

## TJ Schiller, Action Sports Personality



**Date of birth:** October 17, 1986

**Hometown:** Vernon, BC

**Travels from:** Vancouver, BC

### **Career Highlights:**

- CBC Sports, Road to the Olympics, Ski Analyst
- 2010 X Games Silver Medalist – Big Air
- 2009 X Games Gold Medalist – Slopestyle
- 2006 X Games Gold Medalist – Best Trick

### **Background:**

Thomas James Schiller – Canadian freeskiing pioneer.

Long before Canada's action sport athletes made an all-out assault on Winter X Games dominance, TJ Schiller was dropping into ski slopestyle courses and big airs as an emerging leader in the new school of freeskiing.

Schiller's amplitude and style earned several trips to the Winter X podium, including two golds, but his commitment to progression defined a career that began with his signature trick – the switch 1080 mute grab – and continued until an injury re-focused his ambitions on the backcountry.

In 2010, at the Big Air in Winter X 14, Schiller delivered an unforgettable moment: He landed the first-ever double cork 1620 (four and a half rotations with two flips) thrown in competition, earning a perfect score and a silver medal.

His influence continues to define a new generation of young rulers and he's blazed a trail for many of the freeski disciplines that have now been included in the Olympic Games programme.

Fittingly, he joined CBC's Road to the Olympics as a freeskiing analyst to introduce Canadian fans to the personalities and performers they'll get to know in Pyeongchang 2018.

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