

Elana Meyers Taylor

*The Most Decorated Black Athlete in
Olympic Winter Games History*





**5-Time Olympic Medalist
4-Time Olympian
4-Time World Champion
2-Time Team USA Flag Bearer**

Elana's Story



The daughter of a professional football player, Elana was born in Oceanside, California, but grew up in Douglasville, Georgia. A naturally gifted athlete across many sports, she was drawn to softball and by 9 years old she declared her intention to become an Olympian. She attended George Washington University on a softball scholarship and went on to play professionally for the Mid-Michigan Ice.

After what she calls, 'the worst tryout ever in the history of tryouts' for the US Olympic Softball Team it appeared her Olympic dreams were over. It was her parents who saw bobsled on TV and suggested she give it a try. That turned out to be great advice.

In the summer of 2007 she made the trip to Lake Placid, NY, home of the US National Bobsled Team. She never left. Elana turned out to be an incredibly powerful brakeman and less than three years later she stood on the podium in Vancouver as an Olympic Bronze Medalist.

Post Vancouver, Elana decided to take the wheel, or in the case of bobsled, the 'D-rings', and transition to the role of driver. That too turned out to be a great decision. Not long thereafter she became a regular on medals' podiums around the world, and eventually drove herself all the way back to the Olympic podium in 2014, this time in Sochi, Russia, and this time for silver. Later that year, she became Elana Meyers Taylor, marrying fellow bobsled athlete Nic Taylor.

In 2015, Elana made history, becoming the first woman to earn a spot on the US National Team competing with the men, as a 4-man bobsled pilot. She went on to become the first woman to win a medal in international competition in a men's event. That same year she won the World Championships in the 2-woman event, the first woman in U.S. history to do so.

In 2018, at the Olympic Games in PyeongChang, Elana battled back and forth with Team Germany over the four heat Olympic competition missing the gold medal by just .07.

On February 8, 2020 Elana and Nic welcomed their first child, Nico, into the world. Nico was born with Down syndrome and severe hearing loss and spent the first week of his life fighting to survive. The following winter, Nico and his parents began traveling the world in pursuit of another few minutes on the Olympic podium for Elana, for the first time as a mother.

After a grueling final year leading into the 2022 Olympics, including a last minute positive Covid test just as the Olympics began, Elana made her way back to the podium not once, but twice, winning silver in the inaugural Mono-bob competition, and bronze in the two-woman competition. In doing so, she once again made his, become the most decorated black athlete in the history of the Olympic Winter Games.



- **Bobsled Pioneer:** In 2015, Elana became the first woman to make the US National Team as a 4man bobsled pilot and the first woman to win a medal in international competition in the 4man event. She is the only female US bobsled athlete to have won five Olympic medals.
- Elana is as accomplished in academics as she is in athletics. She has an MBA in finance, a master's degree in sports management, and a bachelor's degree in exercise science.
- Elana is a former President of The Women's Sports Foundation (2018).
- In the summer of 2015, she worked in finance with the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland. She ultimately aspires to be the CEO of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee.
- A former professional softball player, her Olympic dreams were born on the diamond but realized on the ice.
- Her husband, former bobsledder Nic Taylor, proposed to her on the 2013 World Championships Podium at which she won silver, but from him got a diamond.
- An amazingly talented all-around athlete, in 2014 Elana earned a spot on Team USA Rugby 7s, and competed in two international caps before returning to her bobsled training.

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