

Irene Cadurisch

Lives in	Maloja
Date of birth	23 October 1991
Squad	Swiss Ski, Biathlon
Career	1998 - 2004 Primary school, Sils 2004 - 2007 Grammar school, Academia Engiadina, Samedan 2007 - 2010 High Alpine Institute grammar school, Ftan Sports academy with Swiss baccalaureate 2011 Top-class sport RS, Magglingen 2012 Training to become a border guard
Free time	Mountain sports, climbing, ski touring, cross-country skiing, kayaking, biking, nature, being at home, family
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Biography

I had hardly learnt to walk and before I knew it I was on cross-country skis; by the 2nd year of school I already wanted to become a cross-country skier or a federal councillor. I didn't know anything about biathlon yet. For me, the winter weekend cross-country races were the highlights.

Having grown up on a small organic mountain farm in Isola between Sils and Maloja, I had an exciting route to school which I took by bike, cross-country skis or on foot. I often got the fast farmyard dog to pull me to kindergarten across frozen Lake Sils, and this is how I learned to love the pace.

I gladly helped out on the farm and looked after our goats high up below the Piz La Margna and helped with mountain haymaking or cheese production. I also did classical ballet for a long time and played the violin for several years. All of this formed the basis for my success today. When I was 17, I switched to biathlon.

Fortunately, I found school relatively easy. At the age of 19, I reached my intermediate goal, the Swiss baccalaureate (Matura). Full of determination, I went into top-class sport basic military training and when I was only 20, I started training as a border guard.

I made a convincing impression at the Olympic Games in South Korea with 2 diplomas and 2 top 30 rankings. At the World Championships in Pokljuka (SLO) in 2021, I earned 8th place in the individual and 9th place in the single-mixed relay. I qualified for my third Olympic Games in Beijing in 2022. The diploma for 8th place in the relay at my first Olympic Games in Sochi (2014), which was sent retrospectively in 2022, was a positive sign after the collapse at the Beijing Games. I had to skip the 2022/23 season for health reasons.



Achievements

Best achievements

Olympic Winter Games

3 editions:

Sochi 2014 / PyeongChang 2018 / Beijing 2022

- 6th place relay (PyeongChang 2018)
- 8th place sprint (PyeongChang 2018)
- 8th place relay (Sochi 2014)
- 16th place pursuit (PyeongChang 2018)
- 28th place mass start (PyeongChang 2018)

World Cup

- 14th place sprint (Nové Město 2021)
- 30th place individual (Antholz 2021)
- 33rd place pursuit (Oberhof 2021)
- 26th place sprint (Hochfilzen 2020)
- 30th place sprint (Kontiolati 2020)
- 6th place relay (Pokljuka 2020)
- 5th place relay (Oslo 2018)
- 5th place relay (Hochfilzen 2017)
- 10th place relay (Ruhpolding 2014)
- 19th place sprint (Pokljuka 2014)
- 24th place sprint (Antholz 2016)
- 29th place pursuit (Poljuka 2014)
- 33rd place sprint (Oslo 2018)

World Championships

2 editions: Oslo 2016/Pokljuka 2021

- 8th place individual (Pokljuka 2021)
- 9th place relay (Pokljuka 2021)

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- 3rd place sprint (Idre 2021)
- 4th place supersprint (Sjusjoen 2021)
- 2nd place sprint (Brezno 2020)
- 5th place pursuit (Sjuseon 2019)
- 5th place sprint (Arber 2018)
- 5th place single mixed relay (Otepää 2017)
- 5th place mixed relay (Ruhpolding 2014)

Junior World Championships/European Championships

- 6th place relay (Nové Město 2011)
- 7th place individual (Ridnaun 2011)
- 8th place relay (Kontiolahti 2012)
- 10th place sprint (Kontiolahti 2012)

EYOF/Youth Olympics

- 2nd place sprint (Slask-Beskidy 2009)
- 3rd place pursuit (Slask-Beskidy 2009)

Swiss Championships

Two-time Swiss champion