

Natalie Coughlin

American swimmer and five-time Olympic medallist who has become the first woman to go under 59 (58.97 seconds) in 100m backstroke



■ **Born:** Aug 23, 1982
in Vallejo, California

■ **Career:** Broke the world record as a member of the 4x200m freestyle relay at the Athens Games – her lead-off split would have won gold in the individual 200m event

Olympic gold.

100m backstroke: 2004

4x200m freestyle relay: 2004

Silver. 4x100m freestyle relay: 2004

4x100m medley relay: 2004

Bronze. 100m freestyle: 2004