

# Mika Immonen, 3 Time World Champion

It's not easy to live up to one of the most iconic Top Gun nicknames of all time. But Mika Immonen, aka "The Iceman," is certainly in the running for having the most apt pool handle. Immonen is a world-renowned, Hall Of Fame professional pool player born in London, England, and raised in Helsinki, Finland. Representing Team Europe in the Mosconi Cup fourteen times, he's one of the most accomplished 9-Ball, 10-ball, and Straight pool players the world has ever seen.

Immonen started playing pool as early as 16, playing the Russian form of the sport, Kaisa, in the local poolrooms of Helsinki. He made a name for himself in the 1990s on the EuroTour. By 2000, he was moving to New York City, where he won the Turning Stone Classic. It would be his first U.S. win.

It was in the early 2000s that he made the greatest strides in his career. He won three world pool championships, two U.S. Open 9 Ball titles, two International Challenge of Champions titles, and the World Doubles Championship (with Petri Makkonen). Immonen has won many other titles and tournaments throughout his career, including:

- 2000 Sudden Death Seven-ball Champion
- 2001 WPA World Nine-ball Championship
- 2002 UPA International Ten-ball Champion
- 2004 Atlanta Open Champion
- 2006 Norway Open Champion
- 2008 U.S. Open 9-Ball Champion
- 2008 Mosconi Cup MVP
- 2009 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship
- 2009 WPA World Ten-ball Championship
- 2009 Mezz Classic 10-Ball Event
- 2010 International Challenge of Champions
- 2012 World Cup of Pool Champion (Doubles with Petri Makkonen)
- 2013 Ultimate 10-Ball Championship

At just 41, he was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame in 2014, having only been eligible for the honor a year.

## Mika Immonen Billiards Instruction and Equipment

Partnering with Intrinsic Media in 2008, Immonen produced "Mastering Pool," an instructional series about billiards. The series features expert commentary from Immonen himself about the art and strategy behind his game. It provides insight greater than many other sports know-how videos, given you hear it directly from the master himself.

Prone to using an Exceed custom cue, he has also collaborated with Miki Mezz on a series of professional-level cues as well. The series promises updates on technological innovations, skills, and tips to up your billiards game. The cues advertised have, in particular, been a success.

Immonen has also created his own billiards glove. The ProShot Glove promises to be a phenomenal teaching aid as well as helping to promote proper cue stroke control. The glove is designed to stop or minimize lateral wrist movement, an issue that causes many people to miss shots. It's also perfectly legal to use the glove in competition.

Immonen's ProShot Glove was a collaboration with Ken Larsen that took years of trial and error to perfect. It has received many accolades from fellow billiards players and has received glowing reviews from amateurs who have tried it.

## Mika Immonen Today

Despite having achieved so much, including being inducted into his sports hall of fame at such a young age, The Iceman still resides in his adopted home of New York City and is still playing and winning games all over the world.

Immonen also occasionally teaches pool technique and strategy. You can find Mika Immonen's revolutionary ProShot Glove on the hands of amateur billiards players everywhere, and also available in his Pro Shop.