

# ELITE ATHLETE BIOGRAPHY



## BEN KANUTE

**Birthdate:** December 14, 1992

**Citizenship:** United States of America

**Birthplace:** Geneva, IL USA

**Resides:** Phoenix, AZ, USA

**Team:** TREK – Factory Racing, Team USA

**Athlete Representative:** Valhalla Sports Group -  
Lars Finanger; NES Consulting - Neil Segel



## CAREER OVERVIEW

### Collegiate

Student athlete at the University of Arizona. While at UofA, Kanute competed for team USA all around the world in various Continental Cups, World Cups, and WTS races. Kanute won the Collegiate National Championship his sophomore year in both the Draft legal Sprint and Non Draft Olympic Distance races.

### Professional Highlights

Olympian, Team USA (2016) – Rio de Janeiro

First American, ITU WTS Grand Final (2015)

2x Junior Elite National Champion (2008, 2010)

Sprint (Draft Legal) Collegiate National Champion (2012)

Olympic (Non-Draft) Collegiate National Champion (2012)

USAT Sprint National Champion (2014)

U23 USAT athlete of the year (2013)

2nd Tongyeong World Cup (2014)

Multiple Junior World and U23 World Qualifier

## PERSONAL

My first memory of triathlon is standing on Lower Wacker Drive in Chicago, watching my dad do his first triathlon. From that point on, my fate was sealed. I started swimming at the age of 7, and tried my first kid's triathlon at the age of 8. From there I joined the Multisport Madness Triathlon Team and worked my way through the USAT youth system. I raced Youth and Junior Elite, winning National Championships in both. During high school, I ran cross country, and swam on the swim team, earning All-State honors in each sport. After high school, I went to the University of Arizona and raced for the club triathlon team, while also competing for the USA around the world in various Continental Cups, World Cups, and WTS races. I won the Collegiate National Championship my sophomore year in both the Draft legal Sprint and Non Draft Olympic Distance races. I graduated from the University of Arizona in 2014 in three years, and I am currently training full time as a professional triathlete, with my sights set on the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

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