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ABOUT ROCKY

Rocky is a recreational athlete based in Danville, CA, United States with an interest in Running / Jogging, Fitness / Gym, Cycling, Marathon, and Triathlon. Rocky is open to exploring new brand partnerships, sponsorships, and other opportunities.

ATHLETE PROFILE

Name	**Rocky Michaels**
Location	**Danville, CA, United States**
Athlete Status	**Recreational Athlete**
Sports / Activities	**Running / Jogging • Fitness / Gym • Cycling • Marathon • Triathlon**
Available for Opportunities	**Yes**

Rocky's passion for endurance sports began in the early 1990s when he witnessed the legendary Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon, an experience that sparked a lifelong fascination with the sport. Having competed in track and cross-country throughout high school, Rocky already possessed a strong running foundation, but he never imagined that his curiosity about triathlons would evolve into an incredible 25-year journey of athletic achievement and personal growth. Starting with Sprint triathlons, he steadily challenged himself through Olympic-distance races, Half-Ironmans, and eventually the ultimate endurance test — the Full Ironman. Over the years, Rocky has completed an impressive 4 Full Ironmans, 21 Half-Ironmans, and countless other triathlon events, demonstrating extraordinary dedication, discipline, and perseverance.

As his journey progressed, Rocky discovered that triathlon was about far more than swimming, cycling,

and running. It became a lifestyle that taught him the importance of proper nutrition, listening to his body, maintaining balance, and appreciating the value of recovery. Through countless hours of training, demanding competitions, and moments of self-doubt, he developed a deeper understanding of what it truly means to push beyond personal limitations. One lesson he has always shared with his children is that the higher the mountain you climb, the more rewarding the view becomes when you finally reach the summit — a philosophy that perfectly reflects his approach to both endurance sports and life.

For Rocky, the greatest rewards of his Ironman journey have never been the medals or finish lines, but the mental strength and resilience developed along the way. Every obstacle, setback, and challenge has reinforced his belief that determination and perseverance can carry him through life's toughest moments. Rocky's story is a powerful reminder that true endurance isn't simply measured in miles or race times, but in the courage to keep moving forward, the confidence to overcome adversity, and the belief that no mountain is too high to climb.

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