

WORLD SKATE
2026 ATHLETES' COMMISSION
ELECTION CANDIDATES

AGGRESSIVE

SAM CHAN

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: HONG KONG

CATEGORY: AGGRESSIVE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Sam is an aggressive inline skater from Hong Kong with over 25 years of experience in skating and teaching. He is also a ski and rollerblading coach and instructor. Outside of work, Sam is a Team Hong Kong athlete.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I would like to contribute to this community through my personal experience, help nurture the next generation and promote the sport.

SAM FOGARTY

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
CATEGORY: AGGRESSIVE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I have been involved in inline skating for over 30 years, first competing professionally as a teenager and representing Australia at events including the X Games, Gravity Games and ASA Pro Tour. After stepping away from skating for around 15 years, I returned to competition and have since competed internationally across Europe, Asia and Australia, including World Cup and World Skate events.

My return to skating has given me a unique perspective on the sport – from competing at the highest level to supporting and mentoring the next generation of athletes. Alongside skating, I have built a 15+ year career in commercial real estate, developing strong skills in leadership, negotiation, communication and stakeholder management.

I am passionate about contributing to the continued growth of roller sports, improving opportunities for athletes and ensuring their voices are represented in the decisions that shape our sport.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

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MERY MUÑOZ

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: SPANISH
CATEGORY: AGGRESSIVE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

SKATER, CHAMPION, COACH, ARTIST AND BASQUE ENTREPRENEUR

Born in the heart of the Basque Country, Mery Muñoz has built a career that transcends borders, leaving her mark both in sport and in the arts. From an early age, Mery showed an unparalleled passion for skating, a discipline that led her to become a Roller Freestyle World Champion, competing on some of the world's biggest stages and earning the respect of athletes and fans alike. Throughout her career, she has travelled to countries such as the United States, France, China and Hungary, taking part in international competitions and consistently standing out for her flawless technique and unique style on wheels.

Alongside her remarkable sporting career, Mery is a passionate coach, dedicated to sharing her knowledge with other skaters. She has taught skaters of all ages and skill levels, inspiring them not only to improve their technique, but also to develop a strong and positive mindset when facing challenges. As the founder of Drop In Camp, Mery has created a space where learning and fun come together in a truly unique environment, offering a transformative experience to those who take part in her camps, both in urban and rural settings.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

After many years with skating as one of the main lights in my life, I have learned so much from every experience and every trip. I would like to put my knowledge and love for the future of our sport into shaping details that could have a long-term impact. There is nothing I love more than skating, and it would mean a lot to me to be involved in the future of our community.

LIENE NULLE

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: LATVIAN
CATEGORY: AGGRESSIVE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am a 37 year old Latvian skater, certified coach, and medical doctor with 26 years of experience in Roller Freestyle. Since 2000, I have competed nationally and internationally, including at European and World Championships, as well as key industry events in USA and Europe. In summer of 2026, I successfully completed the World Skate Roller Freestyle Judging Course.

For five years, I ran the inline skating school in Riga, teaching children and adults and organising training camps. For the past four years, I have been part of the Winterclash organising team, leading panel discussions that bring riders and industry representatives together.

My medical background has strengthened my ability to take responsibility, make decisions, and focus on physical and mental wellbeing. I recently moved to southern Germany and am excited to contribute to the skating community both here and worldwide.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am ready to take an active role in shaping the future of Roller Freestyle and contribute to a community where athletes feel genuinely seen, heard, and valued. I value honest communication, empathy, and efficiency, and I believe these qualities can help move our sport forward. I create safe, open spaces where people feel comfortable expressing themselves and know they will be genuinely heard. At the same time, I bring strong decision-making skills and responsibility developed through my experience as an athlete, coach, doctor, and organiser. I value constructive exchange and can help turn different perspectives into practical action for our sport.

FELIPE ZAMBARDINO

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: BRAZILIAN

CATEGORY: AGGRESSIVE

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am pro skater Felipe Zambardino, currently representing Flying Eagle. I am a four-time national champion and have traveled the world sharing my skating; I am also an instructor for the Blading Camp project.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I've been skating my whole life because it's fun.



ARTISTIC

RAOUL ALLEGRIANTI

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: ITALIAN
CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Raoul Allegranti is an Italian roller figure skater who began his competitive career in 2007. He currently competes in Senior Dance Pairs and has represented Italy internationally since 2015. Throughout his career, he has competed at world level in both Dance Pairs and Solo Dance, as well as gaining experience across several other disciplines of roller figure skating.

He has achieved six European Championship medals and seven World Championship medals. In 2025, he became World Vice-Champion in Dance Pairs and won a bronze medal in Solo Dance.

Alongside his sporting career, Raoul holds a diploma from a linguistic high school and a Bachelor's degree in Medical Radiology Techniques. He is currently pursuing an online Master's degree in Magnetic Resonance Imaging, continuing to develop his academic and professional path alongside his international sporting career.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I believe that athletes should never be placed in the background, as they are the main actors at the heart of our sport. I would like to contribute to giving athletes a stronger voice, ensuring that their perspectives, needs and well-being are genuinely heard and considered. I believe in respectful and open communication between athletes and governing bodies, as well as in creating safe, supportive and appropriate conditions for competition. As a member of the Athletes' Commission, I would aim to listen to different perspectives, distinguish genuine concerns from unproductive complaints, and act as a constructive bridge between athletes and the governing bodies. My goal would be to help build a sporting environment where athletes feel respected, protected and represented.

CATERINA ARTONI

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: ITALIAN
CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I have been involved in artistic skating since the age of four, and now, at 24, this sport has shaped not only my athletic career but also who I am as a person. I compete in both Dance Pairs and Solo Dance, and since 2019 I have had the honour of participating in every World Championship.

Throughout my career, I have achieved several international results, including a bronze medal in 2019, bronze medals in 2022 and 2023, and silver medals in 2024 and 2025.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I would like to join the World Skate Athletes Commission because I experience our sport every day from an athlete's perspective. I understand the challenges, expectations, and needs that athletes face throughout their careers. I would like to use my experience and voice to represent fellow athletes, listen to their perspectives, and contribute to improving our sport. My goal is to help create a stronger connection between athletes and World Skate, ensuring that athletes can actively contribute to the future of our discipline.

YI-FAN CHEN

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: TAIWAN
CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am an artistic roller skater from Taiwan and have represented Chinese Taipei in international competitions since 2012. I began inline skating at the age of six and commenced training in inline artistic skating at eight. I have competed in multiple World and Asian Championships in both inline and quad free skating. I am a six-time World Champion in inline free skating and have earned multiple Asian Championship and national titles across both disciplines. I remain an active international athlete and am preparing to compete at the 2026 World Skate Games. Alongside my athletic career, I am pursuing a PhD in Sport Management at National Taiwan Sport University, with interests in sport governance and management. My coaching experience in figure skating, inline skating, and artistic roller skating has also broadened my understanding of athlete development and the challenges faced by skaters throughout their sporting careers.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

My goal in seeking election to the Athletes' Commission is to strengthen communication between artistic roller skating athletes and World Skate, ensuring that athletes' experiences and concerns are heard and considered. I also hope to support the growth and recognition of our discipline, with attention to athletes at every level. I am committed to promoting equal opportunities and an inclusive sporting environment across genders, cultures, and regions. Drawing on my experience in both inline and quad skating, I will represent athletes responsibly and work constructively with other Commission members to support a fairer and more inclusive World Skate community.

ALINA ERB

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: SWITZERLAND
CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I started artistic roller skating at the age of six and the sport has been an important part of my life ever since. Since joining the Swiss National Team in 2018, I have qualified for every European and World Championship (since 2021). Along the way, I have become Swiss National Champion at Senior level for the past four consecutive years, won the Cup of Europe in 2024 and achieved several top-ten finishes at European and World Championships.

Beyond skating, I study Business Administration and am currently spending an exchange semester in Madrid. Combining elite sport with my studies, professional experience and life abroad has given me the opportunity to meet people from many different backgrounds and develop a broader perspective beyond sport. Speaking German, English and Spanish, as well as French and some Italian, also helps me connect across cultures, something I particularly value in the international skating community.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Artistic roller skating has shaped a large part of my life, and I would love the opportunity to give something back to the sport and its community. Coming from a smaller skating nation has shown me that athletes can face very different opportunities and challenges depending on their background. My own journey through both rewarding and difficult moments in elite sport has further broadened my perspective. I would like to listen to athletes from different nations, understand their concerns and ideas, and bring these voices to World Skate to help us work together towards the continued development of our sport.

JESSICA GAUDY

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I have been representing Team USA in Artistic Roller Skating since 2006. I am a three-time Junior World medalist in Couples Dance, and I have been competing in Senior Ladies Solo Dance since its first World Championship year in 2009. I have seen the sport evolve significantly in my more than two decades of competitive skating, and I have made many great friends and had many wonderful experiences during my journey.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am motivated by keeping up with my sport as it continues to change and push the competitive level higher. I want to compete at the most World Championships of any Artistic skater, and to continue to find new ways to become the best skater I can be.

NICOLA MARENDA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: ITALY

CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am Nicola Marena. Artistic roller skating has been my greatest passion and my entire life. Throughout my career in solo dance and show groups, I have had the honor of representing Italy on the most important stages in the world.

Among the milestones I am most proud of are my silver medals at the World Championships in solo dance, as well as the European and World medals achieved alongside top-level show groups. Every training session, every choreography, and every turn on skates has been a constant challenge of dedication and discipline.

Today, I dedicate all that accumulated experience to passing on this wonderful sport to new generations, teaching not only technique and precision, but also the love for elegance and artistic expression that makes our discipline truly unique.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

As a skater who has dedicated my life to this sport, I am running as your athlete representative in World Skate to be the voice of every competitor. I know firsthand the demands of the track, the daily sacrifices, and the dreams of competing at the highest level. I want to bridge the gap between you and the governing bodies, championing your rights, improving safety conditions, and ensuring regulations truly reflect our discipline's reality. Together, working with transparency and unity, we can build a future where every skater's talent and effort are heard and valued.

MARIA VITTORIA RUSSO

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: ITALIAN
CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I was born in a small city in northern Italy and, until the age of seven, I tried several sports, including ballet, tennis and swimming. One night, I saw a roller skating exhibition for the first time, and it was love at first sight. Since then, my skates have accompanied me through every phase of my life. Throughout my career, I have competed in Solo Dance, Junior Show, Junior Synchronized Skating and Quartet. Skating has fulfilled my heart and soul in every possible way, and I am not ready to let it go. This World Championship will be my last competition, and I want to make it memorable.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

This sport brings together many people and nations, but I believe it deserves greater recognition. We athletes spend days and years training for the biggest stages in the world, and sometimes we receive only limited visibility. Through this programme, I hope to help more people fall in love with this sport and show how much work and passion we put into what we do every day.

PALMIRA SEEGER SUAREZ

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: GERMAN
CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

My name is Palmira Seeger Suarez and I am a 25-year-old artistic roller skater from Germany. I have been skating since the age of three and have competed internationally for more than 15 years. I am a seven-time German Champion, Vice European Champion (2018) and World Champion (2019), and I continue to compete at the highest international level, including at the 2026 World Skate Games in Asunción.

Alongside my sporting career, I study Human Medicine at the University of Lübeck. I am bilingual in German and Spanish and speak English, French and Italian. I spent one and a half years studying in Bologna, Italy, which gave me valuable experience of living, studying and training in another culture. I love travelling, connecting with people from different backgrounds and learning about different cultures. These experiences have strengthened my communication skills, openness and understanding of different perspectives

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am running for the Athletes' Commission because I want to give athletes a strong and authentic voice in decisions affecting our sport. After more than 15 years of international competition, I understand both the challenges and opportunities athletes experience throughout their careers. My international sporting and personal experiences, my five languages and my time living and studying abroad have taught me to listen to different perspectives and communicate across cultures. I would like to represent athletes from different countries and backgrounds, bring their concerns forward constructively and strengthen the connection between athletes and World Skate. I would approach this responsibility with commitment, openness and respect.

EGOR TOMLIN

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: RUSSIA

CATEGORY: ARTISTIC



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Egor Tomlin - The first in the world to jump 3a on inline, And also the only person who jumps the entire set of triple jumps

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am writing this letter to express my sincere interest in the Development of Roller-Sport within the World Skate Federation. As a dedicated supporter of the development of roller sports and skateboarding over the years, I truly admire how your organization brings together the global community and promotes these disciplines to the Olympic level

DERBY

HAYLEY BLONDE

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIA
CATEGORY: DERBY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I have been playing roller derby for over 15 years and i am committed to growing derby in my country and around the world

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am committed to growing roller derby with the goal of it being in the Olympic

CHRISTINE MURRAY

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
CATEGORY: DERBY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Christine “Shorty” Murray is an Australian roller derby athlete, coach and long-time member of the international skating community. She has competed in roller derby for more than a decade, including representing Australia at international level, and has extensive experience as both a skater and coach.

Beyond competition, Christine is passionate about helping skaters develop and making skating more accessible. Through coaching and her online platforms, she has spent many years creating educational content, sharing skating knowledge and connecting with skaters around the world.

Her involvement across competitive roller derby, coaching and the wider skating community gives her a broad perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing athletes, from grassroots participation through to international competition.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am applying because I believe roller derby athletes need an active voice within World Skate. With roller derby ultimately not competing at the 2026 World Skate Games, I believe it is particularly important that our athletes remain represented and involved in conversations about the sport’s future.

I would like to help strengthen communication between athletes and World Skate, advocate for meaningful international opportunities, and contribute to increasing participation in future World Skate events. I also want to ensure the experiences and needs of roller derby athletes are heard as World Skate makes decisions that affect our sport.

SHRUTIKA SARODE

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: INDIAN
CATEGORY: DERBY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Shrutika Sarode, a 27 year old International Athlete from Maharashtra, India, with more than 20 years of sporting experience. Alongside my athletic career, I have studied Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and MBA in HR

My skating journey began in Speed Skating progressed to Inline Freestyle Slalom and later to Roller Derby when the discipline was introduced in India.

I had represented India in several International Competitions in Inline Freestyle Slalom since 2014 - 2018. In my career I was also honoured by State Government Sports Excellence Award.

As a member of the First Generation of Roller Derby athletes in India, I have closely seen the growth and development of Derby in India.

From winning National Medals to earning selection in Indian Team in 2022 and 2023.

I proudly represented India at the 2024 World Skate Games Italy, winning a Bronze medal and at the 2025 Asian Championship South Korea, winning a Silver medal. And had the privilege of serving as Captain of the Indian Roller Derby Team.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am standing for election to the World Skate Athletes' Commission as a Roller Derby representative because I believe athletes have a strong and meaningful voice that can help shape our sport. As a Roller Derby athlete, I understand the commitment, challenges and opportunities that athletes experience both on and off the track. I am committed to promoting open communication and fairness.

SANTHOSHIVA VALLIAPPAN

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: INDIAN
CATEGORY: DERBY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Santhoshsiva Valliappan, a 27-year-old international roller sports athlete from Tamil Nadu, India, with over a decade of competitive experience. I began my sporting journey in Roller Hockey in 2012 and represented India until 2022, before transitioning to Roller Derby in 2023. Alongside my sporting career, I completed my Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) in Civil Engineering.

In 2023, I represented India at the Roller Hockey Asian Championship in China, securing 4th place. In 2024, I represented India in Roller Derby at the World Skate Games in Italy, secured 4th place and had the honour of serving as Captain of the Indian Roller Derby Team.

I am contesting the Athlete Election as a Roller Derby Representative to strengthen athlete participation, create greater international opportunities, support athlete development, and expand Roller Derby globally. I aim to work towards stronger representation at major multi-sport events, including the World Skate Games and Asian Championship, while contributing to the sport's long-term development and Olympic recognition.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

As an athlete who has competed internationally in both Roller Hockey and Roller Derby, I understand firsthand the challenges athletes face – limited international exposure and the need for stronger support pathways, and the need for stronger pathways to global competition. Serving as Captain for India at the World Skate Games reinforced my belief in athlete-driven leadership. I am contesting for Athlete Representative because I want to amplify athletes' voices, expand opportunities across more countries, and push for greater visibility at multi-sport events like the Asian Games and World Skate Games. My goal is simple: help build a stronger, more inclusive future for Roller Derby, with Olympic recognition as our shared horizon.

JAIDYN YORK

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
CATEGORY: DERBY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am an elite Australian roller derby athlete whose career is defined by a decade of dedication to the national squad. Based on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, I have anchored a celebrated family legacy in the sport, competing alongside my parents and brothers for the Coastal Assassins and on the world stage. My international journey with World Skate began at its very inception, debuting in a vital supporting role at the inaugural 2017 World Roller Games in Nanjing, China. My enduring commitment to the green and gold is reflected in my consecutive national selections, including earning squad call-ups for the tournaments slated for Argentina (2019) and Paraguay (2026) before their cancellations. As a premier jammer for the Australian Men's Roller Derby Team, I transformed my early squad experience into major podium success. I secured a bronze medal at the World Roller Games in Barcelona and a prestigious silver medal at the World Skate Games in Italy. Ranking among the top international point-scorers globally, my long-standing presence in the national setup cements my status as a cornerstone of Australian roller derby excellence.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

From debuting in a supporting role at the inaugural 2017 World Roller Games in China to earning global podium finishes, my decade-long journey with World Skate has taught me what it takes to endure and excel. Having faced the highs of bronze and silver medals alongside the challenges connected with programme changes in international competitions, I understand the athlete experience deeply. I am running for the Athlete Commission to ensure your resilience is matched by robust advocacy, protecting our sport's future and ensuring every athlete has the support needed to turn dedication into world-class success.

DOWNHILL

(Inline Downhill, Skateboarding Downhill, Street Luge)

SABRINA AMBROSI

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: ARGENTINA

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Racing since 2014. Currently 2nd female in the WDSC World championship. Been racing internationally since 2016. Member con the National downhill committee CAP

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

To have an active voice in the decisions shaping the future of downhill, while giving back to the sport and helping ensure its continued growth, development, and improvement for the entire community.

HARRY CLARKE

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Raised internationally, competed globally , loved unconditionally

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I would like to contribute to building a stronger future for the sport and support the development of the next generation of athletes.



TIZIANO FERRARI

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: ITALIAN

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Italian inline downhill skater and member of the Italian National Team, with extensive experience competing at international level, including European and World Championships. I have been involved in downhill skating for many years, combining competitive experience with a strong commitment to the growth and development of the discipline.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I would like to represent the athletes' perspective within World Skate and contribute to the development and international growth of inline downhill. My goal is to bring the practical experience of an active athlete to the Commission, helping strengthen communication between athletes, organisers and the federation.

BATCHU VARUN KRISHNA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: INDIAN

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Indian national champion in Inline Downhill for five consecutive years, and also a national champion in Speed. He participated in the World Skate Games Italy 2024 in Inline Downhill. He is now also training the next generation of skaters as a coach.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I will give my 100% in any role assigned to me.

IOANNIS PYROVOLOU

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: GREEK

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

2022 wsg 4th place at skatecross

2024 wsg 16th at downhill

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am an athlete, coach and competition organiser in France and Greece. I would like to contribute to the development of Skate Cross and Downhill and help strengthen communication with athletes in these disciplines.



MATEO RODARI

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: SWITZERLAND

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Hey! I'm Mateo, an inline downhill skater from Switzerland living for 6 years now in Lausanne. I fell in love with the sport by encountering people from the community and I'm practicing this sport since 2022. I really enjoy living in this city because of the high variety of technical spots you can find there. Particularly two moments marked me during my skater career : my participation to the world skate games in 2024 and reaching 108kmh in vulcan in Romania in 2025.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I enjoyed meeting skaters from the community at World Skate events, and I really value the opportunity to bring everyone together in one major event. I would be motivated to contribute to the continued development of the sport and to support initiatives that can help give the discipline a stronger future.

MARC ESCODA TURRÓ

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: SPANISH

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Marc Escoda, a Spanish skateboard downhill athlete who's been in the scene for more than 15 years and competing internationally since 2013. I have been a member of the Spanish Downhill skateboarding team since 2018, achieving a World Cup silver medal in 2023 and Multiple top 10 finishes in international races.

Beyond competition I have extensive experience as a skateboard instructor, event coordinator, working with athletes, volunteers, public institutions and sporting bodies. I also hold a Degree in Sports Sciences.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am putting myself forward to represent athletes because I have experienced and witnessed how important it is for competitors to receive clear communication, support and guidance in the context of major events.

I would like to be the bridge that is often missing between athletes and sporting organisations, helping to bring together their perspectives, needs and motivations. My goal is to contribute to competitions that are as fair, safe and transparent as possible, while ensuring that athletes have a voice and a trusted point of reference when they need one.

LAURA VARGAS

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: COLOMBIAN

CATEGORY: DOWNHILL (INLINE DOWNHILL, SKATEBOARDING DOWNHILL, STREET LUGE)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Downhill skateboarder since 2012. National second place between 2014 and 2025; I have represented my country in Peru, Ecuador, Italy, and El Salvador

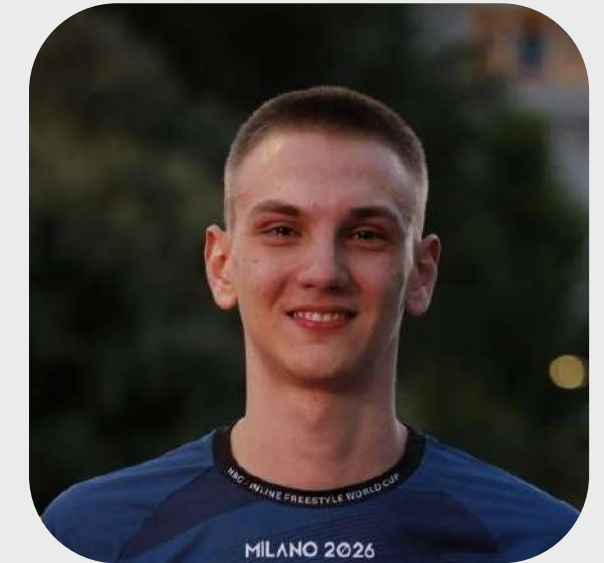
MOTIVATION STATEMENT

As downhill skateboarding continues to grow, I would like to contribute my experience and knowledge to help organize safe, challenging races on quality roads. I believe well selected roads can push athletes to their limits while helping the sport continue to grow and professionalize

FREESTYLE

MAXIM CARAION

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: MOLDOVAN
CATEGORY: FREESTYLE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

My name is Maxim Caraion, a Moldovan international roller sport athlete specializing in Free Jump. I have represented Moldova at European and World Championships, gaining experience competing at the highest international level.

I became the youngest European Champion in Free Jump and have earned multiple international podium finishes. In 2026, I became World Champion in Milan and set a new World Record of 173 cm. These achievements are the result of years of dedication, discipline, and continuous development as an athlete.

Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to compete alongside athletes from different countries and backgrounds. These experiences have shown me how important it is for athletes to have a strong voice in the decisions that shape our sport.

I am running for the World Skate Athletes' Commission because I want to represent athletes honestly and actively. I believe athletes should be heard, respected, and involved in developing our sport. I want to help build a stronger, more united, and athlete-focused future for World Skate.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I see the Athletes' Commission as an opportunity to turn my experience as an athlete into action beyond competition. I want to contribute to decisions that can directly improve the experience of athletes and the development of our disciplines. Having grown through international competition, I understand how important it is to have clear communication, equal opportunities, and an environment where athletes can focus on performing at their best. I am motivated to learn from athletes around the world, bring different perspectives to the table, and work constructively with World Skate. I want to be someone athletes can trust, someone who will raise important issues and help find practical solutions.

ALENA EFIMOVA

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: RUSSIA
CATEGORY: FREESTYLE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I was born on May 25, 2004, and have been competing in inline freestyle at the international level for over eight years. I started my competitive journey at a young age and quickly rose through the ranks.

My breakthrough came in 2018 when I won silver in jumps at the European Championships. In 2019, I placed 4th in slides and 5th in high jumps at the World Championships. In 2021, I achieved gold in jumps with a world record and silver in slides at the European Championships.

In 2024, I reached my greatest triumph—gold in high jumps at the World Championships. I followed this with 4th place in jumps at the 2025 European Championships, bronze at the 2025 World Championships, and bronze in high jumps at the 2026 World Cup in Milan.

Beyond competing, I actively contribute to the inline freestyle community as a judge at Russian national competitions and as a volunteer in event organisation. I am passionate about growing our sport and giving athletes a stronger voice in international decision-making.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

As an athlete competing internationally for 8 years, including at Asunción 2026, I know firsthand the passion, dedication and hard work our community pours into every ride. I dream of becoming the voice of inline freestyle athletes within World Skate—to advocate for fair competition, better athlete support and the integrity of our disciplines. I want the decisions made at the top to truly reflect the needs and realities of those on the ground every day: the athletes. Together, we will build a strong and inclusive future for our global family.

MAXIMILIANO ROLON

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: ARGENTINIAN

CATEGORY: FREESTYLE



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Maximiliano Rolon, a South American athlete and high-performance Argentine inline freestyle skater. I have represented Argentina at the 2026 World Skate Games in Asunción, the 2024 World Skate Games in Italy, and the 2025 Inline Freestyle World Championship in Singapore. I have been a member of the Argentine National Team since 2023, competing primarily in Classic and Battle disciplines.

I am currently a bronze medalist in both Classic and Battle at the 2026 South American Championship. Among my recent achievements, I have also become National Champion in Classic and placed third nationally in Battle, as well as achieving international podium finishes in Brazil and Chile.

I am committed to continuously improving as an athlete while representing Argentina and contributing to the growth, development, and professionalization of inline freestyle skating both nationally and internationally.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I'm interested in becoming more involved in shaping the decision-making processes within our sport, particularly in developing fair, transparent rules and competition systems that set a high standard for athletes worldwide. I want to contribute constructive feedback from an athlete's perspective, representing both the experiences of athletes from my region and the broader international community. My goal is to help build competition systems that are consistent, fair, and focused on giving athletes the best possible environment to compete and grow.

INLINE HOCKEY

MATIAS CASTELLANOS

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: COLOMBIAN

CATEGORY: INLINE HOCKEY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Matías Castellanos is a Colombian inline hockey player who has been competing for over 10 years. A defenseman and playmaker, he represents Capitals Hockey Club and has been part of the Cundinamarca regional team since 2022.

Matías joined Colombia's Junior National Team in 2024, representing his country at the World Skate Games in Italy as one of the youngest players on the team. He later captained Colombia at the 2025 Pan American Championships in Mexico, demonstrating leadership both on and off the rink.

His journey in high-performance sport has shaped his discipline, teamwork, resilience, and commitment to continuous improvement. In 2026, Matías is preparing to represent Colombia at the World Championships in Paraguay, his final tournament at the junior level before transitioning to the senior category.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Sport has shaped who I am. After more than 10 years in inline hockey and representing Colombia internationally, I have learned that leadership is not only about performing, but also about listening, supporting others, and representing a team.

I want to be part of this election to give athletes a strong voice and help create an environment where their ideas, challenges, and ambitions are heard. As a young athlete and national team captain, I want to bring a fresh perspective, contribute with responsibility and initiative, and give back to the sporting community that has given me so much.

JORGE GUADARRAMA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: MEXICAN

CATEGORY: INLINE HOCKEY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

*Goalie since 2001.

*Inline Hockey Rink co-owner www.hockeyrinksmx.com, the only World Skate Certified facility in México and Latinamerica

*Coach and co-founder of Alebrijes HC

*More than 15 world championships played

*Sports Science Master degree.

*2nd place at Panamerican Games 2025

*Multiple Narch (North American Roller Championships)

champion and medalist with American, Canadian an Mexican teams

*Multiple national champion.

*Inline World championship silver and bronze medal (PoolB)

*3 times Inline Africa Cup champion playing with Pama

Labeda Golden Knights.

*Goalie Coach since 2010.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I´ve playing the sport for so many years, in both sides, helping and being helped. I´ve found an amazing community and I´m proud of being part of it. Now, with all my experience i´m ready to carry the voice of inline hockey players from all around the world in order to keep the sport growing.

KASSANDRA PAONE

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: CANADIAN
CATEGORY: INLINE HOCKEY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I've been playing competitive ice hockey since the age of four and still lace up today. In 2015, I discovered inline hockey and quickly fell in love with the sport. I have represented Canada at the last 3 worlds.

I'm a full-time elementary teacher and one of the owners of our local roller hockey league in London, Ontario. I'm also involved with Canada Inline, where I'm passionate about helping develop and grow the next generation of players. Outside of playing, I coach ice hockey and spend a lot of my time volunteering in youth sports.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

As a proud Canadian Inline Hockey player, I am interested in joining the World Skate Athletes Commission to help give athletes a stronger voice in the decisions shaping our sport. I am passionate about elevating female representation globally and ensuring women's Inline athletes have a transparent voice on rule updates, fair competition structures, and player development initiatives. With experience in competing, coaching, volunteering, youth development, and co-owning a roller hockey league, I bring a well-rounded, athlete-centered perspective. I am eager to listen, collaborate, and help create meaningful opportunities for athletes while supporting the continued growth of Inline Hockey in Canada and internationally.

FERNANDA SANTIAGOS

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: CHILEAN
CATEGORY: INLINE HOCKEY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am María Fernanda Santiagos Viera, a lawyer, mother and captain of the Chilean women's inline hockey national team. I have been skating since I was four years old and have been competing in hockey since 2013. I represented Chile at the World Skate Games Italy 2024 and I am currently preparing for the World Championship in Asunción 2026.

My sporting background, combined with my legal training, allows me to contribute to dialogue, representation and the defence of athletes' rights. I know firsthand the challenges of balancing high-performance sport with work, motherhood and the search for funding. As captain, I seek to exercise close, responsible leadership based on listening, respect and collective commitment.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to join the World Skate Athletes' Commission to help ensure that the experiences and needs of those of us who compete are effectively represented in the decisions that affect us. I am motivated by the aim of promoting close communication between athletes and the institution, fostering equal opportunities and highlighting the difficulties faced by those who pursue their careers with limited resources. I would bring my experience as a national team athlete, captain and lawyer, with willingness to listen, engage in dialogue and build proposals. I aspire to responsibly represent athletes from different countries and realities, working for a sport that is more accessible, participatory and respectful.

RINK HOCKEY

RAQUEL BOTELHO DOS SANTOS

GENDER: FEMALE
NATIONALITY: PORTUGUESE
CATEGORY: RINK HOCKEY

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Second participation in a World Championship.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

To win for my country.



JOÃO RODRIGUES

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: PORTUGAL

CATEGORY: RINK HOCKEY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

My name is João Rodrigues (born July 15, 1990, in Oeiras), and I have been fortunate enough to build a career doing what I love most: playing roller hockey at the highest level.

My journey started at Paço de Arcos, but it was during my nearly ten years at SL Benfica that I grew into the player I am today, winning national and European titles. Moving to FC Barcelona in 2018 gave me the privilege of competing alongside incredible teammates and adding 19 trophies to my life's path. Representing Portugal as captain—and lifting the European (2016) and World (2019) trophies—remains one of the greatest honors of my life.

Parallel to sport, I always believed in preparing for the future. Balancing high-performance sport with academics was challenging, but I managed to complete my Bachelor's degree in Management in Lisbon, followed by a Master's degree in Sports Management during my years in Barcelona.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

My name is João Rodrigues, and I am applying for the World Skate Athletes' Commission to give back to the sport that shaped my life. Having represented SL Benfica, FC Barcelona, and captained the Portuguese National Team, I understand the challenges athletes face daily.

With a Bachelor's in Management and a Master's in Sports Management, I aim to bridge the gap between players and governance. If elected, I will champion athlete representation, support dual careers, and promote health and fair play. I promise to listen, serve humbly, and advocate tirelessly for our global community.

KHALED SAMIR

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: EGYPTIAN
CATEGORY: RINK HOCKEY



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I've represented Egypt's national roller hockey team since I was 19, competing across four international cycles: the U20 World Cup in Vilanova (2015), the World Roller Games in Barcelona (2019), the World Skate Games in Buenos Aires & San Juan (2022), and most recently the World Skate Games in Rome, Novara, Pescara & Rimini (2024). My proudest result with the senior national team was finishing third at the Challengers Cup in Argentina. I'm a mechatronics engineer, and I bring that same systems-thinking to my work building roller hockey in Egypt, where I run a structured player development program at Maadi Club. My connection to the sport goes back further still – my father served as head of the Egyptian Skating Federation, so I've seen this sport from both the rink and the federation side.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

We need to bring more people into this sport worldwide – something I don't think is being done enough, especially when it comes to making hockey accessible to underprivileged communities across every region. The committee's role should be to reflect the athlete's voice back to World Skate, and I believe every hockey player around the world shares the same dream: for people everywhere to know and appreciate this sport. That won't happen unless we build a real global fan base starting from a young age. My motivation is simple – make hockey accessible to everyone, everywhere.

SCOOTERING

LUCY EVANS

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

CATEGORY: SCOOTERING



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Lucy Evans, an active rider in the sport and competition scene. I have been riding scooters for most of my life and have been focusing on competing for around 5 years. My achievements include being the women's park world champion and a 3x UK women's champion. I recently won FISE fusion park and best trick. Over the last few years I have attended all World Skate World Cup events and World Championship events.

Outside of competitive riding, I am a software developer. I am also a coach at Adrenaline Alley, the organiser of the UK championships (ScootGB) and a judge. I have judged many competitions including multiple UK championships, the Danish championship, the Belgian/Dutch championship, ScootJam and an ISF European championship.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I'm running for the athletes commission because I'm keen to be a voice for the riders and campaign for what they want in terms of competitive riding and the direction they want scootering to go in under World Skate.

I believe all voices should be heard, juniors, women, men, park and street. It's important that everyone can have a say so that scootering can reach its full potential.

On the national level I have utilised my competition experience in making improvements. Now I am eager to do the same on an international level.

JAYDEN SHARMAN

GENDER: MALE
NATIONALITY: BRITISH
CATEGORY: SCOOTERING

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Professional park scooter rider. 22 years old. 2x world skate world champion. YouTube influencer.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I'm chasing more than a gold medal. Wanting more can be a blessing and a curse. I'm chasing the blessing, chasing a positive direction. I am acting on what I know and practicing what I claim to believe. And I am defined by a vision of the future, and that wins me uncommon results.



TAJ SHAMBROOK

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

CATEGORY: SCOOTERING



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

My name is Taj Shambrook, a professional freestyle scooter rider from Melbourne, Australia, riding predominantly for Grit Scooters. I discovered scooting at Bunker Skate Park after moving to Melbourne at four years old and quickly fell in love with the sport. Just six months later, I competed in my first Australian qualifier. Since then, I have won nine Australian Championship age-group and professional national events and have achieved numerous international results. Highlights include winning the ISF Junior Worlds in 2023, the World Skate Oceania Junior Championship 2024 and World Skate Games Junior Park in 2024, and the World Skate Oceania Pro Men's Championship in 2025 and 2026. I have also achieved podium finishes at the World Skate Cup this year and in the spin event at FISE Montpellier 2026. I would love the opportunity to be part of the 2026 World Skate Athletes Commission and contribute to promoting freestyle scooting, supporting athletes, and helping grow the sport internationally. I have been part of the bigger picture since I was young and have been a positive figure in the wider community.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am applying for the World Skate Athletes Commission because I want to use my experience as a professional scooter rider to help represent athletes and contribute to the continued growth of our sport.

I have been involved in scooting from a young age and have progressed from competing in my first Australian qualifier to representing Australia at major international events around the world. Through competing at World Skate events, World Championships, World Skate Games and international competitions, I have experienced the sport from both an athlete's perspective and as someone who has seen freestyle scooting continue to develop internationally.

I believe athletes should have a strong voice in decisions that affect our sport. I would like to bring the perspective of a young professional athlete who is actively competing at an international level, while also listening to the experiences and ideas of athletes from different countries and backgrounds.

I am passionate about promoting freestyle scooting, creating more opportunities for athletes, and helping make the sport more accessible and exciting for the next generation. I would be proud to contribute my time, experience and perspective to the World Skate Athletes Commission and help build a stronger future for our sport.

SKATEBOARDING

(Street, Park, Vert)

BOIPELO AWUAH

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am a female street skateboarder from Kimberley, a small town in the Northern Cape. I am passionate about female skateboarding and about supporting the positive growth of the sport in my country.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Skateboarding has changed my life in the best possible way, and I want to share that with others, especially in Africa. I want to help ensure that athletes' voices, thoughts and needs are brought to the attention of those who can make a positive difference. Being a voice for athletes is an opportunity I would not take for granted, as I understand that it can help change someone else's future.

SHIVAM BALHARA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: INDIAN

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Shivam Balhara is an Indian skateboarder from Delhi, representing India internationally since 2018.

I started skating in 2015 and am a multiple-time Delhi State Gold medallist and National medallist in roller and skateboarding. My major results include Gold in Park at the 62nd National Championship 2024, Bangalore, Bronze in Street, Gold at the All India Championship 2023, Pune, and Silver in Park at the 36th National Games Gujarat 2022.

I have represented India at the World Skate Park World Championship 2018 in Nanjing, China, World Roller Games 2019 in Barcelona, Spain, Olympic Qualifier Series for Paris 2024 in Sharjah, UAE for both Park and Street, Olympic Qualifier in Rome, Italy 2023, and the Asian Championship 2024 in China.

From grassroots to the Olympic pathway, I understand the challenges for athletes from emerging skate nations and want to bring that voice to the Athletes' Commission.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I started skating at 8 years old with a dream to represent India. From my first national medal to wearing the Indian jersey at World Championships and Olympic Qualifiers in China, Spain, UAE and Italy. I've lived the full journey of an athlete from an emerging nation. I know what it feels like to travel far for one chance and to train without proper facilities and still compete at the highest level. I want to join the Athletes' Commission to make sure athletes from smaller skate nations are heard, and to help make the pathway fairer and easier for the next generation.

MUKUKA CHANDE

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: ZAMBIA

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm a skateboarder from Lusaka, Zambia who has been skating for 11yrs now. I'm a 6x National Champion in a roll, 2nd place finisher of the East African Skate Cup (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia), 1st place of the East African Skate Cup and I'm one of the first from my country to ever compete in the WST road to Paris'24 and LA'28.

Over the years, I've honed my skills through competition and international exposure. In 2023, I competed at the I2B skate competition in Somerset West, Cape Town, South Africa, where I took home gold. I also became the Far Out Skate Out Champion, 6th place finish at Kimberley Diamond Cup in Kimberley, South Africa and several gold finishes in my local community competitions. My most recent achievements include ranking in the top 100 at the WST in Dubai 2024 and placing in the top 160 at the WST in Dubai 2023. These results reflect my consistent improvement and growing presence in the global skateboarding scene.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am motivated to join the World Skate Athlete Commission because I want to use my experience as a skateboarder from Lusaka, Zambia, to help give athletes a stronger voice in the development of our sport. Having competed at national and international levels, including the WST, I have experienced both the opportunities and challenges that come with pursuing skateboarding from Africa. I want to represent athletes from diverse backgrounds, share their perspectives, and contribute to creating greater opportunities, access, and support for skateboarders worldwide. I believe my journey, experience, and passion for skateboarding can bring a valuable perspective to the Athlete Commission.

NOEL COSSA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: MOZAMBIKAN

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

My name is Noel Cossa, a skateboarder from Mozambique with a passion for street skateboarding and pushing the limits of what is possible on a board. I have been representing Mozambique through skateboarding and was the first Mozambican skateboarder to compete at World Skate Dubai.

My journey has been built through dedication, consistency, and a strong connection to the skateboarding community. I enjoy skating street spots, skateparks, and challenging myself with new tricks and lines.

Beyond competing, I am passionate about helping grow skateboarding in Mozambique by inspiring young skaters and sharing my experience through skate lessons and community activities.

My goal is to continue developing as a skateboarder, represent Mozambique internationally, and contribute to the growth of skateboarding across Africa.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am motivated by my passion for skateboarding, my desire to represent Mozambique internationally, and the opportunity to keep growing as an athlete. Skateboarding has taught me discipline, resilience, creativity, and the importance of never giving up. I want to challenge myself, compete at a higher level, learn from other skaters, and inspire young people in my community to believe in their potential. Every opportunity to compete and connect with the skateboarding community pushes me to work harder and become a better athlete and person.

ALISA FESSL

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: AUSTRIA

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm a 25-year-old skateboarder born and raised in Austria, a country where skateboarding is still developing. I've been skating for over 10 years, competing on the World Skate circuit for the past 5.

I've spent the last couple of years traveling, immersing myself in different skate cultures and skating with people from all over the world. giving me a understanding of how the sport is lived across regions, from established scenes to emerging ones.

I also give skate lessons and workshops, and create social media content showcasing skateparks around the world along with tutorials. Outside of skating, I love drawing, surfing, and snowboarding.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to join the World Skate Athletes Commission because I care about helping skateboarding develop and get taken seriously around the world. Coming from Austria, where the sport is still finding its place I've seen firsthand what's missing in places without established infrastructure or recognition.

Years of competing, traveling, and skating with people from different countries have given me understanding of what the sport needs to grow, at every level, not just elite competition.

TOMMY FYNN

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Tommy Fynn is one of Australia's most accomplished professional skateboarders, with more than 20 years of experience competing at the highest levels of the sport. A three-time Australian Champion (2011–2013) and 2013 Australian Skater of the Year, Tommy turned professional in 2014 and has since represented Australia at major international events, including Street League Skateboarding and World Skate competitions.

Beyond competition, Tommy has played an important role in developing the next generation of Australian skateboarders as an elite coach and mentor, supporting athletes through Olympic pathways and international competition. His experience spans every level of skateboarding, from grassroots participation and professional competition to coaching, athlete development and skatepark design.

Having previously been elected by his peers to the World Skate Athlete Commission, Tommy understands the importance of genuine athlete representation. His extensive international experience, strong relationships within the skateboarding community and athlete-first perspective make him a passionate and credible voice for skateboarders worldwide.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Skateboarding has been a huge part of my life for over 20 years and has given me opportunities and experiences I never could have imagined. I've been lucky enough to experience the sport from so many sides - as a professional skater, competitor, coach and mentor. I want to be part of the Athlete Commission because I genuinely care about where skateboarding is heading and making sure the athletes have a real voice in that. I know the skate community, I understand the athletes and the challenges they face, and I'd love the opportunity to represent them and give back to a sport that has given me so much.

DANNY LEON

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: SPAIN

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Danny Leon, professional skateboarder with more than 20 years of experience in skateboarding and over a decade competing internationally. I have competed across all major disciplines, including Street, Park and Vert, giving me a broad understanding of the different realities and needs within our sport.

I have represented skateboarding at the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, and I have previously served as a skateboarder representative, giving me first-hand experience of the role and how it works.

I continue to compete at the highest level today, which allows me to stay closely connected to the current challenges, needs and ambitions of professional skateboarders. I speak English, Spanish, French and Portuguese, allowing me to communicate with skaters and organisations around the world.

I want to use my experience and international perspective to represent skateboarders and give them a stronger voice in the future of our sport.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to be a strong and reliable voice for skateboarders and make sure athletes are heard in the decisions shaping the future of our sport. Having experienced two Olympic Games and previously served as a skateboarder representative, I understand the responsibility that comes with this position. I want to use my experience, international perspective and ability to communicate across different cultures to listen to skaters, understand their needs and represent them fairly. My motivation is to give back to skateboarding, strengthen the connection between athletes and organisations, and help build a more united, transparent and athlete-focused future for our sport.

MEGHAN MC CUBBIN

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: URUGUAY

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Meghan Mc Cubbin, a street skateboarder from Montevideo, Uruguay, and I've been skating for 15 years. As a member of the Uruguayan National Skateboarding Team, I was part of the first team to represent Uruguay at the Skateboarding World Championships, competing in the 2023 Paris Olympic qualifying events in Dubai, Rome and Tokyo. I won bronze at the 2024 South American Games in Asunción and at the 2019 South American Beach Games, and reached the top-6 final at the 2025 European Championship in Basel, Switzerland. This October I'll be competing at the World Skate Games Asunción 2026.

I'm also Vice President of the Uruguayan Skateboarding Committee, and in 2020 I founded FlipOut, a skate school in Montevideo where I teach new generations of skaters.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to join the Athletes Commission to give a voice to skaters from developing skateboarding nations like mine. I know firsthand the challenges of competing internationally without the support bigger countries have: travel costs, limited resources, and no Olympic-standard skateparks to train on. As an athlete, a federation leader and a coach, I understand both sides of the sport and can help connect athletes with World Skate. I want to push for fairer access to competitions, more opportunities for women in skateboarding, and a Commission that listens to every athlete, wherever they come from.

ANDY MACDONALD

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

As a baby, he managed to flip upside-down in his jolly jumper. At age 12, he got his first skateboard, and at 49, he qualified for the British National Skateboard Team. In 2024, at age 51, he became the oldest skateboard Olympian in history at the Paris Games. Throughout his career, Andy Macdonald has competed in almost every X Games, capturing twenty-three medals, two Guinness World Records, and ten World Cup championships. He has attracted corporate partners like Amazon and Lego, while maintaining a down-to-earth persona dubbed "mother approved" by Sports Illustrated. Dedicated to giving back, Andy introduced President Bill Clinton at the White House for drug-free youth campaigns and has raised over \$200K for the cancer non-profit Grind for Life. A founding board member of USA Skateboarding, he has spent 35 years designing public skateparks and teaching at Woodward Camp, continuing to inspire skaterboarders worldwide.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

My motivation is to help improve the experience of athletes and National Federations within Olympic skateboarding. As an experienced competitor in the Olympic space, I would like to focus on practical improvements that can have an immediate positive impact, including athlete services, course design, communication and practice conditions. Olympic skateboarding has developed significantly, and I would like to contribute to making the environment even better for the athletes working hard to compete at the highest level.

DORA VARELLA

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: BRAZILIAN

CATEGORY: SKATEBOARDING (STREET, PARK AND VERT)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

25 years old, Brazilian professional skateboarder in park

Competed two Olympic finals and got 4th place in Paris 2024

Been competing WS since the very first one 🙌

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

As a two-time Olympian, my experience extends beyond competing at the highest level to understanding the broader dynamics off the field of play. I am running for the Athletes' Commission to bridge the gap between athletes and leadership. By leveraging my strong advocacy skills, thorough work ethic, and commitment to excellence, I will bring clear communication and dedicated representation to defend our collective interests and support our athlete community.

SLALOM

(Inline Slalom, Skateboarding Slalom)

JENNIFER COPPA

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: SPAIN

CATEGORY: SLALOM (INLINE SLALOM, SKATEBOARDING SLALOM)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

At 58, I have the passion and 50+ years of experience. Competing in the 1970's and re-establishing that same passion in 2023, when I was named Rookie of the Year. 2024, I was named to the USA National Slalom Team and the same year won the Women's Banked Slalom World Championship. I competed at World Skate Games in 2024 Italy, and I've continued that passion Pre Qualifying for World Skate Games 2026.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Skateboarding and Slalom skateboarding has been a passion of mine and I believe that it is a big responsibility to share with the younger generation of skater's, that slalom Skateboarding is an incredible sport that endures, speed, precision, and grit. Slalom skateboarding isn't just speed though, it is an ultimate dance of absolute precision, explosive power, and a rhythm. Trusting a technique to hold the tightest of lines and with every course that presents itself. Looking to inspire that next generation of racers.

LYNN KRAMER

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: USA

CATEGORY: SLALOM (INLINE SLALOM, SKATEBOARDING SLALOM)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I will bring race knowledge, critical thinking, business knowledge, and ethics to the table.

I have been racing slalom skateboards since 2002 and have been to more slalom races than 99% of racers. I have won 17 World Championships.

I have directed 5 US Nationals, several grass roots races, and worked on the board of the 2023 World Championships.

As a Registered Mechanical Engineer in California, I am held to the highest degree of technical knowledge and ethics.

In my career, I owned and sold two Engineering companies. I was the General Manager of both, and have knowledge of US regulations, motivational skills, and teamwork.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I am motivated to advance Slalom Skateboarding in the family of World Skate and the Olympic movement. I am currently acting on this at the local level, as the Head Coach of La Costa Racing Team, a non-profit racing organization. We hold regular local races and clinics, and are working on the 2027 US Nationals.

I see two needs in slalom: A legitimate, safe place to practice, and a Juniors program. These go hand in hand, as we cannot have Juniors skating on open roads.

My involvement with World Skate as an athlete would help ensure the diversity of skating and the advancement of all skating disciplines.

JUDI OYAMA

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: JAPANESE AMERICAN

CATEGORY: SLALOM (INLINE SLALOM, SKATEBOARDING SLALOM)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Judi Oyama is a pioneering American professional skateboarder, graphic designer, and artist who holds the Guinness World Record as the oldest competitive female skateboarder. Born in 1959 and raised in Santa Cruz, California, she began skateboarding in 1973 at the age of 13. By the late 1970s, she turned professional and became one of the very few women competing in the male-dominated world of downhill and slalom racing, fiercely advocating for women's divisions in action sports.

She currently resides in Aptos, California, where she continues to skate, CrossFit, and coach Leiola Kahaku current International World Slalom Champion 2025. You can learn more about my competitive career directly on the USA Slalom Skateboarding Team Page.

Skateboard Hall of Fame 2018, Slalom Skateboard Hall of Fame, SHOF Aptos High School.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I have been skateboarding for over 53 years. As the world's oldest competitive female skateboarder, I have spent decades fighting for women to have a place in competitions, often facing exclusion simply because people thought downhill racing didn't look "gnarly" enough for a woman. My mission today is to crush these stereotypes, stay motivated, and inspire future generations of female athletes. Ultimately, I want to help the next generation of slalom racers discover the same passion, joy, and fun that has driven me my entire life.

PAUL PRICE

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

CATEGORY: SLALOM (INLINE SLALOM, SKATEBOARDING SLALOM)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Paul Price has been competing in skateboarding and snowboarding since 1977.

He is the designer of the best-selling Pavel Roadster Signature Slalom Skateboard, a board developed from his decades of experience in competitive slalom skating.

During the winter, Paul teaches snowboarding in Park City, Utah, where he is a Level 3 snowboard instructor. For approximately five months of the year, he is on a snowboard virtually every day.

Paul has competed in World Cup snowboard competitions, racing in slalom and riding halfpipe. His competitive career spans more than four decades across both skateboarding and snowboarding.

Since the resurgence of skateboard slalom competition in 2000, Paul has attended and competed in nearly every major slalom race, accumulating more race experience than any other racer in the sport.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to serve on the Athletes' Commission to give back to the sport that has been a major part of my life since 1977. I have competed at the highest levels of skateboard slalom, designed the Pavel Roadster slalom skateboard, and competed in every major skateboard slalom event since the sport's resurgence in 2000. With more than four decades of experience as a competitor, instructor and equipment designer, I bring a unique perspective on the needs of riders across generations. I want to help ensure riders' voices are heard and the sport continues to grow.

SPEED

(Speed Skating, Skate Cross)

NORALY BERBER VONK

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: NETHERLANDS

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I grew up in the world of inline skating. It has been much more than a sport to me, it has shaped who I am, the people I have met and the journey I have been fortunate enough to experience. From my first races to becoming a World Championship medalist and winning one of the most important marathon in our sport, skating has taken me places I could never have imagined. It has taught me what it means to work hard, to overcome setbacks, to compete under pressure and, above all, to respect the people who share the same passion. Along the way, I have built strong and genuine connections with athletes across generations and countries. I have also been an ice skater, giving me a broader perspective on skating and its community. In the Netherlands, I served on the federation's Athletes' Commission, experiencing firsthand the difference athletes can make when their voice is heard.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Skating has given me so much, and I feel it is time to give something back. I want to serve on the World Skate Athletes' Commission because athletes deserve to be heard, understood and genuinely represented. I know what it feels like to stand on the start line, chase a medal, face disappointment and experience the moments that make our sport so special. As a World Championship medalist, major marathon winner and former member of the Dutch Athletes' Commission, I understand both the demands athletes face and the impact a strong athlete voice can have. I want to connect athletes, listen to their needs and turn their voice into meaningful change.

ITAY DRORY

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: ISRAEL

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

9+ worlds, very experienced and know in the world of speed. Born in Israel, skated my whole adult life and known as embassy of speed.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT



RAMADAN FALLATAH

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: SAUDI ARABIA

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am Ramadan Ahmed, leader of the Rollsiders Skate Team in Saudi Arabia and a speed skater on the Saudi national team. I participated in the Speed Skating World Championship in Italy in 2023 and have taken part in several speed skating camps worldwide, including in the USA, Belarus, Thailand, Oman and the UAE.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I love speed skating, and it will always be my favourite sport. I want to continue promoting it in my country and help make it more widely known.

OLIVER GROB

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: SWITZERLAND

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am a Swiss international speed skater and have competed in nine World Championships, one World Games, and eleven European Championships.

Alongside my sporting career, I have always combined elite sport with education. I study Business Economics and Sport Management, specializing in Banking and Finance, and in November 2026 I will start my professional career as a Junior Audit Associate at PwC in Switzerland.

Throughout my career, I have always cared deeply about how we can improve our beloved sport, increase its visibility, and create an excellent environment for future generations of athletes. Fairness, integrity, and respecting the rules of our sport to the fullest have always been fundamental values for me.

My experiences in international sport, education, and the professional world have given me a broad perspective that I hope to contribute to the future development of speed skating.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Speed skating has given me incredible experiences, and I now want to give something back to the sport I love.

As Athlete Representative, I want to be a strong and approachable voice for our athletes, listen to their concerns and ideas, and ensure their perspective is heard within World Skate. I also want to contribute to improving our sport, increasing its visibility, and creating the best possible environment for future generations.

Fairness, transparency, and respect for the rules are values I strongly believe in.

KALE JOHNSTONE

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: UNITED STATES

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I have served as President of the US Ice Cross Association for 6 years and competed for 12 years. I have been a Skate Cross athlete for 4 years now and have traveled both North America and Europe competing. My priority is the athlete experience, as they are the most important. Conditions must be fair, safe, and competitive for all to have a good competition.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

The greater good will always outweigh selfish needs.

DUCCIO MARSILI

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: ITALY

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm Duccio Marsili, born in Siena on December 12, 1996. My journey in inline speed skating began right here in Tuscany, training with Mens Sana Roller Sports, the club where I turned a childhood passion into a lifelong pursuit of speed on track and road.

As a sprinter specializing in short and middle-distance races, including the 500m and 1,000m events, I've built my career on explosive power, technique, and tactical focus. Representing Italy on the international stage has been the greatest honor of my career, leading me to win multiple European, World, and World Games titles.

Through every training session and race, I strive to push the limits of speed skating, carrying my hometown's legacy with me onto tracks around the world.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Running for this position means actively putting myself at the service of every athlete and the sport itself. My goal is to ensure an ever-better future for our discipline, built on the healthy values that have guided my career at the highest level.

MILO MONTROYA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am an active sprint skater and coach with a lifelong love for our sport. I first put on skates at five years old, competed until I was 16, and returned to racing at 32 in Australia. Working as both an athlete and a coach helps me understand the challenges skaters face at every stage, from grassroots to senior levels.

Outside the track, I work as an engineer and I'm finishing a PhD in timber engineering, which helps me solve problems and listen closely. Living and traveling across different continents has taught me to connect with people from all cultures and backgrounds. Diversity and support make our skating community stronger.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to serve on the World Skate Athletes' Commission to give every skater a real, accessible voice. As an active athlete and coach, I see the daily challenges athletes face, from grassroots training to international competition. My experience living across different continents help me solve practical problems while connecting with people from diverse cultures. I am committed to listening to your ideas, protecting athlete welfare, and making sure our global skating community grows fairly, transparently, and inclusively for everyone.

RON PUCKLITZSCH

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: GERMAN

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I started inline speed skating at the age of six. From the very beginning, I loved getting on skates each week, testing my abilities and competing with the many friends I had made through my club. Success did not come right away, but that made my first Junior European Championships in 2013 especially meaningful. Two years later, I won my first medal at the event. As the sport became an increasingly important part of my life, I trained more professionally and added further junior medals, including two fourth-place finishes at the Junior World Championships. In 2018, I was able to continue that progress in the senior category. At the 2024 World Roller Games in Italy, I fulfilled a lifelong dream by winning the world title. The following year, another dream came true: representing my home country, Germany, in inline speed skating at the World Games – and rewarding myself with a medal.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

In my study programme in Sport Governance, I gain valuable insights into organisational and political processes in sport. Since 2023, I have served as an Athletes' Representative for the German Inline Federation, allowing me to deepen this knowledge through practical experience while representing the interests of many athletes. Joining the World Skate Athletes' Commission for Speed Skating would give me the opportunity to contribute this experience at an international level. I am committed to ensuring that athletes perspectives and needs are taken into account in important decisions. Transparent communication, fair conditions, and the sustainable development of our sport are particularly important to me.

IOANNIS PYROVOLOU

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: GREEK

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Ioannis Pyrovolou is a French-Greek roller athlete, coach and competition organizer with extensive experience in competitive roller sports. He has achieved strong international results, including 4th place at the 2022 WSX Skatecross World Championship, a top-10 world ranking in 2019 and 2020, 7th place at the European Skatecross Championship, and 7th place worldwide in downhill.

Since 2025, he has worked as a project officer for the Île-de-France Roller & Skateboard League, contributing to the development of roller sports. He has also organized Skatecross competitions, elite training camps and competitive training programs in France and Greece.

Alongside his sporting career, Ioannis holds a CQP Roller qualification and a Master's degree in STAPS, specializing in research in movement psychology and neuroscience. He has experience coaching competitive athletes, organizing events, working with international brands, and developing roller sport projects. He speaks French and Greek fluently, with good knowledge of English and Italian.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I would like to help World Skate further develop Skate Cross and Downhill, with particular attention to event organisation, athlete communication and coordination between disciplines.

VALERIA ISABEL RIFFO BUSTAMANTE

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: CHILEAN

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Valeria Rizzo Bustamante is an accomplished Chilean speed skater with a long-standing international career representing Chile at World, Pan American, and South American competitions. Among her major achievements are a 4th place at the 2023 World Championships in Italy and a bronze medal at the 2024 Pan American Championships in Colombia. Federación Colombiana de Patinaje

Beyond her sporting achievements, Valeria is a mother of two daughters, successfully balancing motherhood with the demands of elite-level competition. This journey has strengthened her resilience, empathy, and understanding of the challenges athletes face both on and off the track.

Through her experience, leadership, and commitment to sport, she seeks to contribute to the World Skate Athletes' Commission, representing athletes' voices and helping create greater opportunities for current and future generations.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to join the World Skate Athletes' Commission because skating has shaped not only my career, but the person I am today. It has taught me to dream, persevere, overcome adversity, and never give up.

After years of proudly representing my country, I want to turn my experience into meaningful service for other athletes. I want to listen, represent, and be a voice for those who dedicate their lives to this sport.

Now, I want to give back to skating everything it has given me by helping create greater opportunities, stronger support, and a future where every athlete feels heard, valued, and inspired to pursue their dreams.

DAREEN WAEI SEIF ELDIN FARID

GENDER: FEMALE

NATIONALITY: EGYPTIAN

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

My name is Dareen Wael Seif El Din Farid, a 19-year-old Egyptian inline speed skater who has dedicated more than 13 years to the sport. I started skating at the age of six, and since then, speed skating has become a major part of my life. Through years of training and competition, I have developed discipline, resilience, commitment, and a deep understanding of the challenges athletes face.

I represented Egypt at the 2025 World Championships in China, where I achieved 9th place in the 100m event. I am currently ranked first in Egypt in my discipline, and I continue to work toward achieving higher goals internationally.

My journey as an athlete has taught me the importance of fairness, respect, teamwork, and perseverance. I want to use my experience and passion for speed skating to represent athletes and contribute positively to the future of our sport.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to become a member of the Athletes' Commission because I believe athletes deserve to be heard, respected, and represented fairly. Having spent most of my life in speed skating, I understand both the challenges and opportunities that athletes experience.

If elected, I want to be a fair and honest voice for athletes, listen to their concerns, and help communicate their needs to World Skate. I would also like to promote transparency and fairness in competitions and athlete-related decisions.

I am ready to take on this responsibility, learn, listen, and represent my fellow athletes with integrity, dedication, and respect.

BAYRON SILES VEGA

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: COSTA RICA

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I am Bayron Siles, a Costa Rican skater. Coming from a country with limited development, I placed 7th at the 2022 World Games, always covering my own expenses.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I want to help countries where skating is less developed—like Costa Rica—become more competitive.

HIROKI TOTORI

GENDER: MALE

NATIONALITY: JAPAN

CATEGORY: SPEED (SPEED SKATING, SKATE CROSS)



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

90% of my life is with roller skating. I started this sport at the age of 3 and continuing it till now at 44 years old with full of passion. My first international race with the national team was 2007 and keeping the level till this year. Also I visited over 25 countries for the race and training for these 20 years and enjoyed the stay with friends. At night we talked a lot about our sport and future.

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

I was expecting the speed skate to be in the Tokyo Olympic and worked for the promotion with the national federation. My career as an athlete may going to end and it's time to make a new stage for the new generations. This beautiful sport has to be an Olympic sport or to be more of professional sport. I want to make this sport bigger than bicycle sport.



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