




Athlete Council Candidate Biographies


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| Last Name | BATES |  |
| First Name | Evan | |
| Sport | Figure Skating | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Ice Dance | |
| Sport Nationality | USA | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Skating Union (ISU) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Olympic Games, Silver Medalist • 2022 World Championships, Bronze Medalist • 2020 Four Continents Championships, Gold Medalist • 2016 World Championships, Bronze Medalist • 2015 World Championships, Silver Medalist | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Member, ISU Athletes' Commission • 2022 Member, US Figure Skating Ethics Committee • 2022 Member, US Figure Skating Judges Management Committee | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013, Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Studies, University of Michigan | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skating coach and choreographer • English as a second-language tutor • Podcast host | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>As an elite athlete in the WADA testing pool for 16 years, I didn't give much consideration to the fight for clean sport. It didn't affect me. After all, I'd been a clean athlete my whole life and career. Only in 2022, at the Beijing Winter Games did doping in sport collide with my path head-on. I was the captain of the US Olympic Figure Skating team during the doping scandal involving an athlete from Russia. Not only did the saga result in the cancellation of our medal ceremony, but this particular case involved a minor. The entire experience was heartbreaking for every athlete involved, including the athlete in question. I feel compelled to run for WADA Athlete Council because I want to make a difference in the fight for clean athletes and clean sport. My experience in Beijing and in the months since has emboldened my belief that safeguarding clean athletes should be the number one priority. The best way I know how is to get involved in sport on a deeper level. In March, I was elected to the ISU Athletes' Commission. When it came time to pick a nominee for WADA Athlete Council, I immediately volunteered. This is a topic I am passionate about, and my unique experience makes me a viable candidate for this position.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>To me, Play True means every clean athlete deserves an equal opportunity to go for gold. This means a level playing field.</p> | |


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| Last Name | BENGTSSON |  |
| First Name | Gunnar | |
| Sport | Minigolf | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Sweden | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Minigolf Sport Federation (WMF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Gold Medals at World Adventure Golf Masters 2017 • 2 Gold Medals at World Adventure Golf Masters 2019 • Gold Medal at Swedish Adventure Golf Masters 2019 • Team Gold Medal at World Adventure Golf Masters 2016 • Team Gold Medal at World Adventure Golf Masters 2019 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-2022 Chair, World Minigolf Sports Federation Athletes' Committee | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical Engineering at Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden, 1995-2001 | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and operate websites professionally. Run my own IT and investment company. | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>Questions that my committee has brought to the attention of our international federation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The treatment of transgender athletes • How to improve the selection process of the athletes' committee to ensure good governance • Adding Beta Blockers to the list of prohibited substances in minigolf <p>These are issues that I'd like to keep working with at WADA.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True means keeping my sport clean and ensuring a level playing field for all so every athlete has the same opportunity to excel.</p> | |

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| Last Name | BERRER |  |
| First Name | Michael | |
| Sport | Tennis | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Germany | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Tennis Federation (ITF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 12 / 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest ATP ranking 42 • 17-year professional career • Davis-Cup member Team Germany • German Champion 2016 (final match as a pro athlete) • Wins over i.e.: Rafael Nadal | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATP Player Council Member (2008-2009) • Member of the Board of trustees for the Stuttgart ATP tournament (ongoing) | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science in Psychology • Master of Science in Sport Psychology • Systemic Coach • Change Manager | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Coach since 2017 (amongst others: Porsche, Stihl, Mercedes-Benz and several SMUs) • Sport Psychologist since 2017 • Start-up investor since 2017 | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>As an athlete, anti-doping protocols were part of my daily routine. It is challenging at times: Updating whereabouts, getting tested after a long match, using only allowed medicine and allowing strangers in your home for testing.</p> <p>Looking back on my career, anti-doping protocols ensure equal opportunity for athletes around the world and protect their health. There is a life after a professional sport career and we have to protect athletes.</p> <p>I welcome WADA's plan to be more athlete-centered, and, given my experience, I believe I can be a strong representative for athletes and address matters that are important to them.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True means for me to optimize performance on all levels within the guidelines of the WADA standards. It protects the integrity of sport and protects the health of athletes by promoting the importance of preventing doping.</p> | |


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| Last Name | ĆOSIĆ |  |
| First Name | Ivan | |
| Sport | ParaVolley | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Sitting volleyball | |
| Sport Nationality | Croatia | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World ParaVolley (WPV) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 200 caps for the Croatian sitting volleyball national team and the team captain 2017 and 2019 – European Championships – All Star team as the best hitter Multiple awards for MVP in the Croatian Sitting Volleyball League and Cup | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 – present - Paravolley Europe Athlete representative, member of the World Paravolley Athletes Commission Throughout my career, I have been involved in sports on many different levels (primarily as an athlete, but also in governance, on local, national, and international level) which gives me the chance to view a single problem through multiple points of view to get the best possible solution for all parties involved | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports management studies in Zagreb | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 – present – working full time in IOK “Zagreb”, a sitting volleyball club. One part of my job is writing projects for funding on a local and national level, and EU projects, so I have a lot of experience in finding solutions to existing problems and in the implementation of said solutions/ideas Other jobs I have worked on since 2010 were mostly in marketing and sales I have my own company with digital marketing as core business, and creating audio-visual content | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I believe that I possess many valuable skills which can contribute to the WADA Athlete Council. I know my way with people, but I do not have a problem with speaking on taboo subjects or some delicate matters, which might be difficult to discuss to certain people. I like to discuss such matters with my peers, find the most problematic ones, and then try to find a good solution to it as well. I believe that we should not merely point out the problems, but we also have a duty to find an appropriate solution for it, if possible.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Spending our life in an honest and happy way. Feeling free, without imposed pressures. Finding joy in our journey, not just focusing on the goal.</p> | |

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| Last Name | EGAN |
| First Name | Clare |
| Sport | Biathlon |
| Discipline (if applicable) | |
| Sport Nationality | USA |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Biathlon Union (IBU) |
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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 03 / 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 & 2022 Olympic Games • 6x World Championships • Biathlon World Cup Bronze Medalist |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-present: International Biathlon Union Athletes' Committee Chair (re-elected in 2022 for second term) • 2018-present: IBU Executive Board Member |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master in Linguistics • Bachelor in Justice Studies • Language skills: English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Russian |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-year professional athlete career • Freelance coaching, motivational speaker, translator |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I want to be a member of the WADA Athlete Council because I care deeply about clean sport and I believe I can contribute to the fight against doping. As a two-time Olympian in biathlon, I have seen how doping can ruin our competitions and divide our community. But I have also experienced how athletes can join together to be a force for change. We have the power to demand and enforce a fair playing field, but we need strong and knowledgeable representatives in the WADA Athlete Council to do so. I am ready to be such an advocate.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play true means compete clean. It's a promise you make to yourself, your team, your competitors, and your fans.</p> |


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| Last Name | GARCIA G. |
| First Name | Andrés |
| Sport | Kickboxing |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Tatami & Ring |
| Sport Nationality | Guatemala |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) |



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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 World Championship, Best Male Tatami Fighter Award • 2019 World Championships, Gold Medalist • 2017 World Championships, Silver Medalist • 2015 World Championships, Bronze Medalist • 2018 Pan American Championship, Gold Medalist • 2016 Pan American Championship, Gold Medalist • 2019 World Cup, Gold Medalist • 2021 World Championship, 5th Place • 2018 World Cup, Silver Medalist • 2017 World Cup, Bronze Medalist |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 2019 to date – Member of WAKO IF Athletes' Committee • From 2019 to date – Member of WAKO IF Development Committee |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor in Marketing, Universidad Rafael Landivar, Guatemala |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 2001 to date - Teaching Martial Arts • From 2013 to date - Founder & Owner Schumann's Martial arts Santuaria • From 2016 to date – President of WAKO (NF) Guatemala |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>Living in a third world country and having the blessing to compete in other countries, to travel and to get to know how things are done in the proper way, has shown me the lack of opportunities our athletes have, just because they don't have the resources and the education that other ones have. So having the opportunity to see how things are done in the right way, has given me a responsibility of showing my people, people from Latin America that also do not have the opportunities, to show them the right path, the correct way of doing things.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Playing by the rules with a sportsman conduct, always respecting the opponent and the referees, setting a good example for the youth.</p> |


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| Last Name | GIBSON |  |
| First Name | Sean | |
| Sport | Lacrosse | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Men's Field and Men's Box Lacrosse | |
| Sport Nationality | Ireland | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Lacrosse (WL) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Championships: 2010, 2014, 2018 • World Box Lacrosse Championships: 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019 • European Championships: 2008, 2012, 2016 • European Box Lacrosse Championship 2017, 2022 • 2012 European Championship, Silver Medalist • Top Five Overall International Appearances • Spirit of Lacrosse Award Recipient in 2017 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 – Present World Lacrosse Athletes' Commission Member • 2019 – 2023 Chair World Lacrosse Athletes' Commission | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Information Systems, St. Francis Xavier University (Canada), 2004. | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current, Senior Enterprise Architect, Ardoq (UK) • Previous - Global Head of IT and Cybersecurity, Profitero (UK) • Previous - Head of IT, Data and Digital Innovation, Klaveness (Norway) • 15+ Years' Experience working in Information Technology | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>The New Zealand All Blacks have a mantra "plant trees you'll never see." This is when new All Blacks are asked to add to the legacy of the team and to leave the jersey in a better place than those that came before you. This sums up the reasons I would love to serve on the WADA AC. Thinking of my young daughter and other future athletes when they decide to take up a sport of their choosing, I want to know that sport is in a better place than where it is today. I want to do my part to ensure the inaugural WADA AC gets off to the best start and that its contributions will positively impact sport for generations thus "leaving the jersey (of sport) in a better place" for those after me.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Playing true to me means being true to my fellow athletes by competing fairly in sport and competition. It also means being a role model for clean sport and helping my fellow athletes understand what that entails for them.</p> | |


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| Last Name | GOMEZ |
| First Name | Inaki |
| Sport | Athletics |
| Discipline (if applicable) | 20km Race Walk |
| Sport Nationality | Canada |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Athletics (WA) |




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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 04 / 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Commonwealth Games, 5th Place • 2012 London Olympic Games, 13th Place • 2013 World Athletics Championships (Moscow), 7th Place • 2015 Pan American Games, Silver Medalist • 2016 Rio Olympic Games, 12th Place |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Athletics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2017-2022 – Member, Athletes' Commission (former Chair, 2017-2020) ◦ 2017-2020 – Observer (Athlete Representative), World Athletics Council ◦ 2019-Current – Member (Athlete Representative), Governance Commission ◦ 2020-2021 – Member (Athlete Representative), Working Group on Athletic Shoes • Canadian Olympic Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2016-Current – Member (current Vice-Chair), Athletes' Commission ◦ 2020-Current – Member (Athlete Representative), Board of Directors ◦ 2016-Current – Member (Athlete Representative), Governance and Ethics Committee ◦ 2017-Current – Member (Athlete Representative), Nominating Committee • Athletics Canada (National Federation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2014-2018 – Member (Athlete Representative), Board of Directors ◦ 2014-2018 – Member, Athlete Council ◦ 2014-2018 – Member (Athlete Representative), Governance Committee • 2014-2018 – Member (Athlete Representative), Finance Committee |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Calgary, Juris Doctor (J.D.) – Law (2012-2015) |


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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) – International Relations (2006-2010) |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Society of British Columbia, Member (2017-Current) • Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Senior Associate (Lawyer) (2017-Current) |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | I want to play a formal role in the fight against doping. Not only do I believe in the work that WADA does, but I also find myself aligned with its vision. I believe that I can provide the WADA Athlete Council with the additional skills and experience (based on my own athlete committee experience and professional experience) – and most importantly the athletes' voice – necessary to bring a balanced, reasoned and diverse view. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Fairness and Integrity |

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| Last Name | HARSS |  |
| First Name | Jennifer | |
| Sport | Ice Hockey | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Germany | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 04 / 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x Olympian (Torino 2006: 5th place, Sochi 2014: 6th place) • Participated in 10 World Championships (4th place 2017) • Competed in over 200 games for the German National Team | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts – BA, Marketing • Yoga Teacher (RYS 200) | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the German Army for over 13 years | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I would like to use my athlete experience to represent and improve the future generation of athletes around the world. Clean sport is such an important topic and deserves the needed attention to inform and educate athletes.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True means to me that I am competing in a fair and honest way!</p> | |


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| Last Name | HEDMAN |  |
| First Name | Deta | |
| Sport | Darts | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Steel Tip | |
| Sport Nationality | England | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Darts Federation (WDF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x Winmau World Masters Champion 1994, 2013 • 3x World Champion Runner Up • 11x WDF No. 1 • 229 World Ranked Titles • Most finals played in man or woman • Only Phil Taylor won more titles • Current England Ladies Captain • World Cup Team Titles 1995, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2019 • World Cup Singles Winner 2013 • World Cup Pairs Winner 2011, 2013 • Europe Cup Singles 1994 • Europe Cup Pairs 1994, 2018 • Featured in Women's First 100 Photo Exhibition • BBC 100 Inspirational Women of 2020 • Global Ambassador - The Heart of Darts Charity • Won titles in over 30 countries • Was first No. 1 in the World in 1995 and last time in 2021 • Currently No. 2 in the World | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected on WDF AC in October 2019 • Unanimously elected as chair of the Commission • Sits on full board of the WDF 2019-2022 • Committee Member of Oxfordshire County Darts • Member of Heart of Darts Charity Committee (20 years) | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schooling up to 1973 in Jamaica • Left school in UK 1976 | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked 22 years on nights at Royal Mail Chelmsford • I describe myself as semi-professional, work M-Th • I was in the BDO/WDF system from 1981-1997, played PDC from 2002, where in 2002 UK Open became the first woman to beat a man on TV • I returned to the WDF system in 2009 | |

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| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | The sport of darts and sport in general helps break down barriers at all levels in society, in gender, race and wealth levels. Through sport I have made friends around the world and have learnt so much about people's cultures and beliefs. Most importantly, when we compete, we are all equal. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | To compete to the best of our god given natural abilities without any unnatural stimulants. |


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| Last Name | HEGYI |  |
| First Name | Dora | |
| Sport | Gymnastics | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Aerobic Gymnastics | |
| Sport Nationality | Hungary | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 11 / 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Games silver and 2 times bronze medalist • Vice-World Champion • European Games Champion • European Champion, 4 times silver and 2 times bronze medalist | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Gymnastics Federation' Athletes Commission Vice – President (current) • FIG Aerobic Gymnastics Athletes' Representative 2017- 2020, 2021- 2024 (reelected) | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Health Promotion and Sport Sciences • Professional Coach degree • International Aerobic Gymnastics Judge | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Testing Agency Doping Education Ambassador • National – International Coach • Choreographer of world class gymnasts and teams • FIG Safeguarding Officer • Adviser in national "Child Protection in Sport" Program • Owner of a leotard company | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I feel confident to work with people, speak up, educate and be a strong team worker. I am truly passionate about improving athlete representation within anti-doping. I can 100% identify with WADA's goal, that I dedicate myself for fairness in all sports. Serving as ITA'S Education Ambassador I can see the importance of education in anti-doping. There is a lot of information on the internet, but we have to put this knowledge into the athletes' heads more practically. I would like to develop this in the future, especially from a younger age with some innovative ideas.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>As an athletes' representative, I have been strongly supporting the athletes' rights, fair play and clean sport. Play true means equality and respect for me. Just naturally reaching your full potential in- and out- of competition.</p> | |


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| Last Name | HERNANDEZ CUELLAR |  |
| First Name | Ana Sophia | |
| Sport | Modern Pentathlon | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Guatemala | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Pentathlon (UIPM - NORCECA) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Medal Youth World Championships 2014 • 2nd place Youth World Ranking 2015 • Junior Pan American Champion 2016 • Bronze Medal Junior World Championships 2017 • Gold Medal Junior World Championships 2018 • Bronze Medal Senior World Championships 2018 • Bronze Medal World Cup Final 2021 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the UIPM Athletes' Commission | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austrian School in Guatemala • International Business at Liberty University | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>It would be an honor to be elected as a member of the WADA Athlete Council, not only for me but also for my country. To represent the values that are so important to me such as honesty, transparency, effort and integrity.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>For me Play True means being honest with myself and every other athlete in the field. It simply means that I respect my opponents enough to be true and transparent.</p> | |

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| Last Name | HORN |
| First Name | Martin |
| Sport | Billiards |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Carom |
| Sport Nationality | Germany |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS) |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Champion 1-cushion 1997 • World Champion 3-cushion for teams 2002 • 2x World Champion Teams • 2x Weltcup Winner 3-cushion 2009/2018 • 11x European Champion • 2x Runner up European Champion 3-cushion • 11x German Title 3-cushion • 50x German Title / Cup winner (Single + Team) • German Grand Prix - overall winner • 17x German Grand Prix winner • Best position world ranking: 5 • Actual position world ranking: 9 |
| Athlete Committee Experience | • |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary School • High School (Degree) • 16 years active service (German Army) |
| Professional Career | • Professional International Billiard player |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | My motivation is the fact that my federation (UMB) has supported me very well for more than 2 decades. As a thank you, I would like to give something back and most importantly, make a meaningful contribution to the next generation of players. It would be my pleasure and honor to serve on this athlete council as never doping positive athlete. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Play true means respect regarding the sport and all humans in it! |

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| Last Name | KIT |  |
| First Name | Kristen | |
| Sport | Rowing | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Canada | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Rowing Federation (WR-FISA) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started rowing career in St. Catharines, Ontario in 2002 Earned Maple Leaf in 2009 with Canada's Under-23 Women's eight Coxed for Canada at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Under-23 World Championships 5 World Cups 5 World Championships 2 Paralympic Games 1 Olympic Games 11 International medals for Canada in both able-bodied and para-rowing events, including Canada's first-ever medal in rowing at the 2016 Paralympics along with 2020 Olympic Gold | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rowing Canada Aviron Board of Directors Internal Review Selection Committee, Spring 2022 Rowing Canada Aviron Athlete Council 2022- present 2016; witness to Canadian Senate in favour of Bill C-210 (to make the Canadian National Anthem gender neutral, passed in 2018). | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Science, Economics (Minor: French)—University of Victoria, BC – 2017 to present Economics Transfer Program—Camosun College—2016-2017 World Rowing Federation Internship Program—Lausanne, Switzerland—2014 Level 3/Performance Coach Trained Coach—National Coaching Certification Program & Rowing Canada Aviron | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Manager HR Initiatives Technology & Operations (January 2022- present) Collective2Financial (January- May 2021), Student Analyst Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), RBC Olympian (October 2019-Present) World Rowing Federation, Assistant to the Rowing for All Commission Chair (September 2014-August 2015) <p>Awards & Honours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Catharines, Canada Athlete of the Year 2021 Lou Marsh Trophy Finalist, 2021 (Canadian Sportsperson of the Year) | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowing Canada Aviron International Achievement Award: 2010, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021 • Canadian Senate Witness, Bill C-210 2016 • Rowing Canada Aviron Centennial Medal 2013 • Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012 • St. Catharines Rowing Club Coxswain of the Year 2006 |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>In 2009, I made my first National Team. Since that time, I have had the pleasure and good fortune to be impacted by some of the best rowing athletes and coaches in history. Through that, the value has most clearly impacted me is integrity.</p> <p>Sport has shown me that we have more in common as athletes and people than what divides us. As an optimist, I choose to believe in our shared curiosity as athletes as we aim to see where the best version of ourselves on competition day stacks up against the rest of the world. The caveat being the necessity for an equal and equitable arena defined by the rules of play. The best version of our aspirations should be supported, which is why I would like to passionately add my voice to the WADA Athlete Council in support of education (both preventive and how dangerous doping can be) and the upholding of clean sport principles.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>I'm not a talented athlete, I just work really hard with deliberate practice. My dream is for all athletes to have the opportunity to compete with integrity after years of dedication to their dream. For me, this is Play True.</p> |

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| Last Name | KNOERR |  |
| First Name | Jérémy | |
| Sport | Ski mountaineering | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Individual, vertical and sprint | |
| Sport Nationality | Thailand | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 ISMF World Championship cadets, Individual (47e) and vertical (46e) • 2021 World Cup, Verbier, Individual (27e) and vertical (27e) • 2021 ISMF World Championship - Andorra, U18, Individual (28e) and vertical (28e) • 2021 World Cup, Madonna di Campiglio, 23e • 2021 World Cup final ranking, 30e • 2022 World Cup Pontedilegno-Tonale, U20, 28e • 2022 World Cup Morgins, 25e • 2022 World Cup Val Martello, 26e • 2022 World Cup final ranking, 26e • 2022 Alpiniski, swiss team championship, 1st | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2019: active member of the ISMF Athlete Commission and active athlete of the ISMF. | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 – 2022: commercial school in Monthey - Switzerland | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 – 2019: commercial apprentice at the consumer and veterinary affairs department in Sion • Stage on Radio Chablais from the 1st July 2002 to 30 June 2023 | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I am binational (Swiss on my father's side and Thai on my mother's). Having two cultures is an asset in understanding each other. I grew up and still live in Valais where I learned to love the mountains and sport. It would be an honor to me to represent the ISMF on the Athletes' Council. My youth as well as the fact that I have practiced different sports (skiing, ski mountaineering, running, cycling, triathlon and football) are advantages.</p> <p>I think it is great to be able to use the synergies between athletes from different nations and all continents to move projects forward.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>The aim of "Play True" is to raise awareness among athletes, the sporting public and others about the importance of protecting Clean Sport. For me, you can do sport worldwide with the same values (respect, fair play, clean sport) even though we are all different.</p> | |

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| Last Name | KONSTANTINOVA |  |
| First Name | Sandra | |
| Sport | Wushu | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Russian Federation | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Wushu Federation (IWUF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Turkey - European wushu junior champion • 2010 Singapore-world wushu junior champion • 2012 Estonia - European wushu junior champion • 2012 Macau - silver and bronze medalist, world wushu junior championship • 2014 Romania - gold and bronze medalist , European wushu championship • 2015 Indonesia - gold and bronze medalist , world wushu championship • 2016 Moscow - gold and bronze medalist , European wushu championship • 2016 China - silver medalist, world wushu cup • 2017 Taipei - silver medalist, Universiade • 2018 Myanmar – 2x silver medalist, world wushu cup • 2019 - gold and silver medalist, world wushu championship | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 - graduation from high school in Moscow • 2017 - graduation from Moscow pedagogical university (physical education) | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>Because I gave most of my life to the sport and was an honest athlete, I fully supported the policy of the anti-doping movement and always followed all the rules. I climbed the podium of the world competitions and hoped that all those who were with me on the carpet were as clean as I am. It is very important for me that all the athletes of the world, responsibly approached the anti-doping rules and that all victories must be fair. I believe that sport should not go beyond human capabilities, the bar should not be raised so that athletes have to use doping for this. I want every athlete and coach to know and understand all the consequences of taking medicine, including how it affects health. Sport is honesty!</p> | |


What does Play True mean to you?

Play true means coming to the gym every day and working for several hours. This means sometimes not seeing your family and friends because you have to go to training. This means that you train and only train and you do not need doping to be the first!!


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| Last Name | LIM |
| First Name | Tiffani |
| Sport | Esports |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Dota 2 |
| Sport Nationality | Malaysia |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Esports Federation (IESF) |

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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 12 / 2017)</p> <p>As Athlete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female SEA League Season 1 (2013) - Champion • Female SEA League Season 4 (2016) - Champion • Female SEA League Season 5 (2017) - 3rd • VPGAME Female Dota 2 Asian Championships (2017) - 2nd • Commonwealth Esports Championships Dota 2 Women (2022) [Substitute Player] - Gold Medalist <p>In Other Roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dota 2 The International 4 (2014) - Team Manager of 9th-10th Placer, Titan Esports • Dota 2 Asia Championships (2015) - Official Event Talent • Dota 2 Shanghai Major (2016) - Official Event Talent • Dota 2 Kiev Major Southeast Asia Qualifiers (2017) - Panelist • Dota 2 The International 8 Southeast Asia Qualifiers (2018) - Panelist • Sukma Games Malaysia (2022) - Head Referee • [Upcoming] Asian Games (2022) - International Technical Officer |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-Current - Chairperson, International Esports Federation (IESF) Athletes' Committee • 2018-2019 - Vice President, Malaysian Esports Players' Association (MESPA) • 2019-2021 - President, Malaysian Esports Players' Association (MESPA) |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science at National University of Singapore • A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Chinese Literature at Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Manager, Titan Esports (2014) • Esports Industry Consultant for Government Sector and Private Companies (2015-) • Esports Event Management at IO Esports (2015-2018) • Esports Content Specialist at Astro Malaysia eGGNetwork TV Channel (2016) • Co-Founder & Director, Flight of the Valkyries Female Tournament (2018) • Head of Marketing & PR, Battle Arena Malaysia (2018-) |


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| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>Esports is now increasingly featured in mainstream sporting events, but it is still highly unregulated, with much to be studied in terms of anti-doping as it is a nascent sport.</p> <p>During my career, I have voiced out on behalf of many athletes in their fights for fair play, so it pains me when I see athletes who do not value integrity, or take performance-enhancing drugs like Adderall thinking it's acceptable.</p> <p>Having spent a decade in esports, I hope to offer my insights and help to develop relevant anti-doping regulations, in order to help uphold fairness, equality & integrity in the sporting world.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Integrity as a result of passion, and rejection of drug usage out of respect towards the game, such that everyone can compete on fair grounds.</p> |

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| Last Name | MAY |  |
| First Name | Bill | |
| Sport | Artistic Swimming | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | USA | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Swimming Federation (FINA) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 01 / 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 FINA World Championships: Gold and Silver – Mixed Duet • 2016 UANA Pan American Artistic Swimming Championships: Gold Medal – Mixed Duet • 2017 FINA World Series: Gold Medal – Mixed Duet • 2017 FINA World Championships: Bronze Medal – Mixed Duet • 2018 FINA World Series: Gold Medal – Solo • 2019 FINA World Series: Gold and Silver Medal – Mixed Duet • 2019 FINA World Championships 4th place Finish – Mixed Duet • 2021 FINA World Series: Gold Medal – Solo and Highlight Routine | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UANA/Pan American Athlete Council • United States Artistic Swimming International Relations Committee • United States Artistic Swimming Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Committee | |
| Education | | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performer and Main Character, Cirque Du Soleil's O • Head Coach of the Santa Clara Artistic Swimming Club | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | I have been involved at a high level in sport for many years and I would like to be more involved in the well-being, equality, and a strong voice amongst all athletes. | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Play true is a natural right of athletes to compete equally and excel through discipline and hard work. Performance enhancers are a way of cheating and shows a disrespect for clean athletes. | |


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| Last Name | MAZDZER |
| First Name | Christopher |
| Sport | Luge |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Men's Singles |
| Sport Nationality | USA |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | Federation of International Luge (FIL) |




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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4x Olympian • 2018 Olympic Silver Medal • 24 World Cup Medals |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of FIL Athlete Commission 2016 to present • Athlete Representative to USA Luge Board 2011-2021 |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeVry University 2015 |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for athlete rights my entire career |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I believe in the importance of fighting for clean sport because it not only sets the values for young athletes but also our society. By creating and protecting a fair playing field that gives all athletes an equal chance to succeed, we protect competitions, encourage hard work and create a society that is less supportive of cheating, manipulation and cutting corners.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True to me is an ideology where all individuals can compete knowing that what drives success is hard work, fair play and the effort you give.</p> |

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| Last Name | MBEPA GAULOU |  |
| First Name | Antony Desire | |
| Sport | Kurash | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Republic of the Congo | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Kurash Association (IKA) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Championships bronze medalist 2019 (Korea) • 5th place – Prize of the President of Uzbekistan Tournament 2019 & 2021 • 7th place – Paris International Tournament • 5x gold medalist – South African Open 2017-21 • 5x gold medalist – South African Universities Championship 2015-20 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Kurash Association Athletes' Committee member 2022 | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's degree - Thermal Engineering and Energy University of Franche-Comté, France 2021 - present • Postgraduate diploma - Mechanical Engineering 2020-2021 Vaal University of Technology, South Africa • Bachelor's degree - Mechanical Engineering 2017-2020 Vaal University of Technology, South Africa • Bilingual French and English | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Laboratory Technologist at FEMTO-ST (France) since January 2022 • Design and Maintenance Technician at X-METAL (South Africa) 2020-2021 • Assistant Kurash and Judo Coach for disabled athletes (France) February - July 2022 • Kurash and Judo coach at Vaal University of Technology, (South Africa) 2018-2021 | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I understand and fully support the value and importance of fair play and honour in sport. This ethos is embedded in my sport of Kurash for which the literal Uzbek translation is "attaining a goal by fair means."</p> <p>My participation in international Kurash tournaments has helped me make a worldwide network of athlete contacts. Through personal meetings at events and regular social media contact, I can capture athletes' views whilst also promoting WADA's anti-doping and educational initiatives at the highest level to help make a drug-free sports world for all.</p> | |


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| | As a qualified engineer, I possess an analytical character and problem-solving nature. I look forward to using these skills with WADA so that I can make a real difference in the fight for drug-free sport. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Play True promotes clean, drug-free sport to athletes and governing bodies. The Play True notions of fair play, integrity and respect have wider implications to society beyond sport. By embedding WADA's principles in all athletes, particularly those of school age, WADA can effect positive change throughout society. |


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| Last Name | ODUBER |  |
| First Name | Randolph | |
| Sport | Baseball/Softball | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Men's Baseball | |
| Sport Nationality | Aruba/Netherlands | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 01 / 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Kingdom of the Netherlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Baseball Classic in 2013, 2017 WBSC Premier12 in 2015 European Championships in 2014, 2016, 2019 Haarlem Baseball Week in 2016 French Int'l Baseball Tournament in 2014, 2016 Tokyo Olympic Qualifier in 2021 American Association of Independent Professional Baseball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincoln Saltdogs in 2017, 2018, 2019 Fargo Moorhead Redhawks in 2018 Washington Nationals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted in the 32nd round of the 2010 MLB Draft Highest level played AA European National Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curaçao Neptunes (Netherlands) in 2016 Fortitudo (Italy) in 2020 Hoofddorp Pioneers (Netherlands) in 2021 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 – Present WBSC Athlete Commission Member 2019 – Present WBSC Softball Division Board Member 2021 – Present IOC Prevention of Manipulation of Competition Ambassador 2022 – Present ITA Education Ambassador | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal Arts, Western Oklahoma State College Safeguarding Officer in Sport, IOC Certificate | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Coach, Kingdom of the Netherlands (KNBSB) U-18 Baseball Team Founding Partner & Co-Owner, Dream Glove Company Founder & Managing Director, RFJ Enterprises Founder & President, Thrive Foundation Aruba | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>During my entire career as an athlete, I believed in playing baseball the right way and worked hard as to not have any regrets. I never wanted to take any substance that could harm my career or health, and I feel inspired to share my values with others. Everyone wants to achieve their</p> | |

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| | goal, but we need to trust the process and work hard towards embodying who we want to become. I would like to have a voice for our athletes, focusing on how we can further enhance the education with an emphasis on a positive impact. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | I strongly believe in playing safe and clean. Being truthful to myself, my team and the next generations who are looking up to me. |


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| Last Name | O'LEARY |  |
| First Name | Patrick | |
| Sport | Canoe sprint/Paracanoe | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Kayak KL3 and Va'a VL3 | |
| Sport Nationality | Ireland | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Canoe Federation (ICF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competed in Rio 2016 Paralympics in one event finishing 6th • Competed in Tokyo Paralympics in 2 events finishing 5th in VL3 and 9th in KL3 • 8x Paracanoe World Championships, 5th in 2019 • 8x European Championships. European Champion 2021 • Competed at World and European Championships in canoe polo as early as 1994 (on Irish team 1994-2000) • Former schoolboy international in shotput and national champion (U17) • Former national level acrobatic gymnast | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member International Canoe Federation Paracanoe Committee 2021-current • Member International Canoe Federation Athletes' Committee 2021-current • Former Chair of my canoe club | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelors of Science (B.Sc, 1995) degree University College Cork • Ph.D in Organic Chemistry (2000) from University College Cork • Awarded the inaugural Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences from the National University of Ireland | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick worked in Utrecht on a 2-year research position and then returned to Ireland to a lecturing position in NUI Galway. He lectured and researched there for 18 years. He has supervised 2 MSc and 10 PhD students to completion with more working on their research. • Patrick was Head of School of Chemistry in NUI Galway. As Head of School, Patrick managed a School of 16 academic and 13 technical/administrative staff with ~ 50 PhD and masters students at any one time and >1000 undergraduate students. His management role covered finance, HR, strategic and operational planning. • In January 2022 Patrick became Registrar of the National University of Ireland. He is the administrative head of the headquarters of the Federal University which consists of 4 constituent universities and 2 recognised colleges with campuses all over Ireland as well as in Bahrain and Malaysia. Patrick and 20 staff provide services to the | |

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| | <p>Universities and deals with a turnover of 3 million per annum and investments of >11 million euro.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick integrated his chemistry and sport knowledge in presentations to the Royal College of Surgeons and Sports students in Trinity College Dublin. He has acted as a researcher for the project – “Research-Embedded Strategic Plan for Anti-Doping Education: Clean Sport Alliance for Tackling Doping (RESPECT),” a scheme which seeks to determine attitudes and key drivers in athlete’s decisions around doping. Patrick is a researcher on the follow-up RESPECT+ project which focusses on Para athletes. |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I believe strongly in the Ethics of Sport and the fundamentals of a fair system that values all athletes equally and treats them equally. I have nearly 10 years of experience of being on the testing pool and that experience along with my experience as an athlete and my extensive relevant scientific, academic and administrative experience gives me a unique set of skills that I think I can use to the benefit of WADA and the athletes the Council will represent. I believe athletes should give back to the sports we get so much enjoyment from and this is something that I both passionately believe in and matches my skillset.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True means we agree a set of rules that treats athletes as equals, keeps athletes safe and allows the outcome of a competition be determined on athletic ability and skill. Play True means if you beat me in a race on a day you were fitter or more skillful because of the work you put in while we both followed those rules.</p> |


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| Last Name | OSEI |  |
| First Name | Forrester Christopher | |
| Sport | Weightlifting | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Ghana | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 World Championships • 2016 Commonwealth Championships gold medalist • 2017 World Championships rank: 18th • 2017 African Championships 5th • 2018 African Championships 4th • 2018 Commonwealth Championships 4th • British Championships • All African Games 2019 silver medalist • 2020 Tokyo Games • 2022 Commonwealth Games | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWF Athlete Commission member • Observing member on 8 separate IWF committees (incl. Research and Coaching Committees) | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomedical science (Lambeth College 2008 – 2010) • Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies (Hertfordshire University 2010- 2014) | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength and conditioning coach • Weightlifting coach • Personal coach | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I will make a great asset to this council because I understand the struggle and hardship which clean athletes go through each day. I believe our voice and opinions need to be heard but not only to be heard and ignored, but rather implement and take action against doping.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>To be honest with yourself and your peers in the world of sport, say no to doping!</p> | |

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| Last Name | PLECHAN |  |
| First Name | Agata | |
| Sport | Floorball | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Poland | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Floorball Federation (IFF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 12 / 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played 109 international games and captained Polish National Team for 9 years • 2007 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship B Division, 1st place, Frederikshavn, Denmark • 2009 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship 8th place, Västerås, Sweden • 2013 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship, 7th place, Brno & Ostrava, Czech Republic • 2015 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship, 7th place, Tampere, Finland • 2017 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship, 7th place, Bratislava • 2019 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship, 5th place, Neuchâtel • 2021 - Polish National Team, World Floorball Championship, 5th place, Uppsala • Danish National League Champion: 2008, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2022 • Danish National League Runner-up: 2009, 2011, 2017 • Danish Cup Winner: 2021, 2022 • Awarded in the TOP5 players of the season 2015/16, 2017/18, 2018/19 • MVP of the season 2017/18 • Floorball coach and player in local club for the upcoming season 2022-23 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the International Floorball Federation Athletes' Commission since 2017 • Chair of the Athletes' Commission since 2021 | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aalborg University, Master's Degree, Development and International Relations, 2009 - 2014 • Aalborg University, Bachelor's Degree, Art & Technology, 2009 - 2012 | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 - present, International Floorball Federation, Central Board member • 2019 - present, Assistant Hotel Manager with focus on Property Management Systems and local work laws and regulations | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 - 2021, IFF Rules and Competition Committee member • 2017 - 2020, Regional Manager, MyCityHighlight, Denmark • 2017 - 2019, Founder and Director, the Host, DMC company • 2016 - 2017, Country Manager for Poland, Fishtrip, online booking platform • 2014, European Olympic Committees EU Office in Brussels • 2013 - 2014, European Parliament, PA to MEP |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I see the inclusion of athletes from non-Olympic sports as very important, and I want the opportunity to be the voice of those athletes within WADA. Athlete representation is crucial, and with lots of passion for enhancing athlete engagement 'on the other side of the table,' I would like to contribute to clean sport. I have been responsible for spreading the anti-doping message and helping to educate athletes, and through this have gained valuable experience that I can share within the council. My involvement with the work of the IFF Central Board and Athletes' Commission has provided a powerful insight into sports administration and I am ready for the next step in a global organization. I am committed to fight for clean sport.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play Fair to your opponents, fans and yourself.</p> |


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| Last Name | REGO |  |
| First Name | Emmanuel Fernando Scheffer | |
| Sport | Volleyball | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Beach Volleyball | |
| Sport Nationality | Brazil | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 03 / 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympic Games: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athens GREECE 2004: GOLD medal London UK 2012: SILVER medal Beijing CHINA 2008: BRONZE medal World Champion 3 times: 1999, 2003 and 2011 PANAM Games: 2 Gold medals: 2007 and 2011 FIVB World Tour Teams of the year 10 times: 1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2011 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Athletes' Commission, WADA (2013- 2015) President of the Athletes' Commission, Brazilian Olympic Committee NOC (2013-2017) President of the Athletes' Commission, Brazilian Confederation of Volleyball CBV (2016-2019) Member of the Athletes' Commission, Brazilian Olympic Committee COB (2017-2019) Expert for the FIVB Athletes' Commission (2016-2021) | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree in Marketing – Estácio de Sá University, Rio de Janeiro MBA – Sports Administration CAGE – Olympic Institute of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Secretary of Anti-Doping Control – Brazilian Doping Control Agency (2019) Sports Commentator, SporTV, at the Rome Beach Volleyball World Cup (2022) Member of the Board of Directors of the Brazilian Club Committee – CBC (2021-2022) Sports Commentator, TV Globo, at the Rio and Tokyo Olympic Games (2016-2021) National Secretary of High Performance Sports (2019-2020) Executive Director of Olympic Sports, Fluminense Football Club (2017-2019) | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I have great interest in passing on the vision of Beach Volleyball and South America Volleyball, in the continuous growth of WADA in the world. I believe that Clean Sport is fair and brings its moral and educational rewards.</p> | |

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| | The great challenge will be the continuity of the education of athletes regarding the harm caused by the use of doping. Clean Sport depends much more on strength of knowledge than harsh punishments. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | To me, Play True means playing fairly and honestly. In which all competitors can compete under the same conditions. Where talent, individuality and the quest to overcome their own limits will prevail. |

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| Last Name | RIPPEL |  |
| First Name | Cassio | |
| Sport | Shooting Sports | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Rifle | |
| Sport Nationality | Brazil | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympian at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games • Participated at the ISSF World Championship 2018, 2014 and 2010 • 2015 Toronto Pan-American Games Champion • 2018 American Championship Silver Medalist • Awarded with the Bronze Star Medal of the International Military Sports Council (CISM) • Several times ISSF World Cup finalist • Several times National Brazilian Champion • Awarded 2013 and 2015 Athlete of the Year by the Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB) - Shooting | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) - Athlete Committee Member (2018 to present) • Confederação Brasileira de Tiro Esportivo (CBTE) - Chairman of the Athletes Committee (2021 to present) | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Military Sciences – Agulhas Negras Military Academy (AMAN) - Resende, RJ – Brazil (1995-1999) • Bachelor of Physical Education – Army Physical Education University (EsEFEx) - Rio de Janeiro, RJ – Brazil (2002) • Master's degree of Military Science – Officers Improvement School (EsAO) - Rio de Janeiro, RJ – Brazil (2009) | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1995 to present - Brazilian Army Officer (Lieutenant Colonel) • 2002 to present - Physical Education Professional • 2007 to present - Professional Olympic Sport Shooting Athlete • 2012-2013 Teacher at the University "José Maria Cordoba" – Bogotá/Colombia • 2018 to present - Member of the ISSF Athletes Committee • 2021 to present - Chairman of the Brazilian Shooting Confederation Athletes' Committee | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>To be the voice of the athletes inside WADA representing their interests. Adding all my experience in the field of play, from junior till Olympian, as well as physical education, logistics, planning and organization skills. Our joint expertise can help to keep the excellent work that all the previous WADA Athletes Committees have been doing, moving forward in a team-</p> | |


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| | work effort to always improve the education system for the athletes. Teaching them that even in the most vulnerable moments they can have all the tools to say no to doping and keep themselves on the right side of clean sport. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Play true means all athletes training and competing in the healthiest environment, based only on their performance, winning the best without any doping. |

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| Last Name | RISKALLA |
| First Name | Rodolpho |
| Sport | Equestrian |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Para Dressage |
| Sport Nationality | Brazil |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) |





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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Medal Tokyo Paralympics 2020 • Silver Medal World Championships Tryon USA 2018 • 7th Team 10th Individual Rio Paralympics 2016 • Long Listed London Olympics 2012 • Many International Wins and placings in Parasport and “able body” sport |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 FEI Sports Forum invited panelist • FEI Para Dressage Forum 2019 invited panelist |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 spoken languages (Portuguese, English, French, Spanish, German) • Brazilian Medium School degree |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-2022 Events Assistant at Christian Dior Couture • 2014-2017 Collaborator and Cash desk office at Christian Dior Couture • 2012- 2014 Trainer, Rider and Head of Stables at Haras de Champcueil, France • 2007-2012 Trainer and professional rider at Clube Hipico de Santo Amaro and Hipica Paulista, Brazil |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I truly believe that having the athletes’ voices and input in the future of any subject, including anti-doping, of any sport is very important. We are inside the field of play and can help the best, bringing ideas and solutions. With all my international experience after all those years competing around the globe, I feel totally capable to help.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>For me it's being loyal to the principles of a fair game and always respecting the rules and telling the truth.</p> |

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| Last Name | SABLJAK |
| First Name | Ella |
| Sport | Wheelchair Basketball |
| Discipline (if applicable) | |
| Sport Nationality | Australia |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) |



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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Medalist at the Commonwealth Games • 2020 Paralympic Games (finished 9th) • 2018 World Championships (finished 9th) • Silver Medalist at the 2011 & 2015 U25 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championships |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWBF Athlete Commission – Voting Member • Paralympics Australia Athlete Commission – Voting Member |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor in Primary Education • Graduate Certificate in Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Manager at Paralympics Australia • Primary School teacher |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | Establishing a strong athlete voice from the beginning assists in shaping the Council into being well-received, setting strong foundations as well as leading the way for clean sport. |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Competing in the sport we love in the purest way. |

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| Last Name | SCOTT |  |
| First Name | Thomas | |
| Sport | Karate | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Kumite | |
| Sport Nationality | USA | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Karate Federation (WKF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan American Games Silver Medalist 2011 Guadalajara • Pan American Games Gold Medalist 2015 Toronto • Pan American Games Gold Medalist 2019 Lima • Tokyo 2020 Olympian 7th Place • WKF World Championships Bronze 2021 Dubai | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Karate Athlete Advisory Committee, 2011-2021 • USA Karate Board of Directors Athlete Director, 2021 to present | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Christian University BA Criminal Justice, 2012 • University of Texas at Dallas MA Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 2014 | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Director – Academy of Classical Karate in Plano, 2015 to present • Professional Karate Athlete | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I love my sport and a dream of mine has always been to help promote and push karate to the highest levels. With great respect for WADA, being elected to the WADA Athlete Council would help me first and foremost bring the highest standards of world sport back to the sport that I love. Secondly, it would be a wonderful opportunity for me to represent karate and practitioners all around the world. I would look forward to bringing athlete perspective to a great organization like WADA and hopefully help discover areas where it can grow to carry its mission further.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True reminds athletes that, at the end of the day, becoming a better person tomorrow has more value than victory or a gold medal.</p> | |


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| Last Name | TAN |  |
| First Name | Yuhan | |
| Sport | Badminton | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Singles | |
| Sport Nationality | Belgium | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | Badminton World Federation (BWF) | |
| Sports Career | Still competing as an international level athlete? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: 12 / 2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-time Olympian (London 2012, Rio 2016) | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Badminton World Federation (BWF) AC Chair of Belgian Olympic Committee AC Member of WADA Athletes' Committee | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Doctor in Orthopedic Surgery | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>Given my experiences as an athletes' representative on a national and global level, I feel I have a good understanding of athletes' needs. I appreciate working together with all relevant stakeholders to develop policy and programs to support (para)athletes as much as possible in the field of anti-doping.</p> <p>Also, as a medical doctor, I have a good understanding of the scientific aspects relevant to the fight against doping and would be able to bring an educated view to the technical discussions. I am motivated to get to work and I am hoping for your support!</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | Showing respect to fellow athletes. Showing respect to yourself! | |

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| Last Name | VAN DEN BERG |
| First Name | Jan |
| Sport | IPSC Shooting |
| Discipline (if applicable) | |
| Sport Nationality | South Africa |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) |

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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have attended a total of 11 World Championship matches since 1996. 2011 – Bronze medal Team 2017 – Bronze medal Team 2019 – fifth place in category Multiple National match and championship titles |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served on the Management Committee of the National governing body (South African Practical Shooting Association) for 4 years Been serving on the Course Design Committee representing competitors for the past 6 years Served on an ad hoc committee of the International body as an athletes' representative for enhancing the quality of course design Serve as the Vice Chair of my Provincial Association Serve on the Athlete's Committee of the International Practical Shooting Confederation |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Honours degree in Financial Management Professional body qualifications for both asset management and stockbroking |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Stockbroker (1991 to current) Practice as an Equity Investment Fund Manager Currently managing equity portfolios on behalf of individual and corporate investors |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>Sport is the one human endeavour where competition revels in success. The only way to achieve this though is by ensuring that all competition is fair. WADA plays an important role in ensuring that the playing field is level. It establishes the norms of honesty and fairness in competition and ensures that these are enforced where abuse is detected. I see my role in WADA as helping ensure that sport that I represent not only complies but competes with an attitude of honesty and fairness that may even negate the need for enforcement. To me it is all about fair sporting activity.</p> |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>True play personifies the experience and elation that I get from competing in the sporting activity of my free choice. It is also a platform that allows</p> |

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| | me to show my true identity in a fashion that enhances the experience that others have of me while competing. |
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| Last Name | VIDAL HERRERA |
| First Name | Nilo |
| Sport | Squash |
| Discipline (if applicable) | |
| Sport Nationality | Spain |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Squash Federation (WSF) |



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| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Junior Silver Medal 2017 • 6x Spanish Junior Champion • 8x Catalan Junior Champion • 2x European Junior Bronze Medal • 2x Catalan Senior Championship Silver Medal • 2x PSA titles • PSA World Ranking 192 • 28 National titles • 2nd round World Junior Championships 2016 |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Squash Federation & Professional Squash Association • Real Federación Española de Squash Delegate Commission |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity & Privacy Master • Multimedia Degree • Squash Coach • Fitness directed activities titles |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional squash player • Multimedia engineer (software development) • Squash coach and manager of many events such as championships, exhibitions or camps |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>I want to contribute as much as possible to promote and ensure sport in a clean and a healthy way. I am made of sport, as a professional athlete, competition is not just my job, it's my life.</p> <p>Information is power, and I also think the sharing of information is so important to contribute and make a better world. That's why I'm interested in this position. I want to try to help the sport and pay back what sport is giving to me.</p> <p>I am a person that does not like to be just a sportsman, receive the information, and then criticize. I am a person that wants to take part in a team and discuss, understand, and support the measures and reasons of a meeting. That's why I want to be part of this team.</p> |

What does Play True mean to you?

For me "Play True" is the manner of competing and practicing sport in a loyal and honorable way, respecting others and yourself, achieving results in a fair way.

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| Last Name | WYATT |  |
| First Name | Marcus | |
| Sport | Skeleton | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | | |
| Sport Nationality | Great Britain | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) | |
| Sports Career | <p>Still competing as an international level athlete?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beijing 2022 (16th) • 2019 (12th), 2020 (10th), 2021 (12th) World Champs • 3rd Sigulda World Cup 2020 | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Athlete Committee 2019 - present | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3x A-Levels – Maths, Psychology, Physical Education • University Degree in Psychology (2011-2014) | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time Skeleton athlete 2014 - present | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | <p>As an athlete I believe it is my duty to leave sport in a better place than I found it, and the WADA Athlete Council is a great way I believe I can influence sport for the better. As a current competing athlete, I have a really useful current perspective on the issues around clean sport and can use that to help improve that now and for the future. As a person, I am hard-working, dedicated and particularly motivated by resolving unfairness and these will be my main drivers if elected to the athlete council.</p> | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | <p>Play True to me is about creating the fairest and cleanest version of sport possible in every aspect from prevention to education.</p> | |

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| Last Name | ZECCHINI |  |
| First Name | Alessia | |
| Sport | Underwater Sports - Apnea | |
| Discipline (if applicable) | Most of all | |
| Sport Nationality | Italy | |
| Nominating IF Athlete Commission | World Underwater Federation (CMAS) | |
| Sports Career | Still competing as an international level athlete? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Date of retirement: Month / Year) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 World Gold Medals • 35 World Records | |
| Athlete Committee Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of Athletes' Commission CMAS from 2022 • Member of CONI LAZIO Commission from 2016 | |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in Physical Education at "Foro Italico" University - Rome • High Specialization Master in Olympic Management CONI - Rome | |
| Professional Career | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athlete in the Italian National Team from 2012 • Freediving Instructor Three Stars • Apnea Trainer FIPSAS-CMAS • Read more at www.alessiazecchini.com | |
| Why do you want to be elected to the inaugural WADA Athlete Council? | I would like to help our beloved sport to be full of good values and clean from any wrong behaviors. We can reach all our dreams just with a lot of determination and commitment, without choosing the shorter way! Our mind and our body can be trained hard and nothing is impossible and we'll never need anything else! With my experience and the big help of my federation that is supporting me, we would like to help and work for reaching big goals together. | |
| What does Play True mean to you? | It means reach our dreams just with passion and determination! It means love and respect yourself and our competitors! It means do always all your best... You will never need anything else! | |