



**BRITISH  
WEIGHT  
LIFTING**

## John Lear

GB Head Coach for 40 years

Sat on National Olympic Committee for 20 years



**John Lear was the British National Coach for an unprecedented 40 years, coaching at multiple Olympic and Commonwealth Games, whilst playing a key role in the development and success of the sport and the National Governing Body.**

John, who was nearly 85 when he finally lost his battle against a long illness, qualified as a PE teacher after National Service and having represented England internationally, dedicated the rest of his life to the sport he loved.

After coaching both the Iranian and South Korean weightlifting teams in the 1960s he was appointed British National Coach in 1972.

He was at the vanguard of the professionalisation of British Sport and his foresight, wisdom and experience was constantly in demand at the British Olympic Association where he served on numerous performance and team management committees.

He was part of Team GB at no less than eight consecutive Olympic Games and Team England at ten consecutive Commonwealth Games. He also represented his sport on the National Olympic Committee for at least two decades.