



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



NADIA CORTASSA (ITA)

Nickname:

Nationality: Italian



Date of Birth: 5 January 1978

Place of Birth: Torino, Italy

Residence: Torino, Italy

Height: 5'10" (1.78m)

Weight: 117 lbs (53kg)



**2008 Year-End
Ranking:** NR

Current Coach: Andrea Gabba

Current training location: Torino, Italy

**Favourite ITU
Race & why:**

My favourite ITU Race was Corner Brook because it was very hard. But now my favourite ITU/ETU race is Sanremo because the bike race is wonderful. I hope in 1 or 2 years Sanremo will be a World Cup race

**First Triathlon
and reason:**

In 1996 I was an athlete of modern pentathlon (gold medal European youth championship) but Andrea said that I would be a great triathlete so I started to do triathlons. At the beginning triathlon was a funny game then it became very important in my life

Proudest Moment: Outside triathlon my wedding. In triathlon, 5th place Athens Olympic Games.

Triathlon Goals: To be on top in Beijing 2008

**Most influential
person in
sporting career:**

My first modern pentathlon Coach Giancarlo Duranti and then Andrea

Sponsors:

Pinarello Bike , Dmt bike shoes, Vegetal progress, Giro, X-terra wetsuits

PERSONAL

Profession: Triathlete

Marital Status: Married

Education: University

Language(s): Italian, English

Sibling(s):

**Family History
in Sport:**

I'm the first in my family to compete in a professional sport. My husband and Coach Andrea did Ironman Hawaii and other triathlon races.

Biggest Obstacle Overcome in Life: A lot of injuries during my career

Goals outside Triathlon: To have a wonderful family with children

CAREER

Ranking History:

2008 - NR 2007 - 40th 2006 - 11th 2005 - 21st 2004 - 38th 2003 - 17th 2002 - 52nd
2001 - 42nd

Rankings unavailable prior to 2000

World Cup Highlights:

3 World Cup medals

World Championship Highlights:

2007 Triathlon Team World Championships - Bronze Medallist (Tiszaujvaros, HUN)

2006 Triathlon World Championships - 5th Place (Lausanne, SUI)

2006 Triathlon Team World Champions (Cancun, MEX)

2005 Triathlon World Championships - 5th Place (Gamagori, JPN)

2005 Duathlon World Championships - 4th Place (Newcastle, AUS)

2003 Triathlon World Championships - 7th Place (Queenstown, NZL)

2001 Duathlon World Championships - 5th Place (Rimini, ITA)

Olympics:

Qualified for 2008 Italian Olympic team - DNS due to injury

2004 Olympic Games - 5th Place (Athens, GRE)

Other:

2008 Triathlon European Championships - Silver Medallist (Lisbon, POR)

2006 Triathlon European Championships - Bronze Medallist (Autun, FRA)

2005 Triathlon European Championships - Bronze Medallist (Lausanne, SUI)

2003 Triathlon European Championships - Silver Medallist (Carlsbad, CZE)