Javier Sotomayor

Retired Cuban athlete who has held the high jump world record for the past 15 years is viewed as the best high jumper in history

■ **Born:** Oct 13, 1967, Limonar, Matanzas Province, Cuba

■ **Career: 1983 to 2001.** Sotomayor set a world record of 2.33m at age of 16. He was unable to compete in the 1984 and '88 Olympics because of Cuban boycotts, but set the current world record of 2.43m in 1993. *No one has bettered 2.40m since 1995*

Olympic gold. High jump:	*1992*
Silver. High jump:	*2000*

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