

Catherine Priestner Allinger — A Woman of Firsts

Ever since she burst into national prominence in 1976 as the first Canadian woman to win an Olympic speed skating medal, Cathy Priestner Allinger has captured the attention of women in sport. Not only was her athletic achievement remarkable, she has gone on to carve out a stellar career that has propelled her higher than any other female senior sport executive outside the ranks of the International Olympic Committee.

Priestner Allinger's story is fascinating, not least for the frankness with which she speaks, but also for her ability to take strong stands, to believe in herself, to trust her abilities and her judgment, to realistically assess her strengths and weaknesses, to surround herself with the strongest people she can find, to demand as much of herself as she does of others.

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