

**IBU PARA BIATHLON ATHLETES'
REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION 2025**

CANDIDATE PRESENTATION





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CANDIDATE SPORT CLASS **SITTING**

WICKER, Anja

SPORT CLASS: **SITTING LW 10**

NATION: **GERMANY**



WHY DO YOU WANT TO RUN AS A PARA-BIATHLON ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE ?

I have been part of Para Biathlon for 15 years now. I think I have a lot of experience to offer, moving our Sports forward and at the same time keeping the core values and fairness for everyone.

Personally I think it is very important to have representation from every Start Class and level of disability (not just the higher classified Athletes but also the lower ones like myself).



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CANDIDATE SPORT CLASS **STANDING**

ARENDZ, MARK

SPORT CLASS: **STANDING LW 6**

NATION: **CANADA**



WHY DO YOU WANT TO RUN AS A PARA-BIATHLON ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE ?

I am excited to have the opportunity to become an athlete representative for Para Biathlon under IBU. This is a new, dynamic opportunity to help extend the Biathlon Family to include Para. This is an exciting time for the Para Biathlon to grow, establish a new identity, and realize dreams of what might be possible for the sport and its athletes. Together, we can shape a future where Para Biathlon is a leading sport, inspiring and empowering athletes around the world.

I share several years of experience as an athlete representative, first for Para Nordic under IPC, then Para Nordic as it transitioned to FIS. To the present season, it has transitioned further to Para Cross Country under FIS and Para Biathlon under IBU.

I have always been passionate about giving back to the communities, sports, and people who have given me so much. I am deeply grateful for the support and opportunities I have received from the Para Biathlon community. I have over twenty years of participation in biathlon, from local clubs to domestic able-bodied racing to international Para success at the World Cup, World Championships, and Paralympic Winter Games.

I hope you can trust me to represent your voice in a way that will allow our sport to succeed to a point where Para Biathlon can become a world-leading Para sport. I am committed to maintaining transparency and open communication, ensuring that your concerns and suggestions are always heard and considered.

CANDIDATE SPORT CLASS VISUALLY IMPAIRED

MICHELON, Florian

SPORT CLASS: **GUIDE ATHLETE NS1**

NATION: **FRANCE**



WHY DO YOU WANT TO RUN AS A PARA-BIATHLON ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE ?

I am applying to become one of the representatives of the para biathlon athletes because I have been practicing para biathlon as a guide since 2022, and I have developed a passion for it. I want now to get more involved to help advance the sport of para biathlon.

Before becoming a guide, I was a biathlete on a regional team in France. This experience allows me to have a broader perspective on what we can expect from our circuit compared to able-bodied biathlon.

Additionally, as mentioned earlier, I believe that having a guide among the athlete representatives could bring a fresh perspective and added value to the sport.

Over the past two years, I attended both IBU forums in Ruhpolding and Lenzerheide. These events allowed me to meet various stakeholders of the IBU and start thinking about the development of para biathlon, its challenges, and its potential.

Finally, I would like to mention that I get along well with many athletes and VI guides, and I enjoys engaging in discussions with them, which could be an asset in becoming an athlete representative.