary  
Russian wrestler of the  
classical (Greco-Roman)  
style,  
state and political figure,

deputy of the State Duma of the VI convocation from the  
party "United Russia"  
member of the State Duma Committee on International  
Affairs.

Honored Master of Sports of the USSR (1988),  
Hero of the Russian Federation (1997).



Three-time winner of the Olympic Games (1988, 1992, 1996, in the category up to 130 kg),

nine-time world champion (1989-1991, 1993-1995, 1997-1999),

12-time champion of Europe (1987-1991, 1993-1996, 1998-2000),

silver medalist of the 2000 Olympic Games,

the world champion among juniors in 1988,

13-time champion of the USSR, CIS and Russia (1988-2000).

Winner of the Cup "Absolute World Champion" 1989.

Four times awarded the "Golden Belt" as the best wrestler of the planet - in 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994.

Winner of the IV international tournament "For prizes of Alexander Karelin" (1995).

Five-time winner of the international tournament in memory of Ivan Poddubny.

He was twice recognized as the best sportsman in Russia.

For the whole sports career he won 887 bouts and suffered two defeats. There are cases when opponents intentionally refused to fight with Karelin.



Alexander Karelin in 13 years (his height was 178 cm, weight 78 kg) began to engage in sports in his native city of Novosibirsk. In 1981 he enrolled in the section of classical wrestling at the Electrotechnical Institute.

The first coach of Karelin Viktor Kuznetsov remained his only mentor for the entire sporting life. In 1985 came the first success - Karelin became the world champion among the youth.

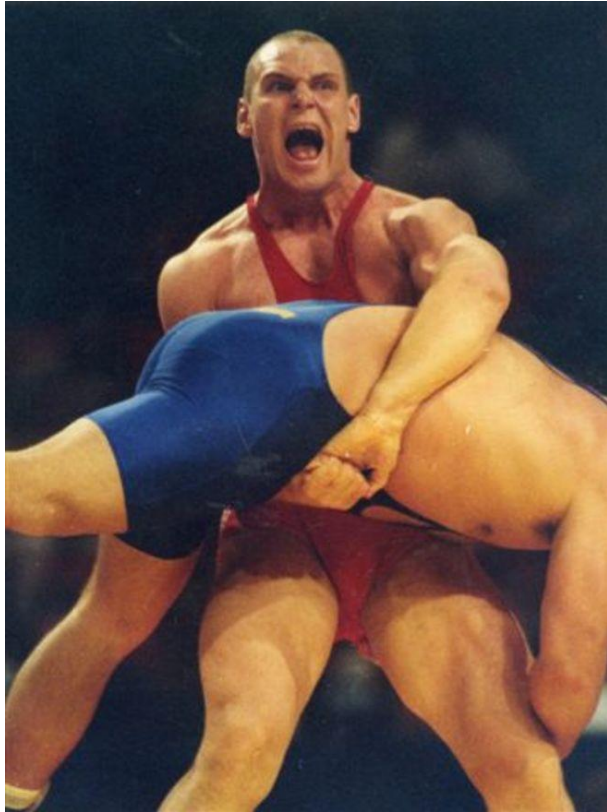


## Results at the biggest competitions in 1987-2000

Year	Olympic Games	World Championship	Europe championship	Championship of the USSR /Russia
1987			1	2
1988	1		1	1
1989		1	1	1
1990		1	1	1
1991		1	1	1
1992	1			1
1993		1	1	1
1994		1	1	
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1996	1		1	
1997		1		1
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1999		1	1	
2000	2		1	1

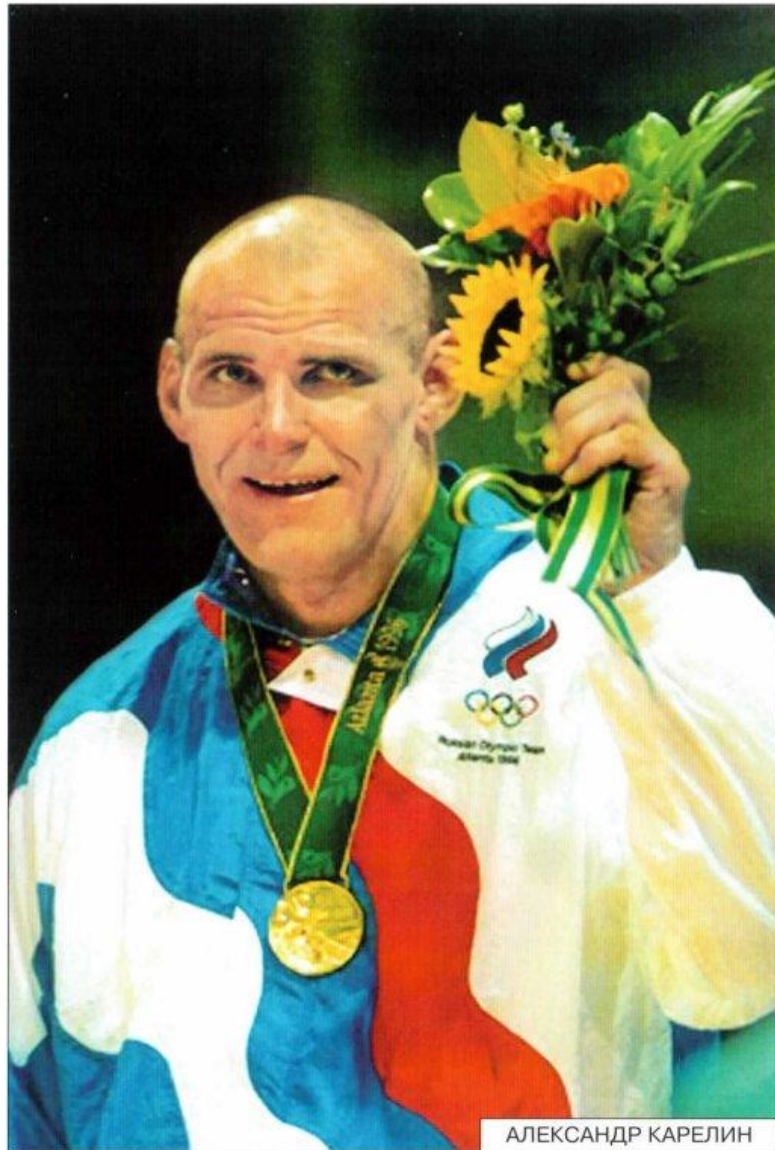


## Merit



Three-time Olympic champion in the category up to 130 kg (1988, 1992, 1996), nine-time world champion (1989-1991, 1993-1995, 1997-1999), 12 times European champion, silver medalist of the 2000 Olympic Games, Junior World Champion 1988, 14-time champion of the USSR, the CIS and Russia (1988-2001). He was the standard-bearer of the national team at the opening of the three Olympic Games 1988 - USSR, 1992 - CIS, 1996 - Russia. He was twice recognized as the best sportsman in Russia.

International Federation of Amateur Wrestling (FILA) Alexander Karelin was named the greatest wrestler of the Greco-Roman style of the XX century.



АЛЕКСАНДР КАРЕЛИН

The winner of the Fair Play prize for fair play in the sport, founded by the Russian Olympic Committee, was awarded the title of Sibiryak of the Year, established by the New Siberian newspaper (1993 and 1995).

Cavalier of the Olympic Order "Golden Palm Branch" (2001).

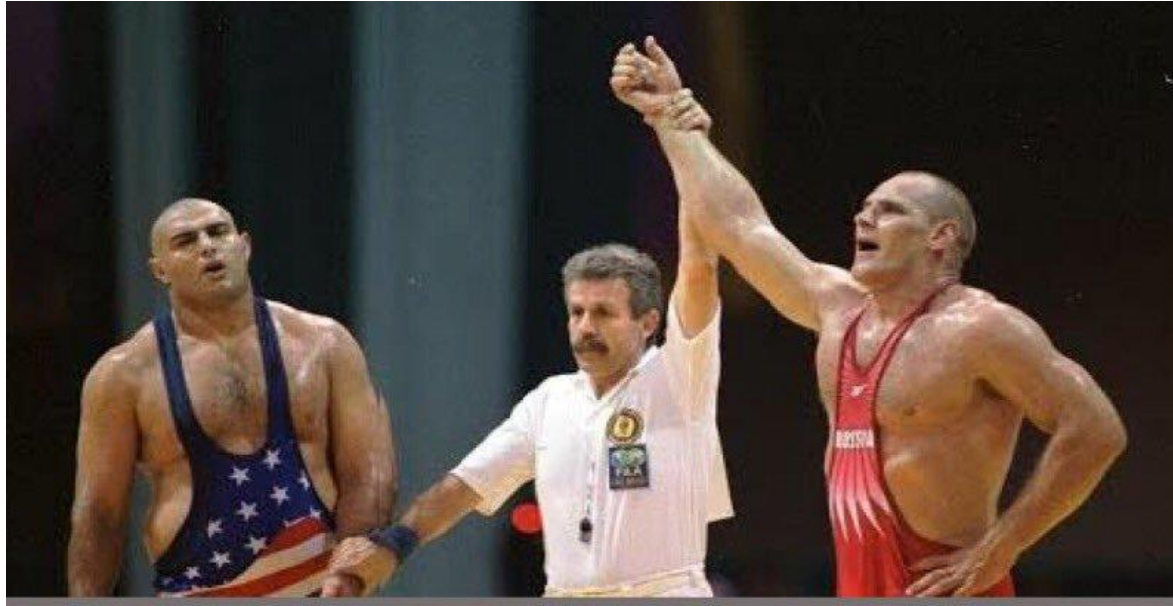
Participated in the procedure of removal to the Olympic Stadium at the opening of the 22nd Winter Olympic Games in Sochi on February 7, 2014

Since 1992, Russia has hosted tournaments to fight for Karelin prizes.

Olympic champion Aslanbek Khushtov admitted that his "back belt" took over from Karelin.



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