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U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

Candidate's Name: **Tracie Max Sachs**

Date & Place of Birth: **October 28, 1972** **Long Island, New York**

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Is the candidate still living? **YES**

Nominator information:

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For what category are you nominating this candidate?

Athlete: **Yes**

An 8 x 10 photograph of the candidate must be supplied: yes

State why the candidate merits election to the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

During the 1800's the mining towns in the Western mountains created a contest on skis, "speed skiing" was created. This was many years before F.I.S. rules and regulations. These miners would compete over doping (wax) and prize money, fastest and first down wins. Fast forward to today and that event is still being held with innovation and technology taking center stage.

Several of alpine ski racing events are contemporary creations. Speed Skiing is the mother/father of alpine racing and is still going strong. Among the strongest, toughest, fastest and most decorated is Tracie Max Sachs.

At age three, Tracie was enrolled in the Hunter Mt. Racing Team where she competed in slalom and G.S. races. In the late 1990's Hunter Mt. held a speed ski event, and she was hooked for speed. Fast forward to her speed skiing career.

In 1999 she borrowed a pair of 240 cm skis and headed for Colorado for a speed skiing race. That year she came in 3rd at U. S. Nationals. In 1999 she wound up ranked 2nd in the U.S. and 3rd in the World with a top speed of 125.000 mph. In 2000 she was the highest ranked U.S. woman, and 2nd place in the World. Her top speed that year was 132.500 mph. In 2001 she duplicated her time and was ranked 3rd in world. In 2002, she was 1st in the U.S. and 2nd in world with her speed of 140.450 mph.

Tracie's first World Cup "Crystal Globe" year was 2003. She was overall FIS Speed Ski World Cup Champion and U.S. Champion, her fastest time was 142.200 mph. Though she didn't improve on her fastest speed, she won the overall speed ski globe again in 2004 and 2005. Additionally, in 2005, she was crowned FIS World Champion, a title that is only given every 2 years. In 2006, she earned another World Cup Globe, Her fastest time that year was 148.270. 2007 capped off her string of 5 Globes.

The record for the most consecutive wins of the FIS Speed Ski World Cup titles (Crystal Globe's) is 5 and was achieved by Tracie Sachs (USA) from 2003-07. The feat of gaining 5 consecutive World Cup titles in the sport of skiing has only been equaled once, by Annemarie Moser-Proell, for her overall Alpine skiing performance between 1971-75. The speed is staggering – 238.57 or 148.27 miles per hour, Tracie is the fastest American woman ever. A new world record was established in March, 2016, Tracie is now 4th fastest in world, after being 3rd for a decade.

During Tracie's 13 years of competing she has compiled 81 podiums including 29 1st place finishes, 31 2nd place, and 21 3rd place finishes.

After more than a decade of racing on an elite level, with several knee injuries, surgery and physical therapy, she chose to retire in 2013. Tracie continues to ski and inspire kids to race and has dedicated her career to skiing and teaching children.

P.S. It should be noted that not a lot of women have the courage and skill to even try this sport.

In chronological order by year, list the candidate's achievements:

Fastest speed: **238.57 km/h** or **148.27 mph**, achieved in 2006, 4th fastest women's speed in history, **American women's record**.

Results between 1999 and 2012. (color coded)

First place: 29; Second place: 31; Third place: 21 (Pro and FIS inclusive) –Total of **81** Podiums, **95** race starts.

5 FIS World Cup Globes 1st place, 2005 FIS World Champion, 2004 Pro World Champion

FIS World Cup overall 2nd place - 1, FIS World cup Overall 3rd place - 1, FIS World Championships 2nd place -1, FIS World Championships 3rd place - 2

2012		
FIS World Cup	Verbier, Switzerland	3 rd Place
Injured MCL again - retirement		

2011		
FIS World Championships	Verbier, Switzerland	5 th Place
Injured MCL		

2010		
FIS World Cup	Verbier, Switzerland	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup	Salla, Finland	1 st Place
Knee pain, thinking of retiring.		

2009		
FIS World Cup	Salla, Finland	3 rd Place
FIS World Cup	Salla, Finland	3 rd Place
FIS World Cup	Verbier, Switzerland	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup	Verbier, Switzerland	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup Overall		3 rd Place

2008		
FIS World Cup	Vars, France	4 th Place
Injured ACL - surgery		

2007		
FIS World Cup 1	Salla, Finland	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 2	Salla, Finland	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup 3	Idre, Sweden	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup 4	Sun Peaks, Canada	3 rd Place
FIS World Cup 5	Sun Peaks, Canada	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 6	Badminterndorf, Austria	1st Place
FIS World Cup 7	Cervinia, Italy	1 st Place

Velocity Challenge (pro)	Sun Peaks, Canada	1 st Place
Red Rock Cup (pro)	Les Arcs, France	1 st Place
Salvaggio Memorial Race (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2 nd Place
Speed Master (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2 nd Place
Speed Master (pro)	Verbier, Switzerland	2 nd Place
World Cup Overall		1 st Place

2006		
FIS World Cup 1	Sun Peaks, Canada	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 2	Sun Peaks, Canada	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 3	Orsa, Sweden	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 5	Verbier, Switzerland	2 nd Place
X Games	Goldeck, Austria	1 st Place
French Championships (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2 nd Place
Red Rock Cup (pro)	Les Arcs, France	1 st Place
Pro Mondial (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2 nd Place
Velocity Challenge (pro)	Sun Peaks, Canada	1 st Place
World Cup Overall		1 st Place

2005		
FIS World Cup 1	Salla, Finland	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup 2	Goldeck, Austria	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 3	Reutte, Austria	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 4	Sun Peaks, Canada	3 rd Place
FIS World Cup 5	Leysin, Switzerland	3 rd Place
FIS World Cup 6	Leysin, Switzerland	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 7	Cervinia, Italy	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 8	Verbier, Switzerland	3 rd Place
FIS World Championships	Cervinia, Italy	1 st Place
Pro Mondial (pro)	Les Arcs, France	3 rd Place
World Cup Overall		1 st Place

2004		
FIS World Cup 1	Leysin Switzerland	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 2	Leysin, Switzerland	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 3	Sun Peaks, Canada	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 4	Sun Peaks, Canada	2 nd Place
FIS World Cup 5	Cervinia, Italy	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 6	Cervinia, Italy	1 st Place
FIS World Cup 7	Hundfjället, Sweden	2 nd Place
X Games	Goldeck, Austria	1 st Place
Velocity Challenge (pro)	Sun Peaks, Canada	2 nd Place
Red Rock Cup (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2 nd Place
Pro Mondial (pro)	Cars, France	2 nd Place
Pro Mondial (pro)	Les Arc, France	1 st Place
Xspeedski/ Swiss Champs (pro)	Verbier, Switzerland	1 st Place
World Cup Overall		1 st Place

Pro Mondial Overall	1st Place
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2003		
Velocity Challenge	Sun Peaks, Canada	1st Place
FIS World Cup	Sun Peaks, Canada	1st Place
FIS World Cup	Cervinia, Italy	3rd Place
FIS World Cup	Hundjället, Sweden	2nd Place
FIS World Cup	Loser/ Altaussee, Austria	2nd Place
FIS World Championships	Salla, Finland	2nd Place
Invitational Race (pro)	Goldeck, Austria	2nd Place
World Cup Overall		1st Place

2002		
Red Rock Cup (pro)	Les Arcs, France	3rd Place
Swedish Cup (pro)	Hundfjället, Sweden	2nd Place
Pro Mondial (pro)	Les Arcs, France	3rd Place
Swiss Championship (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2nd Place
Swiss Cup (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2nd Place
FIS World Cup	Loser, Austria	2nd Place
FIS World Cup	Tauplitz Alm, Austria	2nd Place
US Championship (pro)	Aspen, Co. USA	3rd Place
World Cup Overall		2nd Place

2001		
FIS World Championship	Cervinia, Italy	3rd Place
Pro Mondial (pro)	Les, Arcs, France	3rd Place
French Cup (pro)	Le Plagne, France	3rd Place

2000		
FIS World Cup	Idre, Sweden	3rd Place
FIS World Cup	Cervinia, Italy	2nd Place
FIS World Cup	Salla, Finland	2nd Place
French Championship	Les Arcs, France	2nd Place, 1st Foreigner
Pro Mondial (pro)	Les Arcs, France	3rd Place
Swiss Cup (pro)	Grimentz, Switzerland	1st Place
Swiss Cup (pro)	Les Arcs, France	3rd Place

1999		
FIS World Cup	Idre, Sweden	3rd Place
FIS World Championships	Hundfjället, Sweden	3rd Place
French Championships (pro)	Les Arcs, France	2nd place, 1st Foreigner
Red Bull US Championships (pro)	Snowmass, Co. USA	3rd Place
Rocky Mt. Championship (Pro)	Snowmass, Co. USA	2nd Place

On one page provide additional data, anecdotes, etc. that you feel are pertinent to this nomination:

Speed skiing is the fastest non-motorized sport on earth. A speed skier can go zero to 100 mph in less than 10 seconds. Tracie's fastest speed achieved so far is 148.27 mph, or 238.57 Km/h. Tracie's Atomic speed skis are 7' 8" long, and weigh 13 pounds without bindings.

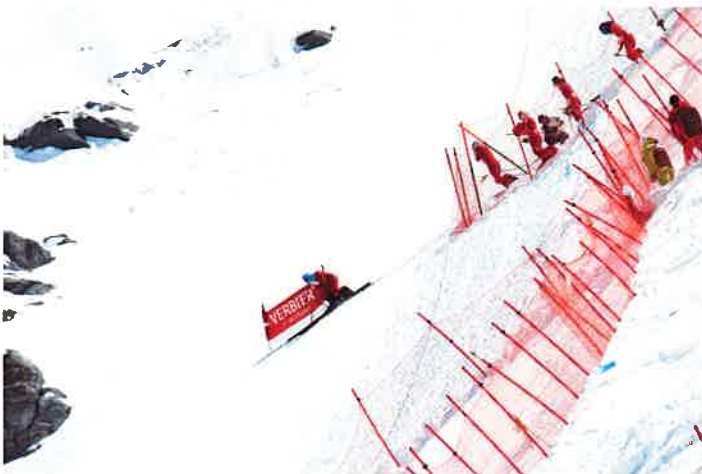
The record for the most consecutive wins of the FIS Speed Ski World Cup is 5 and was achieved by Tracie Sachs (USA) from 2003-07. Her speed was recorded at 148.27 mph/ 238.57 km/h, an American women's Speed Ski record, and 4th fastest ever in the world.

Just how did a Long Island woman measuring just 5-foot-3 and weighing a mere 120 pounds get into such a thing? "I had been skiing since I was 3, but in the late 1990s, when I was in grad school, I continued to come back East and ski at Hunter Mountain," Sachs says. "There was an annual speed skiing event at Hunter, and my sister did it. I saw a video of her and thought it was the coolest thing ever."

She dabbled in the speed skiing thing with her sister when she visited Hunter during the time she was earning her masters degree in art, but it was in 1999, after she moved back to New York, when she had the revelation. "I was bartending at The Village Idiot saloon, so I had the time to ski. Naga Kusumi, who organized the events at Hunter, took me aside and said I needed something more challenging. He encouraged me to attend the national championships that year in Snowmass, Colorado." Kusumi set her up with a pair of his 240cm skis, an aerodynamic helmet, and even found a woman Sachs' size who let her borrow a speed suit. "It was tough finding all the equipment, but I wound up with all the cool stuff," she says. "A couple of weeks after speaking with Naga, I had tickets to Colorado." Getting used to speed skis can be a crash course - literally. Skiers can reach the 100- mph mark within 5 seconds of leaving the gate, so a good stance from the outset is imperative. Sachs took a week to get used to the borrowed skis and wound up taking third at the nationals, reaching a speed of 115 mph. That was that! "I was hooked. I thought, 'Wow, I can't believe I did that in my first race'"

She finished 1999 ranked third in the world after hitting 125 mph - or 200 kmh. The American record was 231.5 km/h, and Sachs believed she could better that. After winning World Cup titles in 2003 through 05, she then won it again in 2006, while setting that American mark. "On the run previous to my breaking the record, I had done 228 (km/h) to break my personal record," Sachs says. "I knew I could go 5km/h faster, but when I saw I did 238, I was just screaming." As successful as 2006 was, it also took its toll physically. In 2007, Sachs was in eighth place with a shredded anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee, deteriorating meniscus in the same knee, and sore ribs. "I decided - against some people's judgment - to go for it," Sachs says. She went to Sweden, and was able to get into her tuck on a few training runs. She placed fifth. In another Swedish race that March, she placed second. Then there was a second-place finish and a win in Finland. She won another race in Italy and almost made the men's podium with her fast speed. "I was completely relaxed at that race," Sachs says. "I won by 3km/h and was fourth in the men's standings. That gave me enough points to win the World Cup overall. This one was pretty special, because I was pretty injured." She competed in up to 12 races a year, 8 were F.I.S World Cup races, the other events were pro races in which world speed records are established. One year she competed in Holland at an indoor event. Tracie set an indoor women's speed record, and beat all the men except for one, (Miller Reid). Tracie's motivation to keep going despite injury and to always strive to be the best is inspiring.

Tracie has dedicated her life to skiing. Upon retirement from Speed Skiing on a World Class level, Tracie drew her attention to teaching kids. Tracie is an active ski instructor in Verbier, Switzerland and is one of very few Americans who is trying to achieve getting her very sought after Swiss Ski instructor's license. She has already passed her first level exams and is continuing to train and achieve higher levels of a Swiss Snow Sports degree. In addition, Tracie consults the FIS Speed Ski committee each fall, offering advice and her personal knowledge of the sport. She is in charge of race inscription for the Swiss Team and helps American speed skiers and is always available to help rookie speedsters get started in the sport. She has been on several race committees in Switzerland, running new events to promote new youth entering the sport from all over the world. Tracie has also been able to pursue her background in art and has opened a gallery with several other artists focusing on alpine art.



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