



***ATHLETES' COMMITTEE***  
***2024 ELECTION***  
***CANDIDATES***



## **KELSEY JOAN DICKINSON**

**GENDER** Female

**NATION** USA

**LANGUAGES** English

**EDUCATION** Bachelors in Natural Science,  
Bachelors in Philosophy (University Degrees)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES** Director of Women Ski  
Coaches Association (non profit), USOPC Women's  
Health Task Force

**FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT** US Biathlon Athlete  
Representative, IBU Gender Equity Athlete Ambassador

### **WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?**

It is important to continue the legacy of athletes having a strong voice within the IBU. With my experience serving on the US Biathlon Board of Directors as an Athlete Representative, I will be well-equipped to handle discussions within the IBU and clearly advocate for all athletes. My strengths of approachability and empathy have helped me to connect with athletes from both larger and smaller nations, an attribute I see as vital to a successful IBU Athlete Representative. I understand the unique challenges that a wide spectrum of athletes face and how important it is for athletes to have a positive relationship with the IBU. Everything from financial to technical decisions by the IBU can have a dramatic impact on an athlete's ability to support themselves and perform at their best. I am asking for your vote in our collective mission to make the IBU a place where the athlete voice is prioritized and where ALL athletes feel supported and heard.





## SIMON EDER

**GENDER** Male

**NATION** Austria

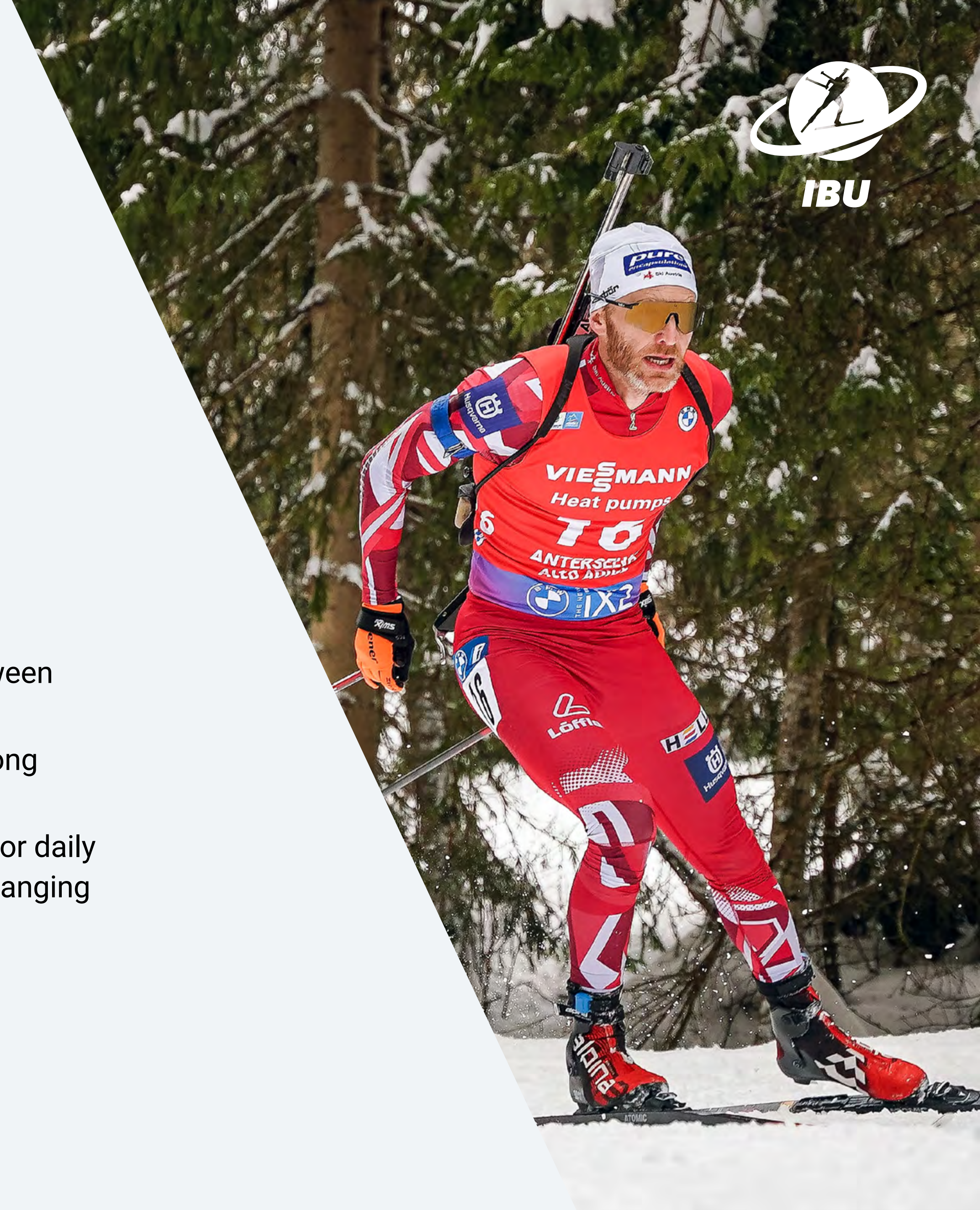
**LANGUAGES** German, English, Italian

**EDUCATION** A-level

**FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT** ---

### WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

- My main goal would be to be a representative and connecting piece between the athletes and IBU.
- Our sport is developing great and the athletes committee-giving us a strong voice-is an important part of this progress.
- Many well known issues like flour ban, common waxing, global warming or daily business topics in the WC like warm up loops @ all WC, safe tracks or changing race formats need to be discussed by us athletes as well as new issues.
- I'm looking forward to hear your ideas and give them a voice in the IBU.





## LENA HAECKI-GROSS

**GENDER** Female

**NATION** Switzerland

**LANGUAGES** German, English

**EDUCATION** High school diploma

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES** professional athlete  
(since 2016)

**FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT** Athlete, Teamleader

### WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

- Throughout my career, I've always kept a close eye on the politics of sport and followed its evolution with great interest. Rather than being a passive observer, I would like to be more actively involved, and I believe I can do this in the IBU Athletes' Committee.
- Coming from a region without a biathlon infrastructure prior to my career, I've taken on organisational and strategic responsibilities since my days as a junior athlete. This experience has given me an insight into effective sports administration and has shown me first-hand the critical needs of biathletes, which some other athletes might take for granted.
- I believe that my experience from almost a decade of professional biathlon, combined with the fact that I am a very communicative and committed person, makes me a great addition to the Athletes' Committee.





## JESSICA JISLOVÁ

**GENDER** Female

**NATION** Czech Republic

**LANGUAGES** Czech, English

**EDUCATION** Master's degree in sport management

**FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT** —

### WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

- It is quite easy answer. I love biathlon and I want to make it even better for everyone.
- I know how it feels not to be heard and how it feels when your opinions have no value for others. My goal is to help every athlete to be heard. We all are making this sport better, more modern and progressive. I also was an athlete ambassador for gender equality and I have met a lot of IBU members and I could see how much they care about our sport.
- I would be really proud and happy if you all allow me to become a part of this fine organisation.





## ANNA MAKA

**GENDER** Female

**NATION** Polish

**LANGUAGES** Polish, English

**EDUCATION** Studies in progress

**FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT** —

### WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE IBU ATHLETES' COMMITTEE?

1. I am a person who quickly establishes contacts and I can feel comfortable as a representative of the athletes and their voice in the committee.
2. I have many years of experience in competing in the IBU Cup and World Cup, which means I have a great understanding of both environments, the competitions and their rules, which allows me to speak on issues related to regulations and issues related to athletes.
3. I represent a country from the developing biathlon group, which may introduce a different perspective on the issues discussed.
4. I am open to development and new experiences. I am organized, which can help me combine additional tasks related to my work on the committee and my sports activities.





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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.