

Karolina Wisniewska



Inducted CSHF: 2007

Hometown: Calgary, Alberta

Date of Birth: July 26 1976

Affiliated Discipline(s): Alpine: Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom, Slalom

Active Career Date(s): 1995-2004

FIS Code:

Club: Sunshine Ski Club

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Karolina Wisniewska was a member of Canada's Disabled Alpine Ski Team (CDAST) from 1995 until 2004. She learned to ski at the age of 5 as a form of physiotherapy for the cerebral palsy affecting her lower body. By the age of 6 she was racing with the Sunshine Ski Club in Banff, Alberta. For many years, she raced against able-bodied competitors before becoming a member of the Alberta Disabled Alpine Team in 1994 and the CDAST a year later.

At the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah she earned the unique distinction of becoming the first Canadian alpine skiing athlete in either the Paralympic or Olympic Winter Games to win 4-medals, exceeding even an earlier superb performance at the 1998 Nagano, Japan, Paralympic Games where she won 2-medals. A competitor in all four alpine disciplines, Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom, her record in World Cup events, World Cup rankings and World Championships is equally impressive. At the beginning of her career, in 1996, she became the World Champion in Super-G in Lech, Austria; and near the end of her career she won the Overall World Cup Title for the 2002/2003 season. She was named CDAST Athlete of the Year at Alpine Canada's Annual Awards Banquet in 2003.

In 2006, she was on the Canadian Team Mission Staff at the Paralympic Winter Games in Torino in the role of Athlete Services. She currently works at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Federal Secretariat in Vancouver.

Career Highlights:

- 1996 World Champion, Super-G, Lech, Austria
Silver Medal, Giant Slalom, World Championships, Lech, Austria
- 1997 Gold Medal, Super-G and Giant Slalom, World Cup Finals, Pra-Loup, France
- 1998 Silver Medal, Super-G, Winter Paralympic Games, Nagano, Japan
Silver Medal, Giant Slalom, Winter Paralympic Games, Nagano, Japan
- 1999 2nd in Overall World Cup Final Standings
- 2000 Silver Medal, Super-G, World Championships, Anzere, Switzerland
Silver Medal, Giant Slalom, World Championships, Anzere, Switzerland
World Cup Champion: Downhill
- 2001 Bronze Medal, Giant Slalom, World Cup Finals, Kimberley, British Columbia
3rd in Overall World Cup Final Standings
- 2002 Silver Medal, Slalom, Winter Paralympic Games, Salt Lake City, USA
Silver Medal, Giant Slalom, Winter Paralympic Games, Salt Lake City, USA
Bronze Medal, Super-G, Winter Paralympic Games, Salt Lake City, USA
Bronze Medal, Downhill, Winter Paralympic Games, Salt Lake City, USA
- 2003 Overall World Cup Champion

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