




INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



VOLODYMYR POLIKARPENKO (UKR)

Nickname: "Poli"
Nationality: Ukraine 
Date of Birth: 9 June 1972
Place of Birth: Zaporozhye, Ukraine
Residence: Kiev, Ukraine

Height: 6'1" (1.85 m)
Weight: 161 lbs (73 kg)



Current Coach: Andriy Molchanov, Antonio Cesaro and Paolo Penso (swim)

2008 Year-End Ranking: 70

Current training location: Turin, Italy

Favourite ITU Race & why: Cancun because I love to race in extremely hot conditions.

First Triathlon and reason: In 1993 because I wanted to challenge my sports limits as an ex-swimmer

Proudest Moment: Birth of my two sons and second place in the 2006 World Cup series

Triathlon Goals: Winning Olympic Games and World Championship - sounds good!!

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

Most influential person in sporting career: Family and rivals

Sponsors: 2XU, ControlTech, Scott Running, Carrera, Costa d'Oro, BV sport, Fumane Tri Zen

PERSONAL

Profession: Triathlete **Marital Status:** married

Education: Zaporozhye State University, Physiotherapy and Zaporozhye Technical University, Electronic engineering

Language(s): Russian, Ukrainian, English, Italian **Siblings:** none

Father's Occupation: Engineer-constructor **Mother's Occupation:** Engineer

Family History in Sport: Father's hobby is table tennis, mother's hobby is jogging.

Biggest Obstacle Overcome in Life: Receiving numerous visas to travel to the races!!!

Goals outside Triathlon: See my family be happy and help the children to be healthy, confident and educated

Other valuable information: I have a lot of friends all over the world and that is the best part of my long triathlon career.

CAREER

Ranking History:

2008 - 70th 2007 - 6th 2006 - 2nd 2005 - 11th 2004 - 2nd 2003 - 4th 2002 - 10th
2001 - 21st

Rankings unavailable prior to 2000

World Cup Highlights:

2006 World Cup series runner-up

2006 Aqaba World Cup winner (Aqaba, JOR)

2003 Rio De Janeiro World Cup winner (Rio De Janeiro, BRA)

2003 Cancun World Cup winner (Cancun, MEX)

2003 Tiszaujvaros World Cup winner (Tiszaujvaros, HUN)

1999 Cancun World Cup winner (Cancun, MEX)

22 World Cup medals

World Championship Highlights:

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

2005 Triathlon World Championships - 9th Place (Gamagori, JPN)

2002 Triathlon World Championships - 5th Place (Cancun, MEX)

Olympics:

2008 Olympic Games - 35th Place (Beijing, CHN)

2004 Olympic Games - 30th Place (Athens, GRE)

2000 Olympic Games - 15th Place (Sydney, AUS)

Other:

1998 Triathlon European Championships - Bronze Medallist (Velden, AUT)