



# INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



## ANDREA WHITCOMBE (GBR)

**Nickname:**

**Nationality:** British



**Date of Birth:** 8 June 1971

**Place of Birth:** London, England

**Residence:** Swansea, Wales

**Height:** 5'4" (1.62m)

**Weight:** 110 lbs (50kg)



**2008 Year-End  
Ranking:** 6

**Current Coach:** Simon Wilson & Chris Jones (Advisor)

**Current training location:** Swansea, Wales

**First Triathlon and reason:**

I took up triathlon in 2001. I was fed up with my job and had achieved my goal of running in the Sydney Olympics, so I gave it all up and took my partner's advice to give triathlon a go.

**Proudest Moment:**

Winning my first World Cup in Madeira. Competing in athletics at the Sydney Olympics and owning my own house at last.

**Triathlon Goals:** Podium regularly in World Cups, medal in the Olympics.

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

**Most influential person in sporting career:**

My PE teacher (Janet Haimes) at my High School as she first got me into running. My family for their financial support and my first athletics coach Bob Parker.

**Sponsors:** Giant, Asics, PowerBar, Blue Seventy

### PERSONAL

**Profession:** Athlete

**Marital Status:** single

**Education:** A' levels, secretarial foundation

**Language(s):** English

**Sibling(s):**

**Father's Occupation:** Printer

**Mother's Occupation:** Hairdresser

**Family History in Sport:**

Both parents are active in sports, but not at a high level.

**Other Sports:** Running, track & field

**Biggest Obstacle Overcome:** Getting over the disappointment of not getting selected for the Athens Olympics

**Goals outside Triathlon:** Decorate my house, stay healthy. Try and have a social life.

## **CAREER**

### **Ranking History:**

2008 - 6th    2007 - 21st    2006 - 6th    2005 - 5th    2004 - 18th    2003 - 18th    2002 - 22nd  
2001 - 75th

*Rankings unavailable prior to 2000*

### **World Cup Highlights:**

2008 Tiszaujvaros World Cup Winner (Tiszaujvaros, HUN)  
2005 Corner Brook World Cup Winner (Corner Brook, CAN)  
2002 Madeira World Cup Winner (Madeira, POR)  
6 World Cup medals  
28 World Cup top ten finishes

### **World Championship Highlights:**

2006 Triathlon World Championships - 6th (Lausanne, SUI)  
2005 Triathlon World Championships - 7th (Gamagori, JPN)  
2005 Duathlon World Championships - Bronze Medallist (Newcastle, AUS)  
2003 Triathlon World Championships - 6th (Queenstown, NZL)

### **Olympics:**

2004 Olympic Games - Reserve athlete (Athens, GRE)  
2000 Olympic Games - Athletics (Sydney, AUS)

### **Other:**

2007 Triathlon European Championships - 4th Place (Copenhagen, DEN)  
2006 Triathlon European Championships - 4th Place (Autun, FRA)  
2003 Triathlon European Championships - 4th Place (Carlsbad, CZE)