



HAYLEY WICKENHEISER

Bio Synopsis

Hayley Wickenheiser is regarded as one of the best female hockey players in the world. As a decorated Olympian, she has led her team to four gold and one silver medal as well as being named the tournaments' most valuable player in both 2002 and 2006. For the 2014 Sochi Olympics Hayley was selected to be the flag bearer for the Canadian Olympic team in the Opening Ceremonies. During those same Olympics it was announced that she had been elected to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes Commission. As part of the Canadian Women's National Team since age 15, Hayley has won seven gold and four silver medals at Women's World Hockey Championships. In non-Olympic years, Hayley keeps her skills sharp by playing with the University of Calgary Dinos while pursuing her Kinesiology degree with a future goal in medicine.

Off the ice, Hayley's achievements include: Sports Illustrated number 20 of 25 Toughest Athletes in the World, a two-time finalist for the Women's Sports Foundation Team Athlete of The Year, twice named among the Globe and Mail's "Power 50" influencers in sport, and named among QMI Agency's top 10 "Greatest Female Athletes in the History of Sports." In 2011, Hayley was appointed to the **Order of Canada** "for her achievements as an athlete and for her contributions to the growth of women's hockey."

Hayley's passion for sport is paralleled by her drive to give back to the community, particularly to organizations with a commitment to youth such as [Plan International Because I am a Girl](#), [KidSport](#), [Right To Play](#), [Clean Air Champions](#), and [Spread The Net](#).

Hayley was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan and is a proud mom to her son Noah.

Additional info:

- Also an elite softball player, Hayley participated in the 2000 Summer Olympics as a member of Team Canada and worked as a Softball Analyst with CBC's coverage of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.
- in 2003, Hayley made history by becoming the first female hockey player to score a point in a men's professional game with the Kirkkonummen Salamat of the Finnish second division. She also played in Eskilstuna, Sweden with a men's professional division-one hockey team for the 08-09 season.

