

Steve Hooker

Sports speaker, Olympic pole vaulter

Steve Hooker is an outstanding sports speaker and world champion pole vaulter.

In 2010 he was the only international athlete to hold all five major titles; Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, World Indoor Championships and IAAF Continental Cup. Steve holds the event record in four of the five major championships: a 2008 Olympic record, 2006 Commonwealth Games record, 2010 World Indoor Championship record and 2010 Continental Cup record. His 5.95m clearance at the Continental Cup was the leading jump in the world.



Steve Hooker is the first Australian man to ever hold both the Olympic and world titles concurrently and can rightfully be considered Australia's greatest ever field athlete.

On top of his remarkable sporting achievements, Steve Hooker is an enthusiastic, engaging and highly popular sports speaker who is equally comfortable delivering a keynote presentation or presenting a question and answer session. A very down to earth individual, with a knock-about Aussie sense of humour, he entertains, inspires and, most importantly, leaves a lasting positive message.

More about Steve Hooper:

When Steve Hooker won gold at the Beijing Olympics in 2008, he became an instant champion. He was the first Australian field athlete to win Olympic Gold in 60 years and Australia's first-ever Olympic Gold winner in his particular event. Furthermore, Steve became the first Australian male track or field athlete to win a gold medal since 1968 and the first Australian athletics Olympic champion since Cathy Freeman in 2000.

In dramatic circumstances, Steve Hooker twice cleared clutch jumps on his third attempt in the final, before clinching the gold medal with yet another third attempt clearance at 5.90m. Having secured the gold medal, he went on to break the Olympic record with another third and final attempt heart-stopper at 5.96m.

Steve continued his phenomenal run in 2009 when he defeated world class fields in New York, Boston, Paris, Donetsk, Stockholm, Sydney and Melbourne before claiming gold in the IAAF World Championships in Berlin. That win was even more significant given that he had to train and compete with an injury - having torn his thigh muscle just 12 days before the final.

In 2009, Steve Hooker, who is the 'Australian Flame' track & field team captain, became pole-vaulting history's second-highest jumper when he achieved a 6.06m national record in Boston. A year later he continued his dominance when he won all three major events of the season; the World Indoor Championships, IAAF Continental Cup and Commonwealth Games.

Steve Hooker's achievements on the field have cemented his position as not only the best pole vaulter on the planet but also the best form field athlete in the world. In recognition of his incredible talent, Steve was named as an Official Ambassador of the prestigious IAAF Diamond League Series alongside athletes the calibre of Usain Bolt, Tyson Gay, Asafa Powell, Blanka Vasic and Sanya Richards, to name a few.

Steve comes from a family of athletic champions. His mother Erica Hooker was a 1972 Olympian and a 1978 Commonwealth Games long jump silver medallist. She also won nine national titles. His father Bill represented Australia in the 800m and 4 x 400m at the 1974 Commonwealth Games and won four national crowns.

Steve Hooker's Achievements:

- 2010: Olympic, World, World Indoor, IAAF Continental Cup and Commonwealth Champion; GQ Magazine Sportsman of the Year; 1st World Indoor Championships (6.01m Championship Record)
- 2009, 2010: Nominated for IAAF Male Athlete of the Year
- 2009: 1st IAAF World Championships (5.90m); Athlete of the Year, Athletics Australia, International Athlete of the Year; Gold in International Meets in New York, Boston, Paris, Donetsk and Stockholm
- 2008 Gold: Beijing Olympic Games (5.96m Olympic Record); Gold: Telstra Australian Championships
- 2006 Gold: Melbourne Commonwealth Games; Gold: World Cup
- Former Holder of the 'Don Award' as the Athlete who Most Inspired the Nation

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