

## WADA Athlete Council

20 January 2026

### Meeting Outcomes

*Virtual meeting*

<b>Athlete Council Members</b>	
Ryan Pini	Gaby Ahrens
Susan Egoavil	Ivan Cosic
Humphrey Kayange	Iñaki Gomez
Jennifer Harss	Dora Hegyi
Elisabeth Maier	Patrick O-Leary
Bronwen Knox	Emma Terho
Toby Cunliffe-Steel	Katriona Ross
Mona Brorsson	Cyrille Tchatchet II
Ella Sabljak	Yujiao Tan
	Maja Wloszczowska
<b>Apologies</b>	
Hong Zhang	
<b>Athlete Engagement and Governance teams</b>	
Karine Henrie, Director, Athlete Engagement	Stacy Spletzer-Jegen, Senior Manager, Athlete Engagement
Logan Harris, Coordinator, Athlete Engagement	Hubert Forget, Governance Manager

On **20 January**, (WADA's) [Athlete Council](#) (AC) held its first meeting of 2026 in a virtual format.

The AC welcomed three new members and welcomed back four other members, all of whom were appointed by the AC Appointment Panel for three-year terms effective 1 January 2026, further to the [public call for Group 3<sup>\(i\)</sup> candidates](#) launched by WADA in May 2025.

### **New Group 3 Members**

- Susan Egoávil (Volleyball, Peru);
- Bronwen Knox (Water Polo, Australia); and
- Katriona Ross (Squash, Scotland).

### **Re-appointed Group 3 Members**

- Gaby Ahrens (Shooting, Namibia)
- Iñaki Gomez (Athletics, Canada)
- Patrick O'Leary (Para Canoe, Ireland)
- Ryan Pini (Swimming, Papua New Guinea)

The AC went on to hold its election for six leadership positions within the AC including its Chair and Vice-Chair (who represent the AC on the [WADA Executive Committee](#), respectively as member and deputy) as well as two members to sit on the [WADA Foundation Board](#), including one seat reserved for a para-athlete. The AC also elected two of its members to sit on WADA's [Finance & Administration Committee](#) and [Health, Medical & Research Committee](#). Prior to the vote for each position, AC members were provided the opportunity to present their candidacy to the group, and other AC members were invited to ask them questions.

The election process was managed by WADA Governance Manager, Hubert Forget and voting took place electronically, using the Simply Voting online platform.

The results were as follows:

- **Ryan Pini** (Swimming, Papua New Guinea) was re-elected **Chair** of the AC.
- **Dora Hegyi** (Gymnastics, Hungary) was elected **Vice-Chair** of the AC.
- **Gaby Ahrens** (Shooting, Namibia) was elected to represent the AC on the Board.
- **Ivan Ćosić** (ParaVolley, Croatia) was elected to represent the AC on the Board.
- **Iñaki Gomez** (Athletics, Canada) was elected to join the Finance & Administration Committee.
- **Cyrille Tchatchet II** (Weightlifting, UK) was elected to serve on the Health Medical & Research Committee.

Re-elected Chair Ryan Pini and Director of Athlete Engagement Karine Henrie provided closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned.