

# Stephen Welch

- **Home:** Southlake, Texas
- **Birthdate:** July 28, 1972

Stephen Welch has been involved in competitive sports since age four and will be participating in his fourth Paralympic Games. He has already won four Paralympic medals, including one gold medal.

At the age of eight, Welch was diagnosed with Legg Calve Perthes, a degenerative bone condition. But nothing has seemed to stop Welch from being competitive in the sports world, as he has been on the international stage in both [wheelchair](#) tennis and wheelchair basketball.

Since 1992, his tennis accomplishments have included more than 100 major titles, including two number one world titles and three U.S. Open titles. He has been a part of five national championships in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and has earned three MVP awards.

Welch has also found time in his busy schedule to teach others through motivational speaking engagements and sports clinics he conducts around the world. When not playing tennis, Welch enjoys playing basketball and the piano.

## Major Achievements:

2008: Member of U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis team – Paralympic Games, Beijing, China

- 2004: Member of U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis team – Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece
- 2000: Silver medal, [singles](#); bronze medal, doubles – Paralympic Games, Sydney, Australia
- 1996: Gold medal, doubles; silver medal, doubles – Paralympic Games, Atlanta, Ga.
- 1999: First place – U.S. Open
- 1994: First place – U.S. Open
- 1992: First place – U.S. Open