

NATE'S 2009
SPORTING
ACHIEVEMENTS:

- + **Ranked 2nd** FIS World Cup 08/09
- + **2nd** Valmalenco, Italy
- + **2nd** Bardonecchia, Italy
- + **2nd** Perisher Blue, Australia
- + **3rd** Stoneham, Canada
- + **4th** Park City, Utah
- + **3rd** Copper, Colorado

VANCOUVER 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

KEEP YOUR EYE ON:

Nathan 'NATE' Johnstone

THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS KICKS OFF IN VANCOUVER CANADA ON 12 FEBRUARY, AND AUSSIE LAD NATHAN 'NATE' JOHNSTONE IS HOPING FOR A GOLDEN TICKET TO RIDE!

At the time of writing, after qualifying for the Australian Winter Olympic Team, this 19-year-old snowboarder from Mona Vale (Sydney) is looking to compete in the men's halfpipe event, having finished the 2008/09 season ranked number two on the World Cup standings.

It is his first Olympic Games and Nate is undeniably excited to be competing in such a prominent event as one of Australia's youngest winter Olympians.

After a momentous year, Nate confesses that 'already being qualified feels good, so the pressure is off for the rest of the year.'

Having racked up a stack of sporting achievements Nate has hurtled into international prominence in record time.

He recently won the NSWIS (NSW Institute of Sport) Junior Athlete of the Year, earning him recognition as a bonafide elite athlete.

And if that isn't enough, the Olympic Winter Institute (OWI) snapped him up in April 2008 and offered him a scholarship program, and he hasn't looked back since.

When asked about the best type of training for Olympic pipe competitions, Nate simply

recommends 'riding pipe'. He adds, 'But I think riding jumps and free-riding when there's POW (powder) also helps your pipe riding a lot'.

Nate's training includes twice weekly strength sessions at the gym, but if he manages to make it home, his schedule becomes filled with lots of surfing and relaxation.

In addition, when not honing his tricks and turns in exotic mountain locations around the world, the Rip Curl-sponsored rider spends his spare time surfing locally in Mona Vale, hanging out with friends and skateboarding.

Since the age of 10, when he was first introduced to snowboarding by his father in Smiggins (Perisher, NSW), Nate's ambition has been to make it to the Winter Olympics.

His personal motto is to 'live life to its fullest', which we're sure he will, when the world sets its focus on Vancouver come February.

And although Nate is exactly where he wants to be, of his future he aims to 'just keep enjoying snowboarding and progressing'.

Aussies can tune in on 17 February to watch Nate hit the halfpipe with the rest of the world's best snowboarders.

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