



**ATHLETES' COMMITTEE
2026 ELECTION
CANDIDATES**



KELSEY JOAN DICKINSON

GENDER Female

NATION USA

LANGUAGES English

EDUCATION Bachelors in Natural Science,
Bachelors in Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES Sport Advocacy,
Website Design

FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT Team USA Athlete's
Commission, USOPC Women's Health Task Force, IBU
DEI Working Group, IBU Athlete Ambassador

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

Adequate representation in sport is essential to protecting athletes' quality of life and long-term careers. I am running for the Athletes' Committee because I value the athlete voice and want to strengthen representation at the highest IBU level. Strong representatives show empathy, patience, and persistence, ensuring every voice is heard. Having competed on both the World Cup and IBU Cup circuits, I will advocate for development, financial fairness, global growth, respect for athletes' privacy, and continued exclusion of Russia and Belarus until compliant.





JESSICA JISLOVA

GENDER Female

NATION Czechia

LANGUAGES English, Czech, French, Finnish

EDUCATION Masters Degree

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES ---

FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT Former Athlete
Ambassador, Part of Mental Health Working Group

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

I think that athletes should have a real, informed voice in the decision-making that shapes the future of our sport. I appreciate the progress the IBU has made in recent years, and I want to be part of continuing this progress by contributing an athlete's perspective to important discussions and decision. I want to represent athletes honestly, support their health and wellbeing, and help improve communication between biathletes and the International Biathlon Union. My goal is to help make sure our sport continues to grow in a fair, sustainable, and respectful way for all participants. Biathlon has given me so much, and I would like to give something back by helping protect what makes our sport strong and meaningful for all of us.





SIMON KAISER

GENDER Male

NATION Germany

LANGUAGES German, English

EDUCATION A-Levels

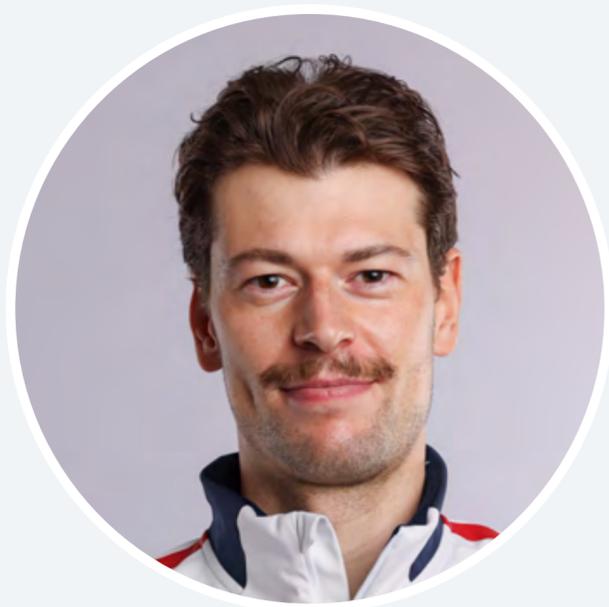
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES Sportsman, Policeman

FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT Athlete

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

For me it has always been important to get in contact with athletes of other nations in order to listen to some interesting stories or share different experiences. That's why I really like to start conversations with other athletes, no matter if it's on the track, in the shuttle bus or hotel. Every athlete has to tell his/her own story and opinions about different topics and I would appreciate it to represent these within the Athletes Committee. Furthermore, I like to get involved in discussions about important questions that have impact on the future of our beautiful sport. Whether it's problems with climate change or financial issues, I would like to have a voice in the Committee to make good decisions every athlete would support, as well.





STURLA HOLM LÆGREID

GENDER Male

NATION Norway

LANGUAGES Norwegian, English

EDUCATION Pedagogy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES Biathlete

FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT Athlete

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

I want to give back to the sport I love by helping the voices of athletes to be heard. I consider myself friendly and approachable and therefore hope other athletes will not hesitate to contact me with thoughts or concerns about our sport. I have been doing biathlon on the World Cup level since 2020 and believe to have many good insights. In a constantly evolving sport, I want to take part in the shaping, but still ensure the athletes rights and roles as the sport progresses.





THIERRY LANGER

GENDER Male

NATION Belgium

LANGUAGES German, French, English

EDUCATION Master of science in Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES Professional Athlete

FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT Active Athlete,
former IBU Sustainability Ambassador

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

I have been participating in IBU competitions for 20 years. As a Sustainability Ambassador, I have already been involved in the IBU for four years. As an athlete from a small nation like Belgium, I am very familiar with the position of small nations. However, thanks to my good language skills, I am also able to network well with athletes from large nations. In addition, I am familiar with the views of large nations through my contacts in Germany and France. My goal is to represent the interests of all athletes, whether they come from small or top nations. I am the contact person for the general public and will represent their interests.





LISA VITTOZZI

GENDER Female

NATION Italy

LANGUAGES Italien, English

EDUCATION Commercial High School

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES Professional Athlete

FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT Active Athlete

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

I am running for the IBU Athletes' Committee to represent the interests of all athletes and to help move our sport forward. As active competitors, we experience every decision directly – on the range, on the tracks, and throughout the entire season. This is why it is essential that athletes have a strong voice in the decision-making process. With my experience as a professional athlete, I want to contribute a clear, constructive perspective and ensure that the athletes' needs, concerns, and ideas are heard and taken seriously. My goal is to help shape a future for biathlon that is fair, sustainable, and supportive for everyone involved.





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ABOUT IBU The International Biathlon Union (IBU) is recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the international governing body for the Olympic sport of biathlon. Headquartered in Anif near Salzburg, the IBU is a non-profit organisation registered in Austria that regulates the sport and oversees competition organisation world-wide. In cooperation with its 61 member national federations, the IBU uses competitions, events, programmes and other activities to promote and develop participation in Biathlon throughout the world.