

# ROSS POWERS

Ross Powers had an extraordinary career in snowboarding competition and continues to this day to contribute to success of others who are following in his wake on the slopes.



He was the winner of the first medals by an American once snowboarding made it to the Olympics. During the course of his career as a competitor he would win just about every event that there was while also demonstrating leadership and good sportsmanship to the benefit of all snowboarders.

He was only nine years old when he competed in his first U.S. Snowboarding Open. Six years later he was first in the U.S. Nationals in the halfpipe event and earned a place on the U.S. national team. The next year saw his first World Cup win. There would be 23 World Cup podium achievements during his career. He won the FIS Halfpipe World Championship in 1996.

One of his career highlights was his bronze medal at the 1998 Olympics. It was the first American Olympic medal in snowboarding. Four years later at the Olympics in Park City he won the gold in an event swept by the U.S. team. He was a dominant figure in the sport during this time winning the Gravity Games and the World Championship in 2000. During his career he won just about every title possible. After moving from the halfpipe to boarder-cross competition in 2007 he earned several more podium results.

He is just as successful in his post competi-



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tive career. Since 2010 he has been the director for the Stratton Mountain Snowboard School leading his team to numerous Rev Tour victories and World Cup top results. Several of his athletes have made it to the U.S. snowboard team.

In 2013 he was the recipient for the Buddy Werner Award for his excellence as a competitor and leader in our sport. He has established the Ross Powers Foundation to help talented riders with funds for education, travel and competition. This Level Field Fund has assisted dozens of athletes.



## Ross Powers

Born Feb. 10, 1979

Resides in Vermont

### Career Awards & Highlights

#### 1996

Gold medal, FIS World Championships

#### 1998

Olympic bronze medalist, Winter X Games double gold medalist

#### 2000

Gold medalist, Goodwill Games, Gravity Games, World Championship

#### 2002

Olympic gold medalist

#### 2010 to present

Stratton Mountain Snowboard School Director

#### 2013

Buddy Werner Award, Inducted into the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame