



# ERIN HAMLIN

**2009 World Champion, 2009 National Champion  
Top Ranked American in Women's Luge  
2006 Olympian**

Birthdate	11/19/1986
Hometown	Remsen, NY
Resides	Lake Placid, NY
Height	5'7"

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2009 USA Luge "Female Athlete of the Year"
- 2009 Norton U.S. National Championship (Lake Placid, NY)- 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 2009 World Championships (Lake Placid, NY)- 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 2009 United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Athlete of the Month (February)
- 2008 USA Luge "Female Athlete of the Year"
- 2008 Verizon U.S. National Champion
- 2007 World Cup team relay gold medalist
- 2006 Challenge Cup -silver medal (won first career individual senior international medal)
- 2006 Winter Olympic Games (Torino, Italy)- 12<sup>th</sup> place
- 2005 Junior World Luge Championships team event bronze medalist
- 2005, 2004 Two-time Verizon U.S. Junior Women's Singles National Champion
- 2004 USA Luge "Junior Female Athlete of the Year"
- 2003 Youth A women's singles overall World Cup bronze medalist

## MEDIA EXPOSURE AND ACCOLADES

Erin has been featured in a number of print publications as well as internet and television media including *Sports Illustrated*, *ESPN*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, CTV Olympics (Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media) and local NBC network affiliates.

- (2009) Spokesperson for the National Headache Foundation
- (2009) USA Today "Athlete of the Week" (week of February 9, 2009)
- (2009) ESPN.com "One Year Out: Athletes to Watch for 2010"
- (2009) CTV Olympics (Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media) "Athlete to Watch"
- (2009) USOC "Going for the Gold: Spotlight on Erin Hamlin"
- (2009) The Denver Post "Faces of the 2010 Vancouver Games- Five American's to Watch"
- (2009) The Chicago Tribune "The Ones to Watch 1 Year Before the 2010 Winter Olympics"
- (2005) Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd" (March 28, 2005)

## BACKGROUND

Erin Hamlin is ranked number one in the U.S. and sixth in the world in women's luge.

Erin was first introduced the sport of luge at the age of 12 through a USA Luge Slider Search in Syracuse, NY. After being selected to a development team, she began training in Lake Placid, NY where she continues to reside. A member of the Junior National Team from 2003-2006 and competitor on the Junior World Cup Circuit from 2002-2005, Erin captured two Junior National Championship titles, and a collection of Junior World Cup medals.

Making the World Cup Team in the fall of 2005 landed her on the senior circuit where she raced her way onto the 2006 Olympic Team. In Torino, Italy she slid to a 12th place finish at only 19 years old. Named to the Senior National Team Select the following season ('06-'07), she continued her young career full force, posting top ten results, winning team and individual medals, and is the reigning 2008 Verizon U.S. National Champion. At the time, Hamlin was also a sectional all-star in both soccer and track at her high school.

Since the Torino Games, Hamlin won gold in the team relay event at the 2007 World Cup, finished seventh in the 2008 World Cup and sixth in the 2008 Challenge Cup. Erin finished eighth in the women's race and fifth in the team relay at the 2008 World Championships.

On February 6, 2009 Erin Hamlin's luge career slid into full speed as she won the gold medal in the women's singles event at the 2009 FIL World Luge Championships in Lake Placid, becoming the first U.S. woman to ever medal at the Luge World Championships. This marked the first time in 99 races that a German woman was not the top finisher.

Hamlin was ranked sixth in the world entering the World Championships. She will now carry the title of World Champion to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.



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