



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



COURTNEY ATKINSON (AUS)

Nickname: "Atko"
Nationality: Australian 
Date of Birth: 15 August 1979
Place of Birth: Mackay, Queensland, Australia
Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Height: 5'9" (1.76m)
Weight: 148 lbs (67kg)



**2008 Year-End
Ranking:** NR

Current Coach: N/A

Current training location: Gold Coast, Australia

Favourite ITU Race & why: Mooloolaba World Cup because it's on home soil and it's tough!

First Triathlon and reason: After competing in surf life saving and running in younger years, triathlon suited my abilities as a sport. I started seriously at 15-16 years old.

Proudest Moment: Becoming a father

Triathlon Goals: To win Olympic gold

Personal Best: Swim (1500m) - N/A Bike (40km) - N/A Run (10km) - N/A

Most influential person in sporting career: My parents because they have been supporting me in all sports then into triathlon as well.

Sponsors: Fedex, Orca, Redbull

PERSONAL

Profession: Athlete **Marital Status:** Married

Education: Bachelor of Commerce Degree

Language(s): English **Sibling(s):** two

Other Sports: surfing, snowboarding, running

Goals outside Triathlon: To live a happy, relaxed life

CAREER

Ranking History:

2008 - NR 2007 - 8th 2006 - 19th 2005 - 4th 2004 - 71st 2003 - 26th 2002 - 28th
2001 - 58th

Rankings unavailable prior to 2000

World Cup Highlights:

2009 Ishigaki World Cup Winner (Ishigaki, JPN)
2009 Mooloolaba World Cup Winner (Mooloolaba, AUS)
2007 Ishigaki World Cup Winner (Ishigaki, JPN)
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2003 Makuhari World Cup Winner (Makuhari, JPN)
2000 Ishigaki World Cup Winner (Ishigaki, JPN)
14 World Cup medals

World Championship Highlights:

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series - Silver medal (Melbourne, AUS)
2003 Triathlon World Championships - 9th Place (Queenstown, NZL)
1999 Triathlon Junior World Champion (Montreal, CAN)
1998 Triathlon Junior World Championships - 5th Place (Lausanne, SUI)

Olympics:

2008 Olympic Games - 11th Place (Beijing, CHN)

Other:

2007 Triathlon Oceania Championships - Silver Medallist (Geelong, AUS)

