

CURT HARNETT

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The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame recognizes exceptional contributions to the sport of Cycling by both Athletes and Builders.

The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Curt Harnett as an inductee for 2015 given his status of Canada's most prolific Olympic medal winning cyclist.

Curt has represented Canada four times at the Olympic Games, bringing home three medals. In 1984, he won silver in the 1,000m time trial, along with a bronze in the 1992 and 1996 match sprint. He has enjoyed multi-medal winning success at other major Games including two match sprint silver medals from the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth Games. As well, he won a gold 1,000m time trial medal and bronze match sprint medal at the 1987 Pan American Games.

On top of these achievements, he was the first man to break the 10-second barrier for 200m. He set the record of 9.865 seconds in 1995 in Bogota, Colombia, averaging a speed of nearly 73 km/h; he held the astounding record for 11 years.

He holds two World Championship silver medals and five gold and three silver medals from World Cup competitions.

Domestically he won more than 30 Canadian Track Cycling Championship titles over his career that concluded after the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Since retirement he has toured as a motivational speaker and assisted numerous

causes. He draws on his own experiences in the sport to encourage young Canadians to aim high and reach their dreams.

Curt has remained an involved member of the Canadian cycling community. He was a colour commentator at the Olympics in Sydney (2000), Athens (2004) and London (2012), and has been involved with numerous charities across Canada including the Special Olympics and Right to Play.

He has also given back through his involvement with the Board of Directors for the Canadian Cycling Association and as a member of the Board of Directors for World Bicycle Relief Canada. In addition Curt has served the Canadian Olympic Committee as Assistant Chef de Mission for Canada's team at the 2011 Pan Am Games and lead Canada's Pan Am Team to their best ever results as Chef de Mission for Canada at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games. He reprised his role as Chef de Mission for Canada's Rio 2016 Olympic Team with similar success.