**Danielle Brandon** is a CrossFit Games athlete. In 2022, Danielle Brandon had her best finish to date at the <u>2022 CrossFit Games</u>, finishing 4th overall. She has competed in the CrossFit Games four times, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

## Early Life

Danielle Brandon is from the Tri-Cities in Washington. Having described her upbringing as turbulent, she found herself using sports to express herself and stay out of trouble. A natural athlete, she participated in elite level gymnastics, and had college offers for swimming & diving before eventually going to Sacramento State for Division 1 Track and Field. At Sac State, she competed in the Pole Vault and 400m.

Danielle eventually moved from Sacramento to Las Vegas to train with Underdogs Athletics, stewarded by Justin Cotler. She has since moved to Naples, FL to train under Brute Strengths Matt Torress and Dom Agostino.

## Career

In 2019, her Rookie year at the CrossFit Games, Danielle finished 10th overall, including her first event win during "Second Cut".

In 2020, during the online competition due to COVID, Danielle placed 15th, not advancing her to the in-person portion of the Games in Aromas, California.

In <u>2021</u>, Danielle took 3rd place at the West Coast Classic CrossFit Semi Final, advancing her to the CrossFit Games. Her teammates at Underdogs Athletics at the time, Bethany Shadburne, and Kari Pearce took 1st and 2nd respectively. During athlete check-in, Bethany Shadburne tested positive for COVID-19, with Kari Pearce testing positive a few days later.

This left Danielle by herself, and segregated from the rest of the competitors. Setting the stage for one of the most legendary moments in CrossFit Games history, Danielle won event 8, a handstand walk obstacle course, besting all mens and womens scores. She capped off the win, giving double middle fingers to the crowd, not as a show of disdain, but one of rebellion to the situation she found herself in throughout the entirety of the CrossFit Games. Danielle ended up taking 11th place at the CrossFit Games, and her social media following grew more than any other athlete competing that week.

In 2022<sup>1</sup> Danielle won the MACC (Mid Atlantic CrossFit Challenge), before moving training camps to Brute Strength to train with fellow CrossFit Games athlete and 3x teen champion, Dallin Pepper. She went on to win another event at the CrossFit Games and finish a career best 4th place at the games, only 44 points off of the podium.

## Endorsements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.menshealth.com/fitness/a40833850/crossfit-games-2022-results/

Danielle Brandon is the first athlete to sign with RAD Global<sup>2</sup>, a new streetwear/skate culture influenced brand in the fitness industry. Having left her partnership with Nike, she is a shareholder in RAD Global.

Danielle Brandon also is a Monster Energy athlete.<sup>3</sup>

Danielle Brandon is managed by Lab Management, and works with Cooper Marsh.

## CrossFit Games Results

Year	Placement
2019	10th
2020	15th
2021	11th
2020	4th

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.complex.com/sneakers/how-rad-is-bringing-sneaker-hype-to-crossfit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://morningchalkup.com/2022/01/23/monster-energy-signs-roster-of-the-biggest-names-in-the-sport/