

2025 WORLD AQUATICS ATHLETES' COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

We are pleased to present the list of athletes who have put their names forward as candidates for election for the World Aquatics Athletes' Committee.

Please find below the profiles of all eligible candidates, categorized by discipline. 20 athletes will be elected with the following distribution:

- Swimming: 10 athletes (one man and one woman per continent)
- Open Water Swimming: 2 athletes (one man and one woman)
- Diving: 2 athletes (one man and one woman)
- High Diving: 2 athletes (one man and one woman)
- Artistic Swimming: 2 athletes (one man and one woman)
- Water Polo 2 athletes (one man and one woman)

Only athletes registered for the World Aquatics Championships - Singapore 2025 are eligible to vote for their peers:

- **Swimming** voters choose one man and one woman **from their continent**.
- **All other disciplines:** voters choose one man and one woman **from their discipline**.

Voters can access the voting platform [HERE](#) or using the QR codes below. To login, they need to enter their World Aquatics GMS ID (on the World Aquatics Championships - Singapore 2025 accreditation or previous World Aquatics Championships accreditations) and their password, which is their date of birth (format MMDDYYYY).

For any questions, please contact World Aquatics at athletes.committee@worldaquatics.com.

SWIMMING
AFRICA

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
ALAMY	Hazel	F	SLE	Africa
DLAMINI	Siwakhile	F	SWZ	Africa
DAOU	Magnim Jordano	M	TOG	Africa
SALIBOKO	Collins	M	TAN	Africa
SATES	Matthew	M	RSA	Africa

AMERICAS

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
SOTOMAYOR	Alexia	F	PER	Americas
IGA CESAR	Jorge Andres	M	MEX	Americas

ASIA

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
HAUGHEY	Siobhan	F	HKG	Asia
SEOYEONG	Kim	F	KOR	Asia
BALANDIN	Dmitriy	M	KAZ	Asia
CHAO	Man Hou	M	MAC	Asia
PRAKASH	Sajan	M	IND	Asia
SUDARTAWA	I Gede Siman	M	INA	Asia
USMONOV	Eldor	M	UZB	Asia
WANG	Shun	M	CHN	Asia

EUROPE

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
HOLUB	Tamila	F	POR	Europe
RUSHTON	Simona	F	CZE	Europe
AUBOECK	Felix	M	AUT	Europe
MINAKOV	Andrei	M	RUS	Europe
NAGY	Richard	M	SVK	Europe
ROMANCHUK	Mykhailo	M	UKR	Europe
RYAN	Shane	M	IRL	Europe
SHYMANOVICH	Ilya	M	BLR	Europe

OCEANIA

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
ROVA	Cheyenne	F	FIJ	Oceania
ROBERTS	Wesley Tikiariki	M	COK	Oceania

OPEN WATER

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
CUNHA	Ana Marcela	F	BRA	Americas
JOUISSE	Caroline	F	FRA	Europe
FARINANGO BERRU	David	M	ECU	Americas

DIVING

Last name	First name	Gender	Country	Continent
WU	Melissa	F	AUS	Oceania
KNIGHT-WISDOM	Yona	M	JAM	Americas
LAUGHER	Jack	M	GBR	Europe
RUVALCABA	Jonathan	M	DOM	Americas
WESEMANN	Moritz	M	GER	Europe

HIGH DIVING

Last name	First name	Gender	Country	Continent
VAN KATWIJK	Ginni	F	NED	Europe
PREDA	Catalin-Petru	M	ROU	Europe

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

Last name	First name	Gender	Country	Continent
CARBONELL BALLESTERO	Ona	F	ESP	Europe
MORRIS	Eva	F	NZL	Oceania
SAAFAN	Nehal	F	EGY	Africa
SIMONEAU	Jacqueline	F	CAN	Americas
BARRAL	Renaud	M	BEL	Europe
MAY	Bill	M	USA	Americas
RUISANCHEZ TORRES-ZAYAS	Javier Enrique	M	PUR	Americas

WATER POLO

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country	Continent
KESZTHELYI	Rita	F	HUN	Europe
BIJAC	Marko	M	CRO	Europe

HAZEL ALAMY



DATE OF BIRTH

02.07.1991

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Representing Sierra Leone as the sole competitor at the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest, Hungary 2024. This stands as one of my proudest accomplishments, despite facing significant financial hurdles and travelling without a team or coach.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As a British-born Sierra Leonean swimmer with a recently completed MSc in Psychology from Birkbeck, University of London, I understand both the psychological and structural barriers that athletes from marginalized backgrounds face. This academic foundation, fuels my commitment to champion policies that make World Aquatics more inclusive, amplifying the voices of underrepresented athletes, promoting mental wellbeing, and ensuring no one is left behind.

HOBBIES

Immersed in nature surfing and Open Water Swimming along Sierra Leone's white sand beaches or hiking the Peninsular mountains all the way to hidden waterfalls. I'm also an avid reader of African fiction, especially novels rooted in real historical events.

COUNTRY

Sierra Leone

Swimming
Africa



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WORLD
AQUATICS

SIWAKHILE DLAMINI



DATE OF BIRTH

21.10.2005

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Multiple podium finishes for various races at the ESA nationals, Mpumalanga Championships in South Africa & Mozambican competitions.
- I was appointed as the Female Captain of the National Eswatini Swimming Team.
- I am currently a World Aquatics Scholarship Holder and have been given the opportunity to train at Bond University.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

It deeply inspires me to help amplify athletes' voices and to connect with them on a deeper level. I understand that we all share similar goals in striving to achieve our dreams, and I would be honoured to represent African athletes. I am genuinely motivated by the opportunity to connect with others, as it helps me stay open-minded, build strong relationships, and foster teamwork.

HOBBIES

- Reading and listening to music.
- Hosting bible studies.
- Trying new foods and activities with my friends and family.
- I love working with children, so any opportunity I get to babysit I take it.
- I am interested in podcasts and content creation.

COUNTRY

Eswatini

Swimming Africa



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WORLD
AQUATICS

MAGNIM JORDANO DAOU



DATE OF BIRTH

11.07.2004

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

As a dedicated swimmer from Togo, I have had the privilege of representing my country at multiple World Aquatics competitions and the Olympic Games. One of my proudest achievements was setting a personal best time that became the second-fastest in Togo's history, along with placing 3rd in my heat at the 50m free event.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I aim to bridge the gap between athletes and decision-makers, ensuring that even the quietest concerns are heard at the highest levels. As a native French speaker with upper-intermediate English skills, I understand the challenges of language barriers and want to help ensure all athletes can engage fully with World Aquatics.

HOBBIES

I like to channel my creativity into drawing, 3D design, and interior architecture (a field I'm actively studying). I also enjoy adventure games and cooking, activities that teach me patience, problem-solving, and teamwork, skills I'd bring to this role.

COUNTRY

Togo

Swimming Africa



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WORLD
AQUATICS

COLLINS SALIBOKO



DATE OF BIRTH

09.04.2002

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Representing Tanzania at the Olympic Games Paris 2024
- Participating at the World Aquatics Championships, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, and all African Games
- Team Captain for Tanzania in several international events, including CANA Zone 3 & 4 and African Championships

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As an athlete from East Africa, I've seen both the challenges and the spirit that define our Swimming community. I've also had the unique privilege to study and train in England, the United States, and South Africa experiencing different systems and perspectives in the sport. That exposure showed me how much room there is for growth and innovation.

HOBBIES

- Passionate about sports leadership and management
- Motivational speaking, youth mentorship, and reading non-fiction
- Exploring new cultures through sport and trying new activities
- Graphic designing, video editing and social media managing

COUNTRY

Tanzania

Swimming Africa



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WORLD
AQUATICS

MATTHEW SATES



DATE OF BIRTH

28.07.2003

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

I would like to begin with my greatest achievement which is the ethic of my training. For 12 years I have been committed and passionate about my training in the pool, giving over 100% at every training session. I have been able to go to the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games and training for my third Olympics in LA 2028. I was the overall winner of the World Cups in 2021, the third overall in the World Cups in 2023.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

Individuals who are committed to being their best deserve a voice to represent them and ensure they reach their full potential in a fair and informed way. With my experience, I'm confident in my ability to speak on their behalf, and it would be an honour to support them on their journey.

HOBBIES

I enjoy surfing, longboarding, walks in nature and reading.

COUNTRY

South Africa

Swimming
Africa



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ALEXIA SOTOMAYOR



DATE OF BIRTH

18.07.2006

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Youngest athlete to qualify for the Pan-American Games at just 12 years old
- South American Champion (Continental)
- World Junior Finalist
- Represented Peru in 5 World Championships, qualified for the 6th one for Singapore this Summer
- Member of the National Team for Peru since 2019
- Multiple South American Junior Record Holder

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As someone who entered the sport and world stage at a young age, I know the power of representation and support. I want to be a voice for young athletes—especially those from underrepresented countries—and show that the Olympic dream is not only possible, but a medal is too. I'm here to advocate for equal opportunity, mental health, and resources that help all athletes thrive, no matter where they come from.

HOBBIES

- Public Speaking (TEDx Speaker in two opportunities)
- Passionate about Youth Empowerment and Business
- Social Media Creator
- Star Wars Super Fan
- Language Enthusiast (fluent in 2 languages: English and Spanish) learned French for a Year, Italian for two years, and some understanding of Portuguese!

COUNTRY

Peru

Swimming Americas



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WORLD
AQUATICS

JORGE ANDRES IGA CESAR



DATE OF BIRTH

12.01.1997

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Olympian (Paris 2024 100m & 200m Freestyle)
- Pan American Games Silver Medalist (Santiago 2023)
- 14-time Central American and Caribbean Games Medalist
- Multiple national record holder for Mexico

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I want to be a voice for underrepresented athletes—especially from Latin America—who often face systemic challenges in reaching the highest levels. My motivation comes from the unity I've experienced across borders and the belief that athletes must play an active role in shaping the future of our sport. Having worked on rebuilding swimming governance in Mexico, I've seen how important it is for athletes to be part of the conversation. Our voices bring valuable perspective, and I want to help make sure athlete well-being, access, and fairness stay at the center of every decision. This is about listening, connecting, and building a stronger, more inclusive community for everyone in aquatics.

HOBBIES

I enjoy good coffee, learning about watches and timekeeping, building things with my hands when I can, and spending time mentoring younger athletes.

COUNTRY

Mexico

Swimming Americas



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WORLD
AQUATICS

SIOBHAN HAUGHEY



DATE OF BIRTH

31.10.1997

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- World Record Holder
- 2x Olympics silver medallist, 2x Olympic bronze medallist
- 5x World Champion

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

- To advocate for athletes' rights and enhance their overall experience in World Aquatics' events
- To promote clean sport and fair play in all aquatic sports

HOBBIES

- Reading
- Traveling
- Fashion

COUNTRY

Hong Kong, China

Swimming
Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

KIM SEOYEONG



DATE OF BIRTH

17.03.1994

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 4-time Olympian: London 2012, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024
- First Korean female swimmer to compete in four consecutive Olympic Games
- Flag bearer for Team Korea at the 2024 Paris Olympic Opening Ceremony

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

My decision to run for a position on the World Aquatics Athletes' Committee stems from a deep desire to represent athletes' voices and to help foster a fairer, more transparent swimming environment. While Korean swimming was not widely recognized on the global stage until a few years ago, it has recently gained growing attention and shown significant progress. Having witnessed this transformation up close, I strongly believe that swimmers from smaller and less-established nations deserve greater attention and opportunities. Swimming should offer an equal opportunity for every country and athlete, and I am committed to making that a reality.

HOBBIES

I enjoy exploring new places and experiences, driven by a strong curiosity for the unknown. Recently, I've developed a keen interest in cooking and have found it exciting to experiment with various dishes.

COUNTRY

Republic of Korea

Swimming Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

DMITRIY BALANDIN



DATE OF BIRTH

04.04.1995

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Olympic Champion – 200m Breaststroke, Rio 2016
- Asian Games Gold Medalist – Incheon 2014, Jakarta 2018
- Finalist at multiple World Championships
- First Olympic swimming medalist in Kazakhstan's history

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As an athlete who has competed at the highest level of our sport, I understand the challenges and aspirations of aquatic athletes around the world. I am passionate about using my experience to support the next generation, advocate for athlete welfare, and help shape a future where every voice is heard and respected. I believe in the power of sport to inspire, unite, and drive positive change – and I would be honored to contribute to that mission as a member of the Athletes' Committee.

HOBBIES

I enjoy mentoring young athletes, participating in sports education initiatives, and spending quality time with my family. I am also interested in promoting Olympic values and healthy lifestyles through community engagement.

COUNTRY

Kazakhstan

Swimming Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

MAN HOU CHAO



DATE OF BIRTH

21.02.1996

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Bronze medal at the Asian Youth Games
- 5th in 50m breaststroke at the 2023 Asian Games
- 16th in 50m breaststroke at the 2022 World Championships (25m)

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I hope to represent athletes from smaller regions like Macau, raise awareness of challenges such as nationality restrictions, and work toward more inclusive opportunities for all.

HOBBIES

Photography, hiking, and travelling.

COUNTRY

Macau, China

Swimming Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

SAJAN PRAKASH



DATE OF BIRTH

14.09.1993

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Double Olympian – representing India at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020
- First Indian swimmer to achieve the Olympic 'A' qualification standard (200m Butterfly)
- 13 years as a National Record Holder and finalist at Asian and Commonwealth Games
- Committed to elevating Indian and South Asian swimming on the global stage

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

- Advocating for athlete development and representation across Asia
- Working towards a more inclusive coaching system by respecting local cultures while introducing progressive methods
- Breaking barriers that limit access to high-performance environments

HOBBIES

I am deeply involved in mentoring young swimmers, promoting cultural understanding in sports, and enjoy music, travel, and storytelling through sport.

COUNTRY

India

Swimming
Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

I GEDE SIMAN SUDARTAWA



DATE OF BIRTH

08.09.1994

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Participating in the London 2012 Olympic Games
- Participating in 6 World Aquatics Championships

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I have strong leadership skills, have a lot of experience in the past and present in managing the internal affairs of the National Swimming Team as appointed senior captain, and am looking forward to honing more skills as a member of the World Aquatics Athletes Committee.

HOBBIES

COUNTRY

Indonesia

Swimming
Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ELDOR USMONOV



DATE OF BIRTH

31.01.2004

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2x Finalist at the 19th Asian Games, Hangzhou 2023
- Islamic Solidarity Games Champion
- Multiple-time national champion and record holder in Uzbekistan
- Multiple medallist at the 2024 Asian Age Group Championships
- 4x Participant at the World Aquatics Championships
- NCAA Division I student-athlete in the United States

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As someone who has represented Uzbekistan internationally while also pursuing academics as a Division I athlete in the U.S., I understand the challenges athletes face both in and out of competition. I'm passionate about creating a stronger support system for athletes—especially in areas like mental health, dual careers, and post-sport transitions. I want to be a voice for athletes from developing regions and ensure that every athlete, regardless of background, has the tools and support to succeed in sport and life.

HOBBIES

- Big fan of football and travel
- Photography and creating content

COUNTRY

Uzbekistan

Swimming
Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

SHUN WANG



DATE OF BIRTH

11.02.1994

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Olympic gold medallist (Tokyo 2020, 200m IM), multiple World Championship medallist, and Asian Games champion.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

To give back to the sport that has given me so much and to ensure the voices, needs, and welfare of every athlete are genuinely heard and prioritized within World Aquatics. I am driven by the desire to contribute to a brighter future for aquatic sports, making it better for the next generation than it was for mine

HOBBIES

- Surfing
- Photography

COUNTRY

China

Swimming Asia



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WORLD
AQUATICS

TAMILA HOLUB



DATE OF BIRTH

15.05.1999

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Competed at the 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games
- European Junior Champion
- Over 40-time National Champion
- Holder of multiple National Records
- Competed in 7 World and European Championships

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I am passionate about giving athletes a stronger voice and ensuring their well-being is prioritized across all disciplines. I aim to contribute to a more inclusive, transparent, and athlete-centered environment. Additionally, I hope to help expand global awareness of sport particularly swimming, especially among younger generations to inspire and empower the future of our sport.

HOBBIES

- I speak five languages and am currently learning a sixth
- I've given motivational and educational talks to over 8,000 students in the past two years
- I lead sport education projects, such as Olympic ABC on YouTube
- I love reading, baking, and embracing joy in everyday life

COUNTRY

Portugal

Swimming
Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

SIMONA RUSHTON



DATE OF BIRTH

24.08.1991

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 4-time Olympian (London 2012, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2021, and Paris 2024 as an IOC AC candidate)
- World Aquatics Short Course Championships Bronze medallist (2012)
- European Champion and multiple-time European Championships medallist

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I am deeply committed to improving the lives and careers of athletes, both during their competitive years and beyond. My leadership experience includes serving as Chairman of the Czech Aquatics Athletes' Commission and as a member of the Czech Olympic Team Athletes' Commission. Having lived, trained, and worked alongside athletes from diverse cultural backgrounds, I am well prepared to represent a wide range of voices and experiences.

HOBBIES

- Traveling and exploring new cultures
- Spending time with family and my dog
- Staying active and engaged—never bored!

COUNTRY

Czechia

Swimming
Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

FELIX AUBOECK



DATE OF BIRTH

19.12.1996

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Short Course World Champion 2021 – 400m Freestyle
- European Champion 2024 – 400m Freestyle
- NCAA Champion 2019 – 1650y Freestyle
- Three-time Olympian – 2016, 2020, 2024
- Olympic Finalist (400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle)

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I feel very fortunate to have had a long and fulfilling career in professional Swimming. I would like to use my experience to help enhance career longevity for athletes and support the creation of environments that make this possible. I am also passionate about expanding the visibility of our sport through more high-level events throughout the year.

HOBBIES

I enjoy attending live sporting events and I'm currently in the final year of my PhD in Security Studies, which keeps me quite busy outside the pool.

COUNTRY

Austria

Swimming
Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ANDREI MINAKOV



DATE OF BIRTH

17.03.2002

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Olympic Games Finalist (Tokyo 2021)
- Multi-medalist (2019)
- World SC Championship Champion and multi-medalist (2021, 2024)
- European Aquatic Championships Champion (2021)
- 6x Youth Olympic Champion (2018)

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

Since the start of my athletic career, I have been actively engaged with athletes from around the world through international competitions, building strong and trusting relationships. Now, I am ready to channel that experience and my skills into a more structured and meaningful form of engagement. My global perspective, sense of responsibility, and dedication to advocating for athletes' interests will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the growth of the aquatic community.

HOBBIES

Hockey, tennis, and skiing

COUNTRY

Russia

Swimming Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

RICHARD NAGY



DATE OF BIRTH

09.03.1993

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Two-time Olympian Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020
- European Championships Silver Medallist

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As I approach the conclusion of my athletic career, my focus is shifting from pursuing personal accomplishments to supporting the next generation of athletes. With extensive experience in competitive Swimming and a strong background in athlete representation within governing bodies, I am confident in my ability to contribute meaningfully to the World Aquatics Athletes' Committee.

HOBBIES

I have a deep appreciation for literature, enjoy cooking, and value spending time outdoors.

COUNTRY

Slovakia

Swimming Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

MYKHAILO ROMANCHUK



DATE OF BIRTH

07.08.1996

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Silver and bronze medals at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo (1500 m and 800 m freestyle, respectively)
- Silver medal at World Aquatics Championships in 2017 and 2019 at 1500 m freestyle
- 6 Gold Medals at the European Championships from 2018 to 2022

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

As a member of the World Aquatics Athletes Committee, I aim to advocate for the interests of athletes at all levels, introduce innovations to improve training and competition conditions, foster collaboration between athletes from different countries and cultures, promote fairness, equality, and transparency within the sports community.

HOBBIES

COUNTRY

Ukraine

Swimming
Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ATHLETES COMMITTEE ELECTION

SHANE RYAN



DATE OF BIRTH

27.01.1994

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Represented Ireland across three Olympic Games, becoming one of Ireland's first World Championship medalists in 2018. Achieved another World Championship medal in 2024 following a long and challenging recovery from major shoulder surgery.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

My motivation for running for the Athletes' Committee is to ensure that athletes have a voice. Too often, governing bodies make decisions without truly listening to the athletes themselves. Being part of the Athletes' Committee is a vital way to change that because without athletes, there is no sport.

HOBBIES

I love to play golf. I like working on my car and spending time with friends and family.

COUNTRY

Ireland

Swimming Europe



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WORLD
AQUATICS

IILYA SHYMANOVICH



DATE OF BIRTH

02.08.1994

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games - 100m breaststroke Finalist
- Paris 2024 Olympic Games - 100m breaststroke Semi-finalist
- 2021 World Aquatics Championships - 100m breaststroke Gold Medal

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

One of the reasons why I am so passionate about this field is because I strongly believe in the values of fairness, respect, and continuous improvement. I understand that the World Aquatics Athletes Committee plays a crucial role in fostering these values, and I would be honoured to be part of such an esteemed organisation.

HOBBIES

Reading, travelling, learning foreign languages

COUNTRY

Belarus

Swimming
Europe



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**WORLD
AQUATICS**

CHEYENNE ROVA



DATE OF BIRTH

23.04.1995

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Olympian at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
Team captain and long-time representative for
Fiji at multiple international competitions
including the Pacific Games, Oceania Games,
Commonwealth Youth Games, Commonwealth
Games, and the Olympic Games

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I'm passionate about being a voice for my
Oceania brothers and sisters, especially those
from our smaller Pacific Island nations. While we
are all part of the same region, our challenges
can differ greatly from access to resources and
opportunities to gain visibility on the global stage.
Coming from Fiji, I believe I am in a unique
position to understand and advocate for both
our smaller nations and our fellow athletes in
Australia and New Zealand. I carry with me our
Pacific values of community, respect, and
inclusivity, and I hope to bring these to the table
in service of all athletes.

HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF AQUATICS

- I enjoy being part of the ACE Programme (Athletes and Communities Engagement) under FASANOC, where we visit schools and communities to educate and advocate through sport
- I also serve on the FASANOC Athletes' Commission
- I love cooking, baking, and thrifting

COUNTRY

Fiji

Swimming
Oceania



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WORLD
AQUATICS

WESLEY TIKIARIKI ROBERTS



DATE OF BIRTH

24.06.1997

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Representing the Cook Islands at two Olympic Games stands out as a career highlight. Over the years, I've been proud to achieve international medals and to help raise the profile of Pacific Island aquatics athletes on the global stage. My journey in elite sport has taught me resilience, discipline, and the importance of representing something greater than myself.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I'm passionate about athlete advocacy and ensuring that every competitor—regardless of background or resources—has a voice. As someone who transitioned from elite sport into a professional career in tech, I understand the challenges athletes face both during and after their sporting careers. I want to contribute to shaping policies that support athletes' mental health, career development, and equitable access to opportunities.

HOBBIES

I'm a software developer with a love for building innovative tech solutions. I enjoy coding, contributing to open-source projects, and mentoring aspiring developers.

COUNTRY

Cook Islands

Swimming Oceania



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ANA MARCELA CUNHA



DATE OF BIRTH

23.03.1992

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Tokyo 2020 Olympic Champion
- 17 medals in World Championships
- Pan-American champion
- South American champion
- 7 times World Circuit champion
- Elected 8 times the best Open Water athlete in the world

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

Remaining part of the Athletes' Committee allows me to stay actively engaged in the Aquatics' community, share my experience, and help make a meaningful difference for future generations of athletes.

HOBBIES

When I'm not competing or training, I like to be with my family and friends, watch series and other sports and get to know new restaurants.

COUNTRY

Brazil

Open Water
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

CAROLINE LAURE JOUISSE



DATE OF BIRTH

26.05.1994

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Top 8 in 2024 at the World Championships in Doha and at the Paris Olympics Games.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

Since 2021, I have been a member of the European Aquatics Athletes' Committee. I would be honoured to serve on both Committees, as it would allow me to strengthen the connection between them and help ensure smooth coordination.

I am still an active swimmer, fully dedicated to my sport, and deeply committed to placing athletes at the centre of every decision. In addition to my role on the European Aquatics Athletes' Committee, I also hold two other positions within both World Aquatics and European Aquatics.

HOBBIES

I like to hike especially when there is a lake or pretty things to see, I love to shop and listen to music.

COUNTRY

France

Open Water
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

DAVID FARINANGO BERRU



DATE OF BIRTH

20.10.2000

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Participation at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 - 10 km - 17th place
- World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 - 10 km - 12th place / 5 km - 12th place
- Participation at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 - 10 km - 15th place

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

HOBBIES

COUNTRY

Ecuador

Open Water
Swimming



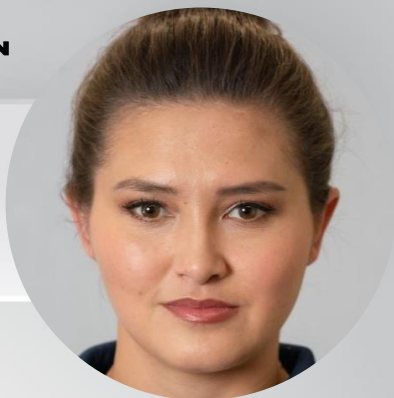
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ATHLETES COMMITTEE ELECTION

MELISSA WU



DATE OF BIRTH

03.05.1992

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

I've had the honour of representing Australia at 5 Olympic Games, winning an Olympic silver medal in 2008 and a bronze in Tokyo 2020. I've earned multiple World Aquatics Championships and Commonwealth Games medals, and I've been a proud leader and teammate on the Australian diving team for over 15 years.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I've gained a deep understanding of the challenges athletes face both in and out of competition. I'm passionate about using my experience to support, represent, and advocate for athletes across all aquatic sports. This is a valuable opportunity for athletes to play an active role in shaping the future of our sports, and I'm committed to ensuring that our voice is represented with integrity, empathy, and purpose.

HOBBIES

I love staying active, whether that's Olympic weightlifting, going for a run, or jumping into a fun challenge just to see if I can do it! Alongside coaching young divers, I'm a strength and conditioning coach in the gym and I also mentor athletes across a wide variety of sports.

COUNTRY

Australia

Diving



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WORLD
AQUATICS

YONA KNIGHT-WISDOM



DATE OF BIRTH

12.05.1995

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

I am the first and only male diver to represent Jamaica at the Olympic Games, competing at Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020, and Paris 2024. I am a World Cup and Pan American Games silver medallist. At over 6ft 2in tall and 90+kg heavy, I overcame many obstacles to achieve what I did in the sport.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I'm running for the World Aquatics Athletes Committee because I want to contribute to the development and positive progression of Diving. I also represent a region of the world where very few divers have made a similar impact, and I am passionate about developing Diving in that region.

HOBBIES

I am a huge fan of sport in general but F1 and football are my favourite sports to watch other than Diving. I also co-host a podcast called DIVE Beyond Sport, with a fellow Olympic diver and close friend of mine.

COUNTRY

Jamaica

Diving



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**WORLD
AQUATICS**

ATHLETES COMMITTEE ELECTION

JACK LAUGHER



DATE OF BIRTH

30.01.1995

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Olympic Champion at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and 4-time Olympic medallist.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I have always strived to be a voice for the Diving athletes and would love to keep progressing the sport forward, especially as a current competing athlete.

HOBBIES

My hobbies and interests outside of Diving are being outdoors with my dog and I love to cook as well.

Country

Great Britain

Diving



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WORLD
AQUATICS

JONATHON RUVALCABA



DATE OF BIRTH

01.03.1991

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Olympic finalist (3m Springboard) at Paris Olympic Games 2024.
- Two-time Olympian (Tokyo & Paris)
- Competed in 7 World Aquatics Championships, aiming for my eighth.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

For many years, I've had the privilege of traveling and competing worldwide, which has enabled me to build strong relationships with incredible athletes, particularly divers. My Latin American background is a significant strength, enabling me to be a voice for those who may face challenges due to language barriers or cultural differences. Ultimately, we are united by our love for this sport; we are united by water.

HOBBIES

I genuinely enjoy reading and find great pleasure in cooking for my loved ones. When time allows, I love visiting the beach and swimming in open waters to practice freediving, performing deep dives of over 20 meters on a single breath.

COUNTRY

Dominican Republic

Diving

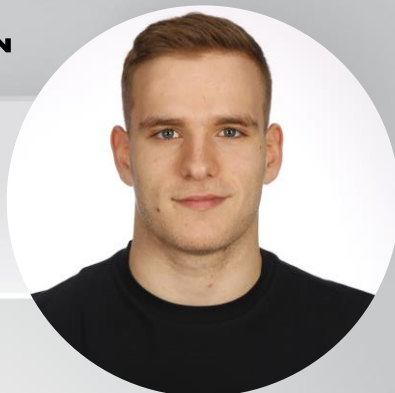


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**WORLD
AQUATICS**

MORITZ WESEMANN



DATE OF BIRTH

10.05.2002

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- European Champion 2023 (3m), 2025 (1m, 3m synchro)
- 7th place at the 2023 World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka (3m), 6th place (1m)
- 7th place at the 2024 World Aquatics Championships in Doha (3m)
- Olympic Games finalist 2024 in Paris

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I want to bring the athlete perspective forward and push for open communication between divers, coaches, judges and the World Aquatics Athlete Committee. The goal is to build an environment that supports everyone and makes the sport more engaging and exciting. I believe we need strong voices who have a good understanding of the athletes' perspective.

HOBBIES

I'm interested in anything related to technology, nutrition, or performance.

COUNTRY

Germany

Diving



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**WORLD
AQUATICS**

GINNI VAN KATWIJK



DATE OF BIRTH

05.03.1985

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Second place at the Red Bull Cliff Diving event in Northern Ireland in 2024 & 10th place at the World Cup in Bahrain in 2024.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I am committed to ensuring that the voices of all athletes are heard—whether they are seasoned competitors or new talents stepping onto the world stage for the first time. As Athletes' Representative, I would dedicate myself to fostering an environment where every athlete feels included and supported, with a focus on creating opportunities for growth and development. I would advocate for initiatives that not only strengthen the competitive framework but also promote greater visibility and accessibility for High Diving around the world.

HOBBIES

I am the owner and creator of To Die For Shammies a small tie dye business. I love naps, traveling and good food!!

COUNTRY

Netherlands

High Diving

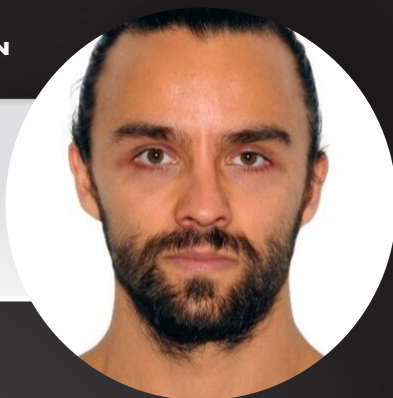


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WORLD
AQUATICS

CATALIN-PETRU PREDA



DATE OF BIRTH

29.06.1991

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Silver medalist - 2023 World Aquatics Championships (Fukuoka, Japan)
- Bronze medalist - 2024 World Aquatics Championships (Doha, Qatar)
- Silver medalist - 2022 European Championships (Rome, Italy)

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I'm always striving to bridge communication and to help optimize processes and procedures which will hopefully enhance the further development of our sports discipline, beyond our aquatic's community. I truly wish for High Diving to reach the profile heights it deserves and to fulfil its potential in becoming part of the Olympic programme.

HOBBIES

Music, literature/reading, percussion & drumming, hiking/adventuring, motorbike touring (on/offroad)

COUNTRY

Romania

High Diving



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ONA CARBONELL BALLESTERO



DATE OF BIRTH

05.06.1990

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

One of my main achievements was to become the first woman in history to reach 23 medals in World Aquatics Championships, obtained in 7 consecutive championships. I also won 15 medals in European Swimming Championships and several other medals in other tournaments and championships. In 2013 I won, together with my team, 7 medals in one World Aquatics Championship, and that year I was designated as the Best Swimmer in Europe by European Aquatics.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I would like to highlight that, after 20 years of experience as an athlete, I understand firsthand how important it is for our voices as athletes to be heard across organisations and institutions, and to be represented at all levels of governance. The athlete's voice is a diverse and wide voice, and this is how it must be represented. In all these years I have had the opportunity of getting to know and compete with many swimmers from all over the world, many of whom I consider now my friends, and I would be proud and motivated to try to represent them as best as I can.

HOBBIES

In addition to my passion for water sports, I find great joy in sharing the values I've learned through my athletic experiences by giving conferences or lectures and participating in debates, round tables, and events. These opportunities allow me to inspire others and emphasize the importance of dedication, teamwork, and resilience

COUNTRY

Spain

Artistic
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

EVA MORRIS



DATE OF BIRTH

31.01.1998

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

I've been proud to represent New Zealand across the highest levels of aquatics for many years — including at seven World Championships, Junior World Championships, and reaching the pinnacle of my competitive career at the Paris Olympic Games.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I'm passionate about making sure every athlete has a voice — especially those from smaller nations that don't always get a seat at the table. Too often, decisions and resources revolve around the big countries and the handful of athletes chasing medals, but the reality is that the heart of our sport is built by countless people competing at every level, from their very first World Aquatics events through to the World Championships and Olympic Games.

HOBBIES

Outside of the pool, I apply my sports background to my everyday life as my job is a certified Pilates instructor — helping others find strength and balance through movement. I also love coaching synchro, as it allows me to stay connected to the sport I'm passionate about. When I'm not teaching or coaching, I enjoy baking, reading, and traveling.

COUNTRY

New Zealand

Artistic
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

NEHAL SAAFAN



DATE OF BIRTH

10.09.1996

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

My greatest achievement is that I am the first Egyptian and African Artistic Swimmer to have participated in 3 Olympic games.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

My motivation is to make sure athletes are top priority and being heard. We have made great changes with the outgoing committee and I'd like to give more and be part of that change that athletes want to see.

HOBBIES

My hobbies and interests outside aquatics are dancing and reading.

COUNTRY

Egypt

Artistic
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

JACQUELINE SIMONEAU



DATE OF BIRTH

29.09.1996

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Three time Olympian (Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024)
- Women Solo Free World Champion in 2024
- Holder of 86 medals across World Aquatics events from 2012 to 2024.

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I'm passionate about amplifying the voices of athletes and ensuring they are represented in key decision-making processes. With experience both on the field of play and in leadership roles within the Olympic movement, I aim to foster a more inclusive, transparent, and supportive environment for all aquatics athletes worldwide.

HOBBIES

Outside the pool, I'm currently pursuing a doctorate in podiatric medicine. I'm also involved in various advocacy and education projects to promote inclusivity in sport, including initiatives that support adaptive artistic swimming. I enjoy kayaking, baking, and spending time in nature.

COUNTRY

Canada

Artistic
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

RENAUD BARRAL



DATE OF BIRTH

10.05.1988

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- EC 2022, 4th place in technical mixed duet
- WC 2023, 7th place free mixed duet
- 2023 World Cup series : 2 bronze in free mixed duet and technical male solo
- 2024 WC 8th place in free male solo

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

Inclusion is very close to my heart. I want everyone to feel free to express their individuality and personality through sport. Over the years, I've met incredible people—some of whom have become close friends. My positive mindset and enthusiasm make it easy for me to connect with others.

It would be an honour to give back to the community and to the sport that has given me so much.

HOBBIES

I'm currently studying clinical psychology. I also volunteer at the first LGBTQIA+ medical centre in Europe. I'm passionate about arts and culture—I love going to exhibitions and live performances. And I'm a huge dog person.

COUNTRY

Belgium

Artistic
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

ATHLETES COMMITTEE ELECTION

BILL MAY



DATE OF BIRTH

17.01.1979

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Becoming the first World Champion in the Mixed Duet Event. World Cup.
- First Male to compete for the United States at the inaugural inclusion of men in a Team Event at a World Aquatics Championships Championships, winning the silver medal in 2023
- Helping to rewrite the rules of Artistic Swimming to provide more fairness, development, and inclusion of all athletes.
- Becoming a World Aquatics Executive Athlete Committee Member

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I believe there should be equal opportunities for all athletes and should not be defined or limited by financial barriers or federation disadvantages. There are resources and I would love to facilitate these opportunities. I would also like to further develop and promote inclusive programs that cater to athletes of all abilities, genders, and backgrounds and believe the World Aquatics Athlete committee is the platform to create this accessibility. Overall, I would like to continue the mission of the World Aquatics Athlete Committee to create an equitable, fair, and inspiring environment for all athletes.

HOBBIES

- Cooking/ Baking (Eating)
- Event hosting and planning
- Coaching
- Collecting Christmas Ornaments

COUNTRY

United States of America

Artistic Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

JAVIER RUISANCHEZ TORRES-ZAYAS



DATE OF BIRTH

02.08.1997

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 9x World Cup Medallist
- 4x World Aquatics Championships Finalist
- Central American Games Bronze Medallist
- First male Artistic Swimmer from Puerto Rico
- Secretary of the Athlete Committee for the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I grew up in this sport feeling like I didn't have a voice. Over time, I found it and I'm committed to making sure other athletes find theirs, too. I want to ensure that every athlete is heard, protected, and given the tools to grow not just as competitors, but as people. I believe in opportunity, transparency, and accountability and I will advocate for all of us.

HOBBIES

Outside of aquatics, you'll often find me with a good book in hand, checking out a new restaurant, or convincing my friends that any day is a perfect day for the beach.

COUNTRY

Puerto Rico

Artistic
Swimming



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WORLD
AQUATICS

RITA KESZTHELYI



DATE OF BIRTH

10.12.1991

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Olympic bronze medalist
- 2x World Aquatics Championship silver medalist
- 1x World Aquatics Championship bronze medalist
- European Championship winner
- 3x European Championship bronze medalist

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I would like to get a closer view of how World Aquatics operates day by day and want the athletes to be more prominent in the public. Also, it would be amazing, if we could reach other countries, and make aquatic sports more popular and available for them. I would like to be a part of a team where we help sports to grow.

HOBBIES

I have a 4-year-old labrador, and I love taking him for a walk, and for hunting trainings. I like to spend time learning languages, I have been learning Spanish for 3 years, and I will start my Master studies in January for Marketing or something related with Economics. My favourite free time activity is spending time on the beach, or close to the lake or river with friends and just chilling.

COUNTRY

Hungary

Water Polo



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WORLD
AQUATICS

MARKO BIJAC



DATE OF BIRTH

12.01.1991

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2 Olympic silver medals (Rio 2016. and Paris 2024.)
- World Aquatics Championships: 2 gold medals (Budapest 2017. and Doha 2024.), silver medal (Kazan 2015.) and 2 bronze medals (Barcelona 2013. and Gwangju 2019.)
- European Championships: gold medal (Split 2022.),

MOTIVATIONS TO RUN

I believe that, with my experience over the years and the many competitions I have participated in, I can help Water Polo grow and move towards a better future

HOBBIES

Except spending free time with my family, I love being on the sea, just relaxing on a boat or even sometimes fishing. I follow many other sports, when I have chance, I like to go and watch football or basketball games live at the stadium.

COUNTRY

Croatia

Water Polo



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WORLD
AQUATICS