



# INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



## MAIK PETZOLD (GER)

**Nickname:** "Maiki", "MP"  
**Nationality:** German   
**Date of Birth:** 16 January 1978  
**Place of Birth:** Bautzen, Germany  
**Residence:** Bautzen & Saarbrücken, Germany

**Height:** 6'0" (1.83m)  
**Weight:** 154 lbs (70kg)



**2008 Year-End  
Ranking:** 17

**Current Coach:** Wolfram Bott

**Current training location:** Saarbrücken & Bautzen, Germany

**Favourite ITU Race & why:** World Cup Hamburg - it's more than a sport, it's a show there!

**First Triathlon and reason:** In 1984 because my father he raced and won the first Triathlon in Leipzig (former East Germany)

**Proudest Moment:** Competing in the Olympic Games in Athens and becoming the ambassador for my Region (Oberlausitz)

**Personal Best:** Swim (1500m) - N/A      Bike (40km) - N/A      Run (10km) - 30:36

**Most influential person in sporting career:** my father Rainhard Petzold and Bill Davoran (former Aus

**Sponsors:** German Federal Armed Forces, Savings Bank Bautzen, Asics, PowerBar, Sporthilfe, Oberlausitzer, Speen, Cube Bikes

### PERSONAL

**Profession:** Triathlete      **Marital Status:** engaged

**Education:** High School of technique, one year studied Sport science

**Language(s):** German, English, Sorbisch      **Sibling(s):**

**Father's Occupation:** toolmaker      **Mother's Occupation:** Environmental advisor

### Family History in Sport:

My father was one of the first triathletes in the former East Germany. He did his first Triathlon in 1984 and placed 1st in the first official triathlon. He did Ironman Hawaii in 1993 (AG 40-45) and placed 4th. He also competed in Duathlon World Championships in 1997 in Ferrera, Italy (AG 40-45) and came 2nd. My older sister Tina and my mother Angela they also had respectable results in Triathlons.

**Goals outside Triathlon:** My Family and my Girlfriend Nadine as well as some sport business projects

**Other valuable information:** Thanks to the triathlon "Family" around the world: sponsors/friends for making life great and this wonderful sport more popular

**Website:** [www.maik-petzold.de](http://www.maik-petzold.de)

## **CAREER**

### **Ranking History:**

2008 - 17th    2007 - 40th    2006 - 20th    2005 - 18th    2004 - 12th    2003 - 31st    2002 - 21st  
2001 - 45th

*Rankings unavailable prior to 2000*

### **World Cup Highlights:**

2004 Salford World Cup winner (Salford, GBR)

3 World Cup medals

### **World Championships Highlights:**

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series - 4th Place (Kitzbu

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series - 3rd Place (Wash

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series - 4th Place (Madri

2006 Triathlon World Championships - 13th Place (Lausanne, SUI)

2005 Triathlon World Championships - 14th Place (Gamagori, JPN)

2002 Triathlon World Championships - 6th Place (Cancun, MEX)

### **Olympics:**

2004 Olympic Games - 19th Place (Athens, GRE)

### **Other:**

2007 Triathlon European Championships - 5th Place (Copenhagen, DEN)

2004 Triathlon European Championships - 4th Place (Valencia, ESP)

2003 German National Champion

2002 Triathlon European Championships - Bronze Medallist (Gyor, HUN)

2000 Triathlon European Championships - 5th Place (Stein, NED)