

## Hayley Wickenheiser

Hayley Wickenheiser is a well-respected teammate, community leader, mentor and businesswoman. This Shaunavon, Saskatchewan native does not only have her incredible slap shot to be proud of; she is a four-time Olympic medalist and listed in Sports Illustrated's Top 25 Toughest Women Athletes, Globe & Mail's "Power 50" Influencers in Sports and Top 10 Greatest Female Athletes in the History of Sports

It all began at the young age of 15, when Hayley was chosen for the Canadian Women's National Hockey Team. She would go ahead to lead her team to three gold medals and one silver and landed herself in the history books in 2003, by becoming the first female hockey player to burry the puck behind the Kirkkonummen Salamat goaltender, a Finnish second division-one men's professional hockey team. Not only can she maneuver her way around the ice but she is also known for hitting it out of the ball park, with her softball skills. Hayley participated in the Summer Olympics to dominate in another sport, where she gained more titles such as All-Canadian Shortstop and Top Batter. She also led Canada with the team's highest batting average in the Summer Olympics, in 2000.

Hayley's enthusiasm for sports is equivalent to her passion for giving back to the community. She lends a helping hand to many organizations, especially those with strong values toward youth. A few of these organizations are KidSport, Right to Play, Dreams Take Flight, Clean Air Champions and Spread the Net. In 2007, Hayley traveled to Rwanda with fellow teammates to assist in the Right to Play Foundation. Since then, Hayley has continued to head back to Africa to be of assistance with an organization that she is so dedicated to.

As a graduate of the University of Calgary, in the Bachelor of Science, Hayley is continuously using her education to try to raise awareness of women's hockey around the world and creating opportunities to mentor young athletes. She is currently planning a second annual Wickenheiser International Women's Hockey Festival in Burnby, BC, bringing together young women to partake in hockey skill camps and tournaments.

Hayley is living in Calgary, Alberta with eleven year old son, Noah. She is presently a kinesiology student, at the University of Calgary, chasing her existing dream of becoming a doctor.