

EVAN STRONG
Paralympic Gold & Silver Medalist
2-Time Paralympian



Hometown: Maui, Hawaii
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Weight: 170 lbs.

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- 2018 PyeongChang Paralympic Silver Medalist
- 2014 Sochi Paralympic Gold Medalist
- 14-Time World Cup Gold Medalist
- 22-Time World Cup Medalist
- X-Games Gold Medalist

Still Standing **STRONG...**

An unlikely start for one of the world's best snowboarders, Evan Strong grew up on the waves of Maui, seldom wearing shoes, let alone snow boots. At 11 he broke his surfboard and couldn't afford a new one. A friend gave him an old skateboard, so he took to riding the cement waves and by 13 he landed his first sponsor. He set his sights on a career as a pro-rider. Over the next few years he began to win, and win often, and by 17 he was ready for the pro ranks...until the accident.

Running late for work one day, he borrowed his sister's motorcycle and, tragically, was hit, head-on, at 65 mph, by a drunk driver. Three days later his left leg had to be amputated.

"My recovery was one of the most challenging times of my life, but I knew I was young and had a lot of living left to do. I wasn't ready to give up all these things that I loved to do...so I just told myself I wouldn't. I would find a way to ride again."

Evan soon connected with the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) and drew inspiration for his own recovery from watching fellow amputees accomplish great things in sport. From there he developed a passion to help others faced with similar physical challenges. He has since become a very active mentor of youth and adult amputees in partnership with Adaptive Action Sports (AAS).

Always hungry for a new challenge, Evan grew interested in snowboarding, but he knew that was not a fit for Maui, so he moved to Lake Tahoe and got a job at NorthStar Resort. He rode over 100 days that first season and found his true passion.



Evan has since become the most dominant athlete on the adaptive snowboarding circuit. In fact for years, he never lost. He has been World Champion, an X-Games Gold Medalist and in 2014 he won the first ever Paralympic Gold Medal in Sochi Russia, for which he was honored on the iconic Wheaties Box. Since then he has maintained his position as one of the top riders in the world, including winning 3 more gold medals at World Cup competitions last season.

Evan is such a strong rider that he regularly beats most able-bodied athletes. In fact, he is currently ranked #16 in the U.S. in the open class (able-bodied) division. His ultimate goal is to win the U.S. Snowboarding National Championship title against able-bodied riders.

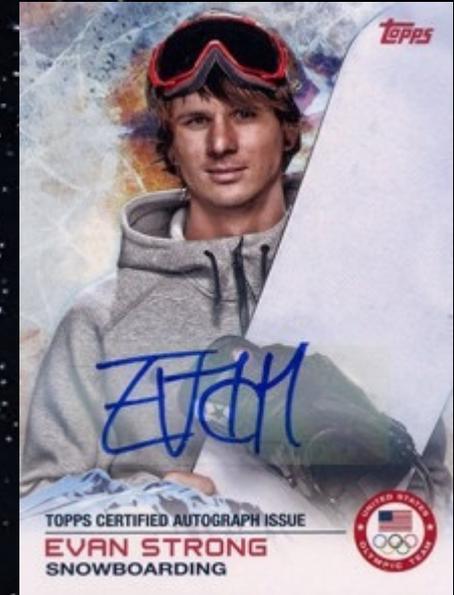


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What else?

- In addition to being a champion snowboarder, Evan is also a world class adaptive skateboarder and surfer.
- Known for using non-traditional, 'functional' training methods, Evan regularly uses slacklining, kettlebells and yoga.
- Evan and his wife Mariah celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Indie Arrow Strong, born in Haiku, Maui, Hawaii in January of 2015. They welcomed their second child, Isla Söl 'Āhinahina Strong on March 13, 2019.
- Evan is a chef and former owner of a restaurant, THE FIX for Foodies in Nevada City, California. After his snowboarding career he looks forward to returning to the restaurant business.
- For over ten years Evan has worked extensively as a mentor in the disabled community with The Challenged Athlete's Foundation, Adaptive Action Sports, and with The Hartford, through their annual Ski Spectacular. He is particularly active in working with wounded vets.





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