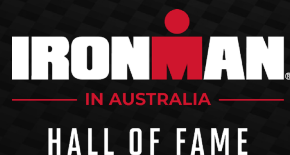# CRAIG ALEXANDER

Craig Alexander's achievements in the world of IRONMAN are outstanding and worthy of a place in the IRONMAN in Australia Hall of Fame. The Sydney-based athlete has won the IRONMAN World Championship on three occasions, in 2008, 2009 and 2011, and the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship in 2006 and 2011.

Craig took part in his first triathlon at the age of 20 in 1993, having had his first taste of the sport through the broadcast of the IRONMAN World Championship. After Greg Welch won the IRONMAN World Championship in 1994 he was inspired to take the sport more seriously, contesting his first triathlon as a professional in 1995, finishing eighth at the ITU World Cup in Sydney. Craig raced his first IRONMAN 70.3 in 1997, graduating from University in the same year. A turning point in Craig's career came in 2002, where illness kept him out of the Australian Commonwealth Games team, so he headed to the United States, racing predominantly there for the next decade.

In 2006 Craig won the inaugural IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship, making his IRONMAN World Championship a year later where he finished second, going on to win the event in 2008 and 2009, becoming just the fourth male to defend the title. In 2011 he became the first person to win both the IRONMAN and IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships in the same year.

Accomplishments
3 x IRONMAN World Champion – 2008, 2009, 2011
2 x IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion – 2006, 2011
IRONMAN World Championship Record (2011 – 8:03:56)
5 x Triathlon World Champion
Named Australian Sportsperson of the Year in 2009
Awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2015