

LEDUC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Norm Moreland

Born in Ontario, Norm Moreland began martial arts training at age six. This became his life's passion, and over the years he dedicated himself to developing and diversifying his skills. After moving to Leduc, Norm opened Tiger Studios in 1986, training more than 10,000 students over 33 years of teaching.

A ninth-degree black belt grandmaster of pankration, Norm also earned black belts in karate, hapkido and three types of taekwondo. In 2004 he was appointed a master instructor by the World Taekwondo Federation and also became the first qualified master with the Martial Arts Teachers' Association. He participated in over 1,700 official ring competitions throughout his career. Staying closely involved in the martial arts community, he served as provincial director of the TKD Jidokwon Society, as Ethics and Technical Director of the Alberta TKD Association and as president of the TKD Alliance of Alberta.

At Tiger Studios, Norm developed a unique mixed martial arts program, drawing on elements of kickboxing, taekwondo, muay thai, wrestling, Asian weapons systems and more. He also taught classes at schools and community centres. For many years, he taught summer school martial arts programs in Leduc, New Sarepta, Beaumont and Drayton Valley.

Norm always aimed to help students achieve their personal best. He most enjoyed seeing his students learn self-confidence, the value of hard work and the importance of personal growth alongside martial skill. One of his proudest moments was getting to watch his son earn his black belt.

In 2019, Norm retired from teaching, donating his entire school and its contents to his students. It continues to serve the community, empowering students of all ages.

