

# ATHLETES' COMMISSION 2023 ELECTIONS CANDIDATES



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# VALERIE ADAMS

NEW ZEALAND

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**TO BE A STRONG VOICE  
FOR ALL ATHLETES  
AROUND THE WORLD  
AND TO CONTINUE TO  
GROW THIS AMAZING  
SPORT OF ATHLETICS.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

Since first picking up a shot put in a school sports competition at the age of 14, athletics has been my passion. The sport has hauled me out of poverty and taken me all around the world to places unimaginable as a girl growing up at the bottom of the world in New Zealand. It has fed my soul and given me mind-blowing opportunities, for which I'll be forever grateful.

For this reason, I have taken my role serving on the World Athletics Athletes' Commission very seriously. To be able to represent the athletes' concerns has been a privilege, and I acknowledge that through the Commission to finally be able to vote on World Athletics Council decisions is something which should never be taken for granted. The sport is nothing without its athletes.

With more than 20 years competing on the international stage, I recognise the unique appeal of athletics. It is a wonderful, genuinely global sport with so much to be gained from being a part of. However, I also understand it needs to undergo significant changes to retain engagement and its relevancy in the modern world.

The sport should not therefore rest on its laurels, and I believe by representing the athletes I can contribute to its better future. As a recently retired athlete I believe I have the best of both worlds thanks to my innate knowledge of the sport but also the fact I now have more time and energy to serve diligently in the role.

I'm proud of time with the Athletes' Commission. We accomplished change and offered structured feedback on a number of key subject matters, and should I be re-elected I promise I - along with the rest of the team - will continue to fight the necessary battles on behalf of the athletes.

I will be both active and reactivate to help push boundaries for the betterment of the sport. Sometimes change is hard to implement, and you need to be persistent, persevere and act 'like a dog with a bone' in order to ensure changes are made. Qualities I believe I demonstrated consistently throughout my athletics career.

On a personal note, I'm also proud to play my part in representing athletes in the Oceania region. I love the fact athletics is such a global sport but I'm a huge advocate of the Oceania athletes who consistently punch above their weight to excel on the global stage. As a New Zealander of Polynesian heritage this is something of which I am immensely proud.

In summary, I believe passionately I have so much to give to the role. For many generations decisions were taken without an athletes' voice. So, I'm enthused at the thought of continuing the work we've put in place. I believe another term on the Athletes' Commission would help further implement the changes we have already made and ensure a smoother transition before I step down and hand over the reins to the next generation of Commission members.

### **Sport career and athletics achievements:**

2008/2012 Olympic Gold, 2016 Olympic Silver, 2020 Olympic Bronze. 4x World Champion and Indoor Champion. PB 21.24m

### **Professional Career:**

Self Employed

### **Sport Administration:**

World Athletics Athletes' Commission, Oceania Athletics Athletes' Commission, Athletics New Zealand Athletes' Commission

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**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**  
**ENGLISH, TONGAN**

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**ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:**  
**SHOT PUT**

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**THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:**  
**HARD WORKING**  
**CARING**  
**PASSIONATE**

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**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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# RILWAN MOHAMED ALOWONLE JR

NIGERIA

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**I WANT TO IMPROVE  
THE SUPPORT,  
RECOGNITION, AND  
FUNDING FOR ATHLETES  
BY INCREASING THE  
SPORTS' POPULARITY  
BEYOND THE OLYMPIC  
GAMES.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

As fellow athletes who have dedicated our lives to the sport of athletics, we know firsthand the incredible commitment and sacrifices that go into becoming a world-class competitor. Although every single one of us invest countless hours and resources into the sport, I have noticed that outside of the Olympic Games, the sport of athletics is not given the same level of support and recognition as other major sports. I believe that for the sake of the sport and to make justice to the efforts of the athletes, this needs to change. That's why I'm running for the World Athletics Athletes' Commission.

Athletics is the most viewed and popular sport in the Olympics, and as such, I believe that popularity should be sustained beyond the two weeks that occur every four years. As a member of the Athletes' Commission, I will use my position to fight for the athletes and ensure they receive the support they deserve. For example, I plan to work on making competitions more accessible and engaging to the fans, which will help grow the sport and generate revenue.

I believe it is critical for this revenue to be shared with the athletes who have worked hard to make these competitions possible.

In addition to my athletic career, I work as a marketing and strategy consultant for Deloitte, the largest professional services firm in the world. My background as a consultant has given me the skills to think strategically and develop creative solutions to difficult problems. I will bring this expertise to the Athletes' Commission and work with my fellow members to develop thoughtful solutions to improve the sport of athletics.

If elected, I will work tirelessly to ensure:

- Better funding for athletes at all levels of the sport
- Increased promotion of athletics as well as the individual athletes to generate more interest and support
- Greater support for athletes' well-being, both on and off the competition site

- Improved and consistent facilities for competition and training

Together, we can make athletics the sport it deserves to be. Thank you for your consideration, and I ask for your support in this election.

Empowering Athletes, Transforming Athletics: Join the Athlete-Driven Campaign!

### **Sport career and athletics achievements:**

2018 Commonwealth Games 5th place finisher.  
2018 All-African Championships 3rd place finisher

### **Professional Career:**

Management Consultant

### **Sport Administration:**

N/A

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**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**  
**ENGLISH**

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**ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:**  
**400M HURDLES,  
4X400 RELAY**

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**THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE  
ME BEST:**  
**DETERMINED  
OPEN-MINDED  
COMPOSED**

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**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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# LIA APOSTOLOVSKI

SLOVENIA

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**I WILL STAND FOR THE SAFEGUARDING MECHANISM, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE, WOMEN'S HEALTH, SUPPORT OF TRANSITION FROM THE JUNIOR TO SENIOR CATEGORY, EDUCATION AND PROTECTION OF ATHLETES' RIGHTS.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

The candidacy to participate and work in the Athletes' Commission is for me a natural decision as it is something that directly concerns me as an athlete, as well as it is combining two of my biggest interests: athletics and the study of law.

As an athlete I recognise the importance of the establishment of the safeguarding mechanism, as a consequence of many verbal, physical, sexual and psychological abuses in sports. Athletes deserve protection as well as education about the athletes' rights.

More and more people are talking about health in sports, and especially women's health is becoming a relevant issue. What was once a taboo is now a crucial part in the training process. Therefore the importance of women's health and sports gynaecology in (elite) sports is something that deserves its voice. I strongly believe this voice should come from an athlete and a woman.

Coming from a small country, Slovenia, without a tradition of a higher rank of international competitions at home, I experience a difference in opportunities to equally compete and collect world ranking points. I will strongly advocate for equal opportunities for all athletes, regardless of the country of their origin, to compete and collect world ranking points to qualify for World championships, Olympic games, Area championships, etc.

As a young athlete I understand the struggle of the transition from the junior to the senior category and the importance of different kinds of support during this period. I myself come from an athletic family, who understand my love and devotion to athletics, and provide support in difficult times. Unfortunately, I regularly notice that other talented athletes have less of this support in their environment, and I believe that adequate support outside of their primary environment is necessary and should be properly organised.



In conclusion, I'm fully committed to safety in sport aiming to educate and protect athletes from harassment and abuse of all forms. I am ready to dedicate my energy to raise awareness among groups that need special attention like youth, girls, women and other vulnerable athletes.

### **Sport career and athletics achievements:**

World Championships finalist (Oregon 2022), European Championships finalist (Munich 2022), European u23 bronze medalist (Tallinn 2021), 9th place European Indoor Championships (Torun 2021), national u23 records holder

### **Professional Career:**

Professional athlete, slovenian armed forces - sports unit, law student

### **Sport Administration:**

N/A

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### **LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**

**SLOVENIAN,  
ENGLISH**

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### **ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:**

**HIGH JUMP**

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### **THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:**

**DETERMINED  
RELIABLE  
EMPATHETIC**

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**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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# SAMORY UIKI BANDEIRA FRAGA

BRAZIL

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MY OBJECTIVES:

BEING A VOICE AND  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
ALL ATHLETES THAT  
LIVE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

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## Why I am running for the election:

The athletes' commission is an important body within World Athletics and as such it should have representatives from all the regions of the world.

I want to be a representative because I believe South America needs a voice on the matters and affairs of the administration and I also believe I can be that voice to bring the concerns, suggestions and issues of the athletes in the area.

## Sport career and athletics achievements:

Olympic Games (Tokyo 2020). World Indoor Championship (Belgrade 2022)

## Professional Career:

Graduated in international relations with a double minor in international business and political science.

## Sport Administration:

Confederação Brasileira de Atletismo (CBAT)

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### LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

**PORTUGUESE,  
ENGLISH AND  
SPANISH**

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### ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:

**LONG JUMP**

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### THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:

**PERSEVERANCE  
DISCIPLINE  
PATIENCE**

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VOICE MATTERS.  
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# DIEGO GARCIA CARRERA

SPAIN

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MY OBJECTIVES:

**TO ENSURE THAT ALL  
ATHLETES HAVE A  
PLACE IN THE NEW  
ATHLETICS.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

Dear Colleague,

Thank you very much for reading these lines and getting involved in the future of athletics.

My main goal is that nothing is left unsaid about what athletes think. That the athletes' voice is present in the decision-making centers, because we athletes are the main actors of this movie.

In recent years, we have seen how the aspirations of many athletes have been blocked when participation quotas, championships and even entire specialties have been reduced.

It is no secret that events such as the 200m, the 10,000m, the triple jump, the hammer throw or the race walk are not in the future plans of many advisors of our institutions.

However, there are other ways to face suppression, to face the elimination of athletes from their habitat. The transformation that athletics needs begins by placing athletes at the center of the debate. And from there it will be much easier to find a way forward together.

I am committed to making the athletes' voice heard.

Best wishes,

Diego

## Sport career and athletics achievements:

Olympic Diploma in Tokio2020. 2 times European Medallist. 4 Participations at World Championships (2015, 2017, 2019, 2022). Medallist at World Championships U18 (2013) and U20 (2014)

## Professional Career:

Business Administration and Management Graduated. Master Degree in Financial Markets. Professional Music Conservatory Graduated

## Sport Administration:

Experience as Sports Director in Finetwork Madrid Marcha, World Athletics Race Walking Tour Gold meeting (Madrid, Spain. 2022, 2023)

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN:  
**ENGLISH, SPANISH**

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ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:  
**20K RACE WALK**

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THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE  
ME BEST:  
**PASSIONATE  
NONCONFORMIST  
FAIR**

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VOICE MATTERS.  
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# GERMÁN CHIARAVIGLIO

ARGENTINA

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**STRENGTHEN THE VOICE  
OF ATHLETES WITHIN  
THE ORGANIZATION  
AND BRING SOUTH  
AMERICAN ATHLETES  
CLOSER TO WORLD  
ATHLETICS.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

As a passionate athlete and lover of track and field, I believe it would be an honour and a great responsibility to contribute to the development of our sport from an athlete's perspective. I am a passionate athlete and lover of track and field. My specialty is pole vaulting, and I have had the honour of competing in three Olympic Games, four World Championships of Athletics, and four Pan American Games. Additionally, I have been actively involved in my sports community, from organizing events to leading activities in my Olympic Committee Athletes Commission. With my experience and commitment, I believe I can be a valuable contributor to the World Athletics Athletes' Commission and help represent the voices of athletes from all regions.

My interest in being a part of the Athletes' Commission stems from my desire to represent and defend the interests of my fellow athletes, to be an active agent in the development and promotion of policies and programs that benefit our athletes, and to collaborate with the organization to ensure that athletes have a voice and are heard at all levels of decision-making.

Furthermore, I am motivated by the values promoted by World Athletics, such as excellence, respect, integrity, and solidarity. I firmly believe that, as athletes, we have a unique responsibility and valuable perspective that can contribute significantly to the organization's mission and vision.

Moreover, as a South American athlete, I have a particular interest in representing the voice of my region on the Athletes' Commission. As you know, our region has produced numerous World and Olympic champions in track and field, but we also face unique challenges in terms of resources, infrastructure, and support. I believe I can provide a valuable perspective on these issues and collaborate with the organization to design and implement programs that help our athletes reach their full potential.

In summary, I believe that my education, experience, commitment, and motivation make me an ideal candidate to be part of the World Athletics Athletes' Commission and to represent the voice of South American athletes. I appreciate the opportunity to present my candidacy and remain available to provide any further information or answer any questions.

### **Sport career and athletics achievements:**

Finalist, Rio 2016 OG in the Pole Vault Event.  
Finalist, World Athletics Championships- Beijing, China, 2015. Silver Medal, Pan Am

### **Professional Career:**

IAAF Level 1 Coaches Education & Certification System. 2012, Mar del Plata, Argentina. Diploma in Crypto- Economics, Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & Smart Contracts. 2019, ITBA

### **Sport Administration:**

Diploma in Sports Management, UGR (Universidad del Gran Rosario). Diploma in Sports Entity Management, 'n Fundación Leo Messi" . 2016 Facultad de Derecho

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### **LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**

**SPANISH,  
ENGLISH, ITALIAN,  
PORTUGUESE.**

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### **ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:**

**POLE VAULT**

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### **THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:**

**RESILIENCE  
PASSION  
EMPATHY**

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**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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VOTE.**



# ADAM GEMILI

GREAT BRITAIN &  
NORTHERN IRELAND

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**REPRESENT THE VOICE  
OF THE ATHLETE  
MAKING SURE  
ATHLETES' INTERESTS  
ARE ALWAYS PUT FIRST  
WHILST HELPING BUILD  
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE  
FOR OUR SPORT.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

It would be a great privilege to represent athletes, influence the culture and to continue to push for change within World Athletics, ensuring that athletes are at the heart of everything we do.

I am super passionate about giving athletes a voice and will always work to make sure that we are prioritised. I am a highly organised, efficient and proactive individual who is also transparent and accountable, which I feel are important qualities for someone in this role.

I believe that sport should always be athlete-driven and would love the opportunity to make sure this happens. I am a critical thinker who will aim to find the best solutions to constantly improve, grow and deliver the best services for people. I will always fight for what I believe in, act with integrity and will not hesitate to speak up if I see an injustice or something I do not believe is beneficial to my fellow athletes.

I have been lucky enough to be a professional athlete in this sport for 11 years, spanning three Olympic Games and can offer a wealth of experience and knowledge. I have had the privilege of working with many athletes, coaches and governing bodies across multiple generations; helping me to understand how to engage and respond accordingly to people regardless of background, culture, age or gender.

Over the years, many of my peers have trusted me to be the bridge between the Governing Body and Athlete. In my current position for the British Olympic Association Athletes Commission, I have had influence in helping Team GB take athletes to both Summer and Winter Olympic Games. I have been given this amazing opportunity to share a talent I have dedicated my career to building and I would love to continue to help influence and shape the sport going forwards, both during and post-career.



A motto that I live by is, "talent is nature and character is choice". It is the role models in early life who you look up to that can both inspire and nurture your passions in life. I have been given this amazing opportunity to share a talent I have dedicated my career to building and it is in my character to want to give back and nurture the future of our sport.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Faithfully

Adam

### **Sport career and athletics achievements:**

World Junior Champion 100m, 4x European Championship Gold 200m - 4x100m, 2x Commonwealth Silver 100m - 4x100m, World Championships 4x100m 1x Gold 1x Silver 1x Bronze, 4th Olympic Games 200m, 4th & 5th World Championships 200m

### **Professional Career:**

N/A

### **Sport Administration:**

BOA Athletes Commission 2016 - present, UKA Athletes Commission 2020 - present, The Athletes Association Sprint Representative 2020 - present

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**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**  
**ENGLISH**

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**ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:**  
**100M, 200M, 4X100 RELAY**

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**THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:**  
**DILIGENT**  
**FRIENDLY**  
**RELIABLE**

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**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
USE YOURS.  
VOTE.**



# MAJD GHAZAL

SYRIA

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

SEEKING TO DEVELOP  
AND SPREAD THE  
CULTURE OF ATHLETICS  
IN THE PRESENCE  
OF THE DIFFICULTIES  
AND OBSTACLES IT IS  
EXPOSED TO.

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## Why I am running for the election:

Being one of the players of the countries that want to develop the game of athletics in their country, and this geographical area and the countries around it need a lot of technical, administrative and technical work and scientific sports development to raise its level, starting from children's sports in athletics and spreading it to the advance levels of players.

Where my presence in this committee helps convey all the difficulties, obstacles and ideas that impede the work of these countries, as well as informing them of everything new in the world of athletics and International Federation, which helps in the development and work of cadres and players.

Find ways to increase the number of members of this game in these countries through their love and knowledge of the heroes of this game in the country.



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**Sport career and athletics achievements:**

Bronze medal World Championships 2017

**Professional Career:**

Sports

**Sport Administration:**

Player

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN:  
**ARABIC, ENGLISH**

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ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:  
**HIGH JUMP**

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THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE  
ME BEST:  
**PERSEVERANCE  
PATIENCE  
NEVER GIVE UP**

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THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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# RENAUD LAVILLENIE

FRANCE

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**FOLLOW THE WORK WE  
HAVE DONE THE LAST 4  
YEARS TO REPRESENT  
THE ATHLETES VOICE AT  
THE BEST.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

I am the Chair of Athletes' Commission since end of 2019, it has been very interesting and instructive to be involved in many different processes.

Putting the athletes in the main stage of our sport has always been important for me and that's why I want to be able to follow this investment I've started with World Athletics since almost 4 years.

I have learned the different political processes in order to know how better we can work as a team to keep pushing athletes' priorities in the different discussions.

**Sport career and athletics achievements:**

Olympic Champion 2012, World Record (2014-2020)

**Professional Career:**

All Star Perche Meeting Director since 2016

**Sport Administration:**

World Athletics Athletes' Commission Chair (2019-2023)

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN:  
**FRENCH, ENGLISH**

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ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:  
**POLE VAULT**

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THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE  
ME BEST:  
**AMBITION  
DETERMINATION**

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THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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# HALIMAH NAKAAYI

UGANDA

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MY OBJECTIVES:

**TO UNITE ATHLETES'  
AND TO RAISE THE  
ATHLETES' VOICE.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

Athletics is part of my life.

I have loved athletics since I was a child, so athletics has taught me very many things like how to set goals, and how to reach your dreams. Athletics has taught me how to deal with a win and how to deal a loss so I have gone through a lot as an athlete.

Therefore I feel the responsibility to stand up for the needs of other athletes and raise the athletes' voices as well as to defend our rights: especially African Female athletes.

I want to motivate the young generation to start the sport at an early age. It is my desire to encourage everyone to fall in love with athletics and become more active in the running community by getting involved in physical skills to gain more confidence.

Therefore I will be very grateful if you vote for me.

## Sport career and athletics achievements:

I started athletics at age 7. I earned a sports scholarship through all formal education till the end of my University studies. In 2010, I competed in my first major competition at the youth olympics in Singapore.

I won a gold medal at the Isle of man in the UK youth commonwealth games in 2011. I am a 2-time Olympic qualifier. I have competed in 3 world championships including one gold medal in Doha 2019 and one bronze medal at the 2022 world indoors in Belgrade.

## Professional Career:

Middle distance

## Sport Administration:

I have been a Ugandan female athletics representative 3 times, and 3 times national team captain.

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## LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

**ENGLISH, SWAHILI,  
LUGANDA, AND  
LUSOGA**

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## ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:

**400M, 800M, AND  
1500M**

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## THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:

**INTELLIGENT  
DETERMINED  
CARING**

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**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
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# AIRINĖ PALŠYTĖ

LITHUANIA

## MY OBJECTIVES:

**I AM COMMITTED TO LIFTING OUR VOICES IN ATHLETICS DECISION-MAKING, PROMOTING AND IMPROVING FAIR COMPETITION, AND BOOSTING OUR SPORT'S GLOBAL IMAGE - TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



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## Why I am running for the election:

Dear Athletes,

My name is Airinė Palšytė, and I'm a three-time Olympian, European high jump champion and medallist, and ten-time National champion. I stand before you as a candidate for the World Athletics Athletes' Commission, driven by a strong belief: **TOGETHER, WE CAN TRANSFORM OUR SPORT!**

I'm here for one simple reason: **I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR.** My **GOAL** is to champion **CLEAN SPORTS, FAIRNESS** in competition, and **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES** for every athlete around the globe.

If you **ELECT ME**, I'll focus on three areas closest to my heart:

- **STRENGTHENING GLOBAL REPRESENTATION AND COMMUNICATION:** We all deserve to be heard, no matter where we're from. I'll strive to amplify our voices in decision-making processes and enhance transparency and understanding within our sport's ecosystem.
- **BOOSTING THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF ATHLETICS:** Let's show the world that our sport isn't just about competition; it's about the human spirit, resilience, and dedication. I'll work hard to reshape the public perception of athletics, inspiring the next generation and gaining more support for us.
- **PROMOTING ANTI-DOPING INITIATIVES:** Let's protect the integrity of our sport! I'll prioritize education about the risks of doping, encouraging clean athletics, and pushing for changes in the future to ensure fair play.

Just like you, I've savoured the thrill of victory and learned from disappointments. I've trained relentlessly, and I've stood on the podium. But above all, I understand our need to be **HEARD, UNDERSTOOD, and have our rights PROTECTED.**



I'm not here for personal glory. I'm here because I believe in US, in our collective power to bring change in athletics. Your vote for me is a VOTE for a shared vision of PROGRESS and FAIRNESS.

Let's come together; let's shape the future of our sport. I'm Airinė Pašytė, and I'm ready to be your voice at World Athletics Athletes' Commission!

I appreciate your consideration.

Yours in sport,

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### **Sport career and athletics achievements:**

European Indoor Champion 2017, ECH vice-champion 2016, EICH bronze medalist 2019, 3x Olympian (London, Rio, Tokyo), 2x World Championships finalist, 10 x National Champion

### **Professional Career:**

BA degree from Vilnius University (Business Information Management), MA (ongoing) degree from Vilnius University (Marketing and Integrated Communications)

### **Sport Administration:**

Vice-President at National Athletes' Association (2021 - present)

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### LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

**LITHUANIAN (NATIVE), ENGLISH (PROFESSIONAL WORKING PROFICIENCY), RUSSIAN (LIMITED WORKING PROFICIENCY), SPANISH (BASICS)**

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### ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:

**HIGH JUMP**

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### THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:

**RESILIENT  
DETERMINED  
AMBITIOUS**

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THE ATHLETES'  
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# AISHA PRAUGHT-LEER

JAMAICA

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## MY OBJECTIVES:

**TO GROW THE SPORT IN  
A WAY THAT CENTERS  
ATHLETES' RIGHTS,  
EARNING POTENTIAL  
AND FAIR PLAY.**

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## Why I am running for the election:

I am here for you!

In my first four-year term as a member of the Athletes Commission I advocated fervently for athletes: demanded the reestablishment of all Diamond League disciplines, worked to freeze athletes' World Rank through Covid-19 Pandemic, pushed WA to provide financial aid for athletes through the pandemic and provided honest feedback to put athletes FIRST. I have proven myself to my colleagues on the Athletes Commission and World Athletics staff members as a person who speaks up, without hesitation but with great thought and perspective, when it comes to protecting athletes rights, experience and fair play. I believe Athletics can and will return as one of the most popular global sports, but you can count on me to never value innovation above an athletes' earning potential.

I take pride in going above and beyond the normal course of duty. Having served on the Human Rights Working Group, we created a framework and recommendations for World Athletics to protect and recognize human rights in sport. All of our recommendations were accepted and applied.

Additionally, I currently serve on the World Plan Working group to implement a long-term vision to catapult Athletics to a larger global stage with more fans, more participation, and hopefully more money in the Athlete pocket.

Vote for me and I will continue putting you first!

## Sport career and athletics achievements:

Commonwealth Games Gold (Steeple), Pan Am Silver (1500m), 7x National Teams, 2x Olympian, 5x National Record Holder, Olympic and World Finalist

## Professional Career:

10 years as a professional athlete

## Sport Administration:

WA Athletes Commission elected member 2019-2023. Served on the Human Rights Working Group, Footwear Working Group and currently serving on the World Plan Working Group

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## LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

**ENGLISH**

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## ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:

**1500M, 5000M**

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## THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:

**HONEST  
PERSISTENT  
PRINCIPLED**

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THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
USE YOURS.  
**VOTE.**



# SU BINGTIAN CHINA

## MY OBJECTIVES:

**BE THE VOICE OF THE ATHLETES, PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE ATHLETES, PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETICS AND BRING POSITIVE CHANGES TO THE SOCIETY WITH THE POWER OF ATHLETICS.**

## Why I am running for the election:

I have spent almost 20 years of my life on the track since my first athletic training. Athletics has always been my love, passion and dream. In the past 20 years, athletics taught me not only never to give up and always chase your dreams, but also how to be brave, humble, inclusive and open-minded. When I broke the Asian record of men's 100m (9.83s) at the Tokyo Olympics and became the first Chinese athlete ever entered into the men's 100m final at the Olympics at the age of 33, the excitement, joy and honor I felt were beyond words. It encouraged countless Chinese and Asian athletes and again proved that nothing is impossible as long as you never give up.

Athletics is undoubtedly my life-long career. It has brought me so much and I am eager to make more contributions to the development of athletics around the world. Except for a professional athlete, I am also Vice President of the Chinese Athletics Association and Associate Professor at the Jinan University. In addition, I also had the honor to work as a member of World Athletics Athletes' Commission from 2019 till now. In these positions, I tried hard to make the voices of the athletes heard, consider the interests of the athletes during the decision-making process, and provide conducive suggestions so as to improve good governance, regional balance, gender equity, youth participation, mass participation, and clean sport in athletics.

With a strong sense of responsibility, if I had the honor to be a member of the Athletes' Commission, I would fully commit myself to it and spare no efforts to be the voice of the athletes, protect the rights of the athletes, promote the development of athletics, and bring positive changes to the society using the power of athletics.

Dear athletes, we are at the core of athletics, and let us use the power of the athletes to make the future of our sport better and brighter.

## Sport career and athletics achievements:

Asian Record holder of Men's 100m (9.83s). Asian Record holder of Men's 60m (6.42 s). The first Chinese to enter Men's 100m final at the Olympic Games. The first Asian to reach the 100m final at the World Championships. The first local Asian runner to break the 10-second barrier. Olympic Games: 1×Bronze (2021), 2×Top 8 (2016, 2021). World Championships: 1×Silver (2015), 3×Top 8 (2017, 2019). World Indoor Championships: 1×Silver (2018), 2×Top 8 (2014, 2016). World Cup: 1×Silver (2018). Asian Games: 3×Gold (2010, 2014, 2018), 1×Silver (2014), 1×Bronze (2018). Asian Championships: 3×Gold (2011, 2013, 2015), 1×Silver (2009), 1×Bronze (2013)

## Professional Career:

2007 - present: Athlete of the Guangdong Provincial Team. 2009 - present: Athlete of the Chinese Athletics Team. 2017 - present: Associate Professor, School of Physical Education, Jinan University. 2021 - present: Director, Su Bingtian Speed Research and Training Center, Jinan University

## Sport Administration:

2019 - present: Member, Athletes' Commission, World Athletics. 2022 - present: Vice President, Chinese Athletics Association. 2019 - 2022: Executive Committee Member, Chinese Athletics Association. 2019 - 2022: Deputy Director, Athletes' Commission, Chinese Athletics Association. 2021 - present: Vice President, Guangdong Provincial Athletics Association

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

**CHINESE, ENGLISH**

## ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:

**100M, 60M, 4X100 RELAY**

## THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:

**RESILIENT  
PERSISTENT  
MOTIVATED**

**THE ATHLETES'  
VOICE MATTERS.  
USE YOURS.  
VOTE.**



**JASMINE  
TODD**  
USA

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MY OBJECTIVES:

**TO ALWAYS PROTECT  
THE ATHLETES AND  
HELP MOVE OUR SPORT  
FORWARD.**

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**Why I am running for the election:**

If there's only one thing you need to know about me, it's that I love track and field.

Either on the track or as a spectator, I'm a passionate supporter of all things track and field.

I've been on both sides of the spectrum when it comes to athletics. I have held contracts and won a medal while also having zero resources that meant that I had to work harder and put in extra effort to succeed.

I'm committed to doing everything I can to protect and support you. I will always fight to protect your best interests to ensure you reach your optimum performance. Whether it's something as big as rule changes, or making sure major meeting schedules work well for your performance, my priority will be to ensure you have the opportunity to reach your greatest potential.

I'm not afraid to use my voice to elevate yours. I believe that through clear communication, integrity, and keeping the athletes first will help grow our sport to reach the potential we all know it has.

It is for these reasons, I ask that you vote for me.

## Sport career and athletics achievements:

Long Jump PB: 6.84m, 100m PB: 10.92, 2015 4x100 Silver Medalist, Made World Championships in 2015 and 2019.

## Professional Career:

USATF women's long jump runner up 2019, represented Team USA in 2019.

## Sport Administration:

I have been a part of USATF AAC Leadership for women's short sprints 2020-present.

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## LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

**ENGLISH**

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## ATHLETICS DISCIPLINES:

**LONG JUMP, 100M**

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## THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME BEST:

**DETERMINED  
EMPATHETIC  
STRAIGHTFORWARD**

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VOICE MATTERS.  
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