

Jeremy Poincenot

World Blind Golf Champion

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About Jeremy Poincenot

At 19, Jeremy Poincenot was your typical college sophomore. Friends, sports, fraternity and most importantly, perfect 20/20 vision. Then it happened, no warning, no time to prepare. Life began to blur. Over the next few months, Jeremy lost central vision in his right eye, followed closely by his left. The diagnosis: a rare genetic disorder called Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON), a disease that affects a mere 100 people in the U.S. each year with no treatment or cure in sight. At first, Jeremy thought losing his vision meant forfeiting his life. But he soon learned that with every challenge comes an opportunity for growth.

When Jeremy lost his central vision, he thought the game of golf he loved was over. But with some hard work, dedication, and the support of his family and friends, he quickly learned that his golfing career had just begun. At 20 years old and with his Dad as his guide, Jeremy competed in and won the 2010 World Blind Golf Championship with a dramatic chip-in in a playoff. They have since gone on to win 8 National Championships, an Australian Blind Open, an Italian Blind Open and two more World Blind Golf Championships. In 2011, Jeremy was honored as the San Diego Hall of Champions Challenged Athlete of the Year. Like all things, it's the most difficult trials that shape who we are—and Jeremy is a better athlete and person because of this sport.

Now, Jeremy strives to raise awareness of LHON, and along with the help of his friends, they have created the C.U.R.E. (Cycling Under Reduced Eyesight) Ride, an annual fundraising bike ride that has raised over \$350,000 for LHON research. Their goal is to raise a million.

Today, Jeremy is an Inspirational Speaker traveling the world, sharing his story to inspire audiences to take control of life and turn trauma into triumph. Jeremy is not your ordinary motivational speaker. With a powerful personal narrative, a little wit and a strong inspirational message, he has made it his mission to help his audiences rise up to their biggest obstacles and see them as opportunities.

Jeremy's objective when he steps in front of an audience is not to dictate how to succeed in life; it's to convince individuals that independence is good, while interdependence is great. He speaks from experience and has discovered that with a focus on the good, key insights, and the determination to persist through the challenges, anything is possible.

Jeremy has had the privilege of being featured on ABC's 20/20, ESPN.com, CNN's "Great Big Story" and MTV's True Life and has spoken for many prestigious companies including Aflac, Honda, John Hancock, Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo and many more.

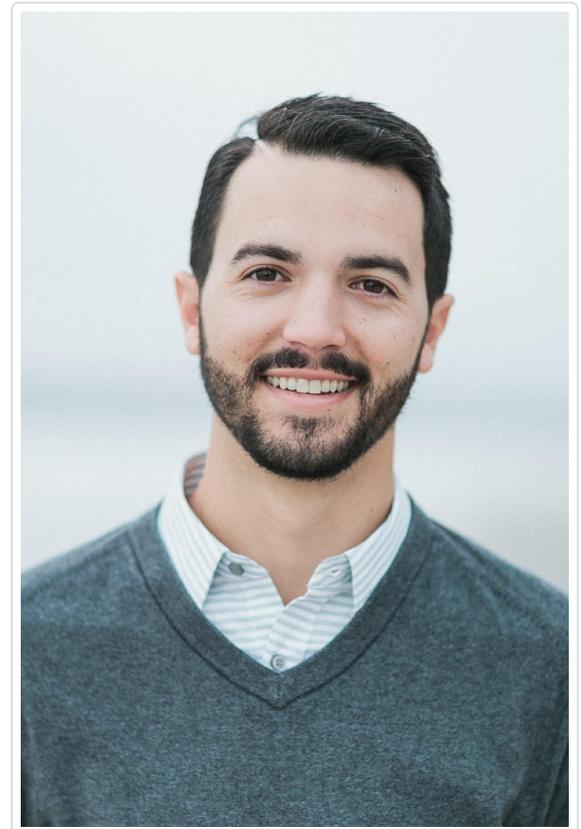
Select Keynotes

- **Together We Are Limitless**

Why are we reluctant to ask for help? Let's shift our mindset by bringing other people into the picture.

Jeremy finds power not from independence, but through interdependence. Jeremy has won several blind golf championships with the aid of his father as his guide, helping him with every shot. Golf is typically an individual sport, blind golf is a team sport. This is just one way Jeremy illustrates the power of interdependence that he eloquently delivers in his keynote.

Sometimes, this keynote is called "The Power of Two" as Two are Better than One in Creating Something Magical.



- **PB&J Challenge - The Power of Interdependence**

Jeremy explains the power of interdependence with an experiential component to his keynote. In the PB&J Challenge, Jeremy divides the attendees up into four (4) groups. The first group receives all of the materials and instructions, but can't communicate with any other group. The second group receives all materials and instructions, but can only communicate with groups 1 and 3. The third group receives all materials, but no instructions and can only communicate with groups 1 & 2. The fourth group receives most materials, no instructions, participants are blind-folded and can't communicate with other groups.

This interactive experience is easy for group one; yet, group four is struggling with a complete a complete disadvantage without having the ability to ask for help.

- **Top Golf Experience with Blind Golfer, Jeremy Poincenot**

Blind Golf Champion, Jeremy Poincenot, delivers his keynote on his inner resiliency after becoming legally blind in just 2 months at 19 years old. Jeremy will then hit shots with the attendees at Top Golf. This experience geared toward YPO or EO groups.

- **Dining in the Dark**

Jeremy takes the audience on an experience. Imagine being blind-folded and relying on your other senses. Jeremy, takes a sighted audience on a sensory experience.

- **Interdependent vs Independent Thinkers - Suspending Judgement and the What's In It For Me**

Jeremy articulates and gets across the point in his talk how to suspend judgement. If you want to go far, you need to go together. Allow those to ask to help when it is necessary.

Taking a step back to change our perspective and suspending judgement.

Audience - Sales and Breakout Sessions

Select Articles

- [CNN.com - From darkness to victory: Being the world's best blind golfer](#)

Young American wins World Blind Golf Championship two years after losing his vision. Jeremy Poincenot feared he'd never play golf again after being blinded by rare disease. The 20-year-old is joined on the golf course by his father, who acts as his son's eyes.

- [ESPN.com - Blind golfer's story resonates with many, including Aaron Rodgers](#)

Jeremy Poincenot, with whom Aaron Rodgers had crossed paths while playing Pelican Hill Golf Club in Newport Beach, California, on Sunday. And Rodgers was right about this much: Poincenot is an amazing story. "He's such a great kid," Rodgers wrote in a separate message. "My offseason, I've got a lot of stories. "This one is cool, but only because Jeremy is such a unique guy. HIS story is what's important."

Select Testimonials

Jeremy is by far the best guest speaker that I have had the privilege to work with over 15 years of conference planning. Jeremy's ability to connect with the audience was phenomenal. Typically at least one or two people are on their phone texting, scrolling the internet, etc and thinking that no one is noticing. Not during Jeremy's presentation....all eyes were focused on him and everyone was hanging on every word. The pauses that Jeremy held to make a point when he really wanted something to sink in were perfectly placed throughout the talk. In addition to being very informative and thought provoking, he was charming and funny, leaving the audience inspired.

— Alison R., South Coast Retina Center

A huge thanks goes to Jeremy for doing such a great job with our group. We are still getting compliments on the quality of your presentation

— America Honda Finance Group

Jeremy's impact on the audience was immediate, with audience members clamoring to ask him more questions after the presentation. Attendees continued to talk about his presentation for the rest of the conference and beyond.

— Boots G., National Golf Course Owners Association

Great time with exceptional people. The message embodied why I believe so many of us joined EO. Many times, its hard to ask for help or even know how to ask. There were a lot of great takeaways; I'm grateful for everyone's hard work in organizing these events. For me the immersive

experience further amplified the message.

– *EO San Diego*

EO is all about OILS. That was one. Solid speaker, loved meeting EO Las Vegas, and blind eating was a truly unique experience. Never take anything for granted. We are all so fortunate and I am grateful for my EO Community.

– *EO San Diego*

Beyond your great presentation, you've made quite an impression with us because of your warmth and personality off the stage. We've worked with a lot of presenters before and we rarely have anyone spend time with us after.

– *Hazel T., Kaiser Permanente*

Jeremy's story is compelling, but his quick wit and authentic approach to connecting with his audience is what really seals the deal! If you want a little dose of "perspective" and a meaningful group experience, I would highly recommend spending some time with this remarkable young man.

– *Michael H., LAZ Parking*

Jeremy's humble approach and attitude is unique in the speaker industry. Our conference theme was "Breaking Through" and Jeremy's story was the perfect fit for that theme. Delivery was outstanding and the Q&A session was tremendous. This all worked out very well - exceeded my expectations.

– *Mike R., Insurica*

Jeremy spoke to our bank at our annual sales rally. His presentation was a true highlight and it really reinforced to our team how we all need to focus on how interdependence can have such a positive impact on one's personal and professional lives. Jeremy was funny and poignant and our team is still talking about his message.

– *Rocky L., Grand Point Bank*

Jeremy is one of the most engaging, inspiring, and professional speakers I've had the honor to work with. He brings insight, wisdom, and perspective to the audience that motivates and encourages. Individuals who attended this event are stopping me to rave over his message and overall presentation.

– *Sharon K., Huntington Memorial Hospital*

"Thank you so much for such an amazing presentation at our corporate event! You definitely made an impact on our brand and every heart you encountered. You were a big part of the reason for the success of the spirit of celebration and inspiration at our event. Thank you for sharing your story with us. Thank you for inspiring us to continue our limitless pursuit to be the iconic household brand leading the spa industry."

– *WoodHouse Day Spa's*

Select Client Feedback

Jeremy delivered a sincere, thought provoking message to our chapter. He brought genuine authenticity, with a down to earth approach. We certainly appreciated him sticking around and engaging with our members after the presentation!

– **Brent Rising** *EO Nebraska*

Jeremy was a wonderful surprise in so many ways. First, his sense of humor in telling a story of adversity struck all of the right tones, and kept the audience on the edge of their seats waiting to hear what happened next. Second, his theme of leaning on others - and letting them lean on

you - addressed something so many of us need to hear. You looked around the room and you saw everyone nodding, and affirming his remarks. This is specifically impressive since too many speakers come before an entrepreneurial group, and feel the need to make their unique story business oriented in some way. If what your saying is genuine and authentic, there's no need to shoehorn business into the remarks, and Jeremy understood that clearly. Finally, he stuck around with our members and other attendees for a couple of hours after the event hitting golf balls with us, chatting everyone up, and really making everyone feel like close friends. *That* is the measure of not only a great speaker, but a great human being.

– **Jon Minjoe** *EO Dallas*

Jeremy was PHENOMENAL on stage and off stage. Appreciated his interaction prior to his speaking engagement and his presentation delivery did not disappoint. Think it was perfect for our conference this year and resonated with our audience as we had hoped.

– **Daphne Saliba Guilbaud** *Health Choice Network*