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About the Author

Scott Sonnon has one of the most unique pedigrees in the sambo discipline. One of a few foreigners to ever do so, he earned one the highest athletic distinction of the former Soviet Union: the coveted Honourable Master of Sport diploma for his contributions to the discipline as a multiple time USA National Sambo Team Coach, International Category Referee and Champion. In addition to his sport-wrestling coaching and athletic success, he served as Chairman for the International Combat Sambo Commission Chairman in charge of structuring the rules of Combat Sambo mixed martial arts competitions.

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