

NPC President, Secretary General
Via Email

Bonn, 12 July 2017

World Para Swimming Athletes Advisory Group Elections/ Call for nominations

Dear NPC President, Secretary General

We herewith invite your NPC to nominate one candidate for election to the World Para Swimming Athletes Advisory Group (AAG) at the upcoming Mexico City 2017 World Para Swimming Championships taking place 30 September - 06 October 2017.

The athlete representative shall serve a four-year term (2018-2021) on the Athletes Advisory Group and acting as liaison between the athletes and the World Para Swimming Management Team. The goal of the Athlete Advisory Group is to ideally represent the entire Para swimming athletes population, meaning representation by all impairment types and equal gender representation. The Athletes Advisory Group chairperson shall also serve as direct link to the World Para Swimming Sports Technical Committee.

It is recommended that candidates should have strong qualities of leadership, accomplishment, knowledge and respect, both on and off the field of play. World Para Swimming particularly welcomes candidates with experience in and a commitment to the advocacy of athlete related issues. If elected, representatives are expected to devote the necessary time required to attend relevant activities (e.g. Sport Technical Committee meetings). In this regard, please find attached an overview of the roles and responsibilities for further information.

Please note that we are offering an online-nomination form. The secure link to access the system is provided to you in this email and below:

https://fm.ipc-services.org:4430/fmi/webd#Nomination_Para_Swimming.fmp12

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To complete the nomination, please fill in the online-nomination form and upload an electronic photograph of the nominee. Furthermore, the nominated athlete must personally sign the IPC undertaking and the nominating NPC must sign the NPC endorsement form and upload both documents as described on the website.

Deadline for the submission of nominations is 31 August 2017 (24:00 CET). Please note that late nominations or incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Election rules and procedures of the IPC Athletes' Council elections will also apply to the athlete representative elections (see IPC Handbook, Section I, Chapter 2.5.1, Appendix 2).

Should you have any questions or should you not be able to submit your candidate's nomination online, please contact World Para Swimming Assistant, Jovana Zrnzevic via Email: jovana.zrnzevic@paralympic.org

We look forward to receiving your organisation's nomination.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Montgomery".

Ryan Montgomery
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CC
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Roles & Responsibilities - Athlete Advisory Group

The mission of the Athlete Advisory Group (AAG) is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within World Para Swimming.

In order to achieve this, the AAG should:

- Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the Sport Technical Committee (STC) and World Para Swimming Management Team
- Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
- Maintain contact with the World Para Swimming Management Team and STC and IPC Athletes' Council

The AAG shall have the following specific tasks and activities:

- To establish a means of seeking athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in Para swimming through as wide a network of enquiry as possible
- To keep the World Para Swimming Management Team regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance.
- To report to the World Para Swimming Management Team on organizational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organized under the World Para Swimming umbrella
- To provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by World Para Swimming
- To promote a "healthy image" and "fair play"
- To be the link between active athletes and World Para Swimming Management Team
- To liaise and consult with other Committees and AAG, where appropriate
- To promote and foster the worldwide development of Para swimming
- To attend or host athletes' meetings at major sport competitions.

World Para Swimming shall appoint a Lead of the Athlete Advisory Group who shall represent AAG during STC meetings as requested either in person or via conference call and liaise on behalf of the AAG with the STC and the World Para Swimming Management Team.

The working language of the AAG will be English. The majority of the work will be conducted over e-mail, so it is therefore highly recommended that candidates have access to this communication medium. AAG may also organise meetings via conference call that will be facilitated by World Para Swimming Management Team.

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