

# Finch eager for second chance at Olympics

**Andy Finch**, 28, hopes to make Vancouver his second consecutive Winter Olympics in the snowboard halfpipe competition.

**Home resort:** Northstar-at-Tahoe

**Why did you choose this resort?:** I can look out my window and see how good it is at Northstar. Also, it's the best park and pipe.



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**How often are you in Lake Tahoe?:** Unfortunately, not enough. But probably about 4 to 8 days a month during the winter.

**When you aren't training and competing where can we find you and what would you be doing?** On the Central Coast drowning in some waves or somewhere warm and tropical.

**After you win gold in Vancouver, what is your next goal?** Honestly, my life is in the hands of God and I will go where he directs me.

**How long have you been participating in your sport?** I have been competing in snowboarding for 12 years.

**Who inspires you most and why?** Travis Rice because how big he goes and the flair he adds on his tricks.

**Your life is devoted to an event that is over in minutes, how do you prepare for that thrill of victory or agony of defeat?**

At different moments you will perform better, so I make sure I get my state of mind right so I can perform as well as I can and just have fun. The rest is up to the judges.

**Anything else you would like to add?** The Olympics was a great experience 4 years ago and it would be a blast to go again. I enjoyed representing our country in a way not many get to.

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