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Voula Patoulidou was born in Florina, in March 1965. She is married and she has one child, a boy.

She is a graduate of the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences of Thessaloniki and speaks English and German.

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- In 1992, at the Barcelona Olympics, she won the first gold medal for Greece in the 100 meters hurdles and was crowned the first Greek female Olympic gold medalist.
- Nine times Panhellenic champion, seven times Balkan champion, three times Mediterranean champion.
- Top Greek Athlete in the PSAT voting 1990 and 1992.
- Top athlete of the Balkans in 1990.



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For her contribution to Greece and sports, she has been honored with the highest distinction of the **Golden Cross of the Order of Honor**, by the President of the Hellenic Republic, Konstantinos Karamanlis.

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She was:

- Special Advisor for Sports at the Ministry of Sports.
- President and member of the Association of Greek Olympians.
- Founding member of the World Association of Olympians.
- Member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee with a 4-year term.



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She was:

- President of the EOA "Women and Sports" committee.
- Member of the Olympic Committee, Ministry of Culture.
- Former Navy Officer (1992-2006).
- Head of Volunteer Promotion at the Greek Red Cross.

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She has been honored as an Honorary Citizen with the key to the city by more than 40 Municipal rulers.

She has been awarded an award by UNESCO for her contribution to sports and education.

She is a Tourism Ambassador for the "EDEN" Program of the European Union.

Voula Patoulidou also has written a book about her own dream path in Greek Sports entitled " Soul Blast ".



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(1) [el.wikipedia.org](http://el.wikipedia.org)

(2) [www.hoc.gr/el/node/841](http://www.hoc.gr/el/node/841)

(3) [www.segas.gr](http://www.segas.gr)



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