

Communication No. 2763

Athletes Committee Elections List of candidates and elected positions

In accordance with ISU Communication 2743 ISU Athletes Committee: Elections Procedure Rules, we are pleased to publish the list of the candidates to the Athletes Committee, as verified by the ISU Elections Committee.

The candidates are presented by discipline as follows:

Figure Skating Single

Adam Hagara (SVK)

Figure Skating Ice Dance

Evan Bates (USA)

Figure Skating Pairs

Deanna Stellato Dudek (CAN)

Wenjing Sui (CHN)

Speed Skating

Ivanie Blondin (CAN)

Douwe De Vries (NED)

Fridtjof Petzold (GER)

Short Track

Edin Brankovic (BIH)

Alang Kim (KOR)

Viktor Knoch (HUN)

Dajing Wu (CHN)

As only one candidate is running for the Figure Skating Single and Figure Skating Ice Dance positions, no vote will be required. Pursuant to Art. 20.3(i) of the ISU Constitution 2025:

- (i) Adam Hagara (SVK) is hereby confirmed as elected to the Figure Skating Single position; and
- (ii) Evan Bates (USA) is hereby confirmed as elected to the Figure Skating Ice Dance position.

For each remaining candidate, the Curriculum Vitae, a photograph and a statement of motivation are provided below.

The voting process will be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in ISU Communication 2743. Voting opens on January 15, 2026, from 09:00 am (Switzerland time) and will close on February 28, 2026, at 18:00 (Switzerland time). Voting credentials and instructions on how to vote will follow. Other than the positions of Figure Skating Single and Figure Skating Ice Dance, results will only be announced on conclusion of the vote for the SYS candidate (March 21, 2026).

January 15, 2026

Jae Youl Kim, President

Colin Smith, Director General



FIGURE SKATING CANDIDATES





DEANNA STELLATO-DUDEK

EXPERIENCE

**DECEMBER 2006-JULY 2016,
THE GELDNER CENTER, CHICAGO, IL**
Director of Esthetics

Developed and managed an esthetic business built in coordination with Dr. Peter Geldner's cosmetic surgery practice. Grew net income from a net loss to a highly profitable practice within 12 months, ultimately grossing over two million dollars a year in revenue. Increased esthetics department to five full time estheticians, support staff and two Chicago locations.

Managed inventory, selected and directed product training, managed and trained staff, researched and developed new industry technology and services, all while maintaining a personal high-level clientele.

**APRIL 2009- JULY 2016,
DEANNAS BEAUTY BAG, CHICAGO, IL**
***Co-founder and operator of
deannasbeautybag.com***

Co-founder and sole operator of skincare selling website. Single handedly built entire website, entered all skincare products and information, wrote articles on products, featured new local charities every month to donate revenue to at the end of the year, and took all packages to mail drop off.

**MAY 2015-JULY 2016,
LICENSE4BEAUTY, CHICAGO, IL**
Medical Esthetics Instructor

Developed and lectured a multi-faceted medical esthetics curriculum for continuing education, including actual practice demonstrations.

**JUNE 2010-JUNE 2021,
DMD REAL ESTATE, CHICAGO, IL**
Co-owner and operator

Co-owned and operated rental properties across the city of Chicago.

*Developed and filed United States patent and held two utility patents

EDUCATION

April 2004, College of Beauty Culture
May 2003, Harold Washington College

AWARDS

ISU Special Achievement Award Recipient,
2024 World Champion (Pairs), 3x Canadian
National Champion (Pairs), 3x United States
National Medalist (Pairs).



DEANNA STELLATO-DUDEK

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

For more than thirty years, figure skating has been a central part of my life—as an athlete, a student of the sport, and a committed member of the skating community. I have had the unique experience of competing and spectating during both the 6.0 judging era and the current International Judging System. Because of this, I have witnessed firsthand how profoundly the sport has evolved: how artistry and athleticism have been rebalanced, how technical demands have shifted, and how the expectations placed on athletes have changed with each new rule cycle. These decades of perspective have shaped not only my love for skating, but also my understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

My motivation to join the ISU Athletes Committee comes from a deep desire to support the ongoing growth of figure skating and to ensure that the athlete's voice remains central in that process. Having lived through the transition from 6.0 to IJS, I understand both the strengths and shortcomings of each system. I believe the sport is at an important moment—one where continued evolution is essential, not just in judging and scoring, but in athlete well-being, communication, transparency, social media partnering and global accessibility.

I hope to contribute ideas that help refine the balance between technical difficulty and artistic expression, strengthen developmental pathways for young skaters, and reinforce a culture where athletes feel protected, respected, and heard. Above all, I want to serve as a thoughtful, experienced representative who can advocate for progress while honoring the traditions that make figure skating so special. It would be an honor to support the ISU and the global skating community through this committee.



SUI WENJING

EXPERIENCE

2025

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating China Cup
Bronze medalist (202.92 points)

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating
NHK Trophy 2025:
Bronze medalist (203.79 points)

2022

Beijing Winter Olympics:
Gold medalist (239.88 points)

2019

World Figure Skating
Championships: Gold medalist

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final:
Gold medalist

2018

PyeongChang Winter Olympics:
Silver medalist

2017

Four Continents Figure Skating
Championships: Gold medalist

World Figure Skating Championships:
Gold medalist (232.06 points)

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating China Cup;
Gold medalist

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating NHK Trophy:
Gold medalist

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Shanghai
Trophy: Gold medalist

2016

Four Continents Figure Skating Championships:
Gold medalist

World Figure Skating Championships:
Silver medalist

2009-2015

Won medals in international
competitions many times

EDUCATION

Graduation school:
Beijing Sport University (postgraduate)
Major Sports Training



SUI WENJING

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

I am Sui Wenjing, an athlete who has dedicated over 20 years to the pairs figure skating discipline. From a young girl who walked two hours in minus 30- degree Celsius cold to pursue her dream at the Harbin ice rink, to becoming the only skater in the history of world pairs skating to achieve the Grand Slam, I once set a new Olympic record with a total score of 239.88 points in pairs skating, and also endured the pain of a ligament rupture to restart my training from just 2.5 kilograms on the recovery scale. These experiences have made me deeply understand that every athlete's growth path is intertwined with passion and perseverance, challenges and breakthroughs.

My multiple roles both on and off the ice have given me a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the athlete community. As an active athlete, I personally experience the impact of rule iterations on training. Currently, I am adapting to the new rule changes of the International Skating Union (ISU) with my partner, striving to extend my athletic career on the ice. As a choreographer and supporter of the youth team, I have created championship-winning programs for young skaters such as Zhang Jiaxuan and Huang Yihang, integrating Chinese cultural elements like Wa ethnic music and Tai Chi into the international arena. Furthermore, by researching fatigue recovery mechanisms for young athletes, I am exploring solutions for scientific training. As a director of the opening ceremony of the Asian Winter Games, I have witnessed the communication power of sports in diverse scenarios and am well aware of the importance of cross-field development for an athlete's professional lifecycle.

If elected as a member, I will focus on three core tasks: first, conveying authentic voices – transforming my personal insights, from training injuries to career transition, into a bridge for communication, and reflecting athletes' urgent needs regarding rule fairness, injury protection, and post-retirement transition; second, promoting experience inheritance – sharing the technical and psychological adjustment experiences accumulated from my Grand Slam journey, combined with scientific research results, with young athletes around the world; third, facilitating cultural integration– using figure skating as a link to bring more ethnic cultural elements to the world through the sports stage, while building a communication platform for athletes from different disciplines.

Thank you for your support!



SPEED SKATING CANDIDATES





IVANIE BLONDIN OLY

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Level 1 & 2 coaching
Social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)
MS Office. Google Docs. Adobe, Canva
Bilingual English &. French
Beginner Hungarian

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram -19.4K Followers

Partnerships:

- Maple Leaf Foods
- Oakley
- Ontario Government -
Rowan's Law campaign
- Automatic Racing
- Goldman Sachs ETFs Racing
- Hettes
- Mawer
- Cyntech
- Team Canada

COACHING

Hungarian National Junior Team
Guest Coach - 2021

Olympic Oval Summer Camps Coach - 2018

Ontario Speed Skating Association Guest
Coach - 2021

AWARDS

2014, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 &. 2025

Ottawa Sports Award Female Athlete of the Year

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. 2020, 2021 &. 2024

Catriona Le May Doan

Athlete of the Year

2022 Orleans Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Olympic Champion &
Silver Medallist Beijing 2022
- 3X Olympian - 2014 - 2018 - 2022
- 5X World Champion
- 7X Vice World Champion
- 3X Bronze World Medallist
- Olympic Record holder - Team Pursuit 2022

World Cups medals

29 Gold - 31 Silver - 26 Bronze

PROFESSIONAL CYCLING

Pro Cyclist

Goldman Sachs ETFs Pro racing team 2024
Automatic Racing 2025 - 2026

EDUCATION

COLE SECONDAIRE CATHOLIQUE GARNEAU 2004-2008,

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

ROBERTSON COLLEGE

2012 - 2015

Veterinary Office Assistant Diploma



IVANIE BLONDIN OLY

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

As a long-time member of the speed skating community and a proud Olympian, I am putting my name forward to serve as the Speed Skating representative on the ISU Athletes Commission because I believe deeply in the power of athlete voices to shape the future of our sport.

If elected, my first priority will be to represent athletes' perspectives clearly and consistently at the ISU level. I have spent many years on the World Cup and World Championship circuits, listening to teammates and competitors from around the world. I know the issues that matter: fair and transparent decisions, safe training and competition environments, and respect for athletes as partners in the sport's success.

I am committed to working with the ISU and event organizers to improve event organization and safety standards at World Cups and World Championships. This includes everything from ice quality and scheduling to warm-up space and recovery time—details that directly impact performance, safety, and well-being.

To ensure athletes feel informed and included, I would advocate for more regular, structured athlete meetings at major events, creating clear channels for two-way communication. I want athletes to know who represents them, how to reach us, and what is being done with their feedback.

I also believe we must make our sport more accessible and grow the global audience for speed skating through better marketing, stronger storytelling, and greater visibility for all disciplines and nations. A stronger sport benefits every athlete—present and future. Above all, I will be present, approachable, and available. My goal is to gather feedback directly from athletes of all ages and countries and turn it into meaningful action and positive change. I would be honoured to serve, listen, and work hard on behalf of our global speed skating family.



DOUWE DE VRIES

EXPERIENCE

09/2020 – now

Director & founder

Sven Kramer Academy (SKA)

Our Mission: To give every child in the Netherlands the opportunity to experience ice skating at least once. The concept I developed has been successfully translated into a concrete and practical implementation.

Strategic Leadership

Developing and implementing a vision and strategy to fulfill the organization's mission — promoting the joy and accessibility of ice skating.

Financial Management

Taking responsibility for the financial policy, including budgeting, sponsorship acquisition, and financial reporting, to ensure a solid financial foundation.

Team Leadership and Development

Leading, coaching, and inspiring a team of 12 permanent staff members and 200 trainers and volunteers, while creating a work environment in which people thrive.

Relationship Management

Maintaining and expanding collaborations with stakeholders such as sponsors, skating clubs, municipalities, and other partners.

04/2020 – now

Owner De Vries representation and public speaking

Moderator at sports or corporate events Keynote speaker

04/2020 – now Chair

KNSB Atleten vereniging

Athlete representative for the five KNSB disciplines

Coordinating selection documents, athlete agreements, and the distribution of prize money

05/2011 – 05/2020 Professioneel atleet (schaatsen)

5-time World Champion Team Pursuit
Former World Hour Record Holder
TVM, Brand Loyalty, Lotto-Jumbo, and Jumbo-Visma

10/2006 – 05/2011 Product Manager IQ Corporations, Groningen

R&D, marketing, and sales of prenatal diagnostics

10/2006 – 10/2009 Technical specialist IQ Therapeutics, Groningen

Process optimization, laboratory technician duties

EDUCATION

2020 – 2021 Amsterdam

Master in Sport Management Johan Cruyff Institute

2001 – 2006 Leeuwarden

Bachelor Life Sciences

Van Hall Instituut

Graduation specialization: Medical

1995 – 2000 Leeuwarden

HAVO

Slauerhoff



DOUWE DE VRIES

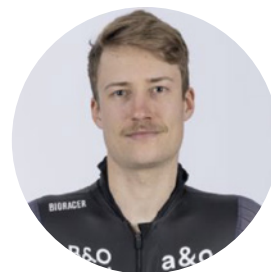
STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

I'm asking for your support to continue serving on the ISU Athletes Commission. As a former skater and five-time Team Pursuit World Champion, I know what it takes to perform at the highest level and how much our sport depends on fair, modern, and athlete centered decision making. Over the past 6.5 years on the Athletes Commission, including 4 years on the ISU Council, I've worked to ensure that the athlete perspective is not an afterthought, but a consistent part of how the ISU moves forward. I've also been elected twice as Chair of this five-member commission, which I see as a strong sign of trust from within our group and a responsibility I take seriously.

Since President Jae Youl Kim took office, we've seen big change in direction and ambition. I believe the most important operational shifts still lie ahead, and the next years will be crucial for turning strategy into real outcomes that athletes can feel in their daily environment across long track, short track, figure skating, and beyond. I want to stay closely involved in this phase, because I'm confident I can help build bridges, challenge ideas when needed, and push for execution that truly serves athletes.

I also initiated the Athletes Meeting, which has become a real success. It has helped create a more direct, open channel where athletes are heard, and where questions can be raised more easily and constructively.

If you want experienced continuity and strong athlete representation during this period of change, I'd be honored to have your trust.



FRIDTJOF PETZOLD

EXPERIENCE

06/2022

Current German Speed Skating and Short Track Federation Athletes Commission

11/2020

Current Sports soldier at Bundeswehr (German Armed Forces)

06/2017

Current German National Team Speed Skating athlete

02/2003

Current Club athlete at Crimmitschauer Polzeisportverein e.V. (home club)
Education

05/2025 – 06/2025

Carrer development workshop at national sports aid foundation

08/2024 – 11/2024

German Speed Skating and Short Track Federation coaching education (B Licence)

10/2017 – 03/2025

Hochschule für Angewandtes Management Ismaning, Germany Studies: B.A. Sports Management Thesis: Personality-Specific Success Patterns of Elite Athletes. An Empirical Analysis of Job-Relevant Key Qualifications in High Performance Sports.

06/2015

Secondary Education (Abitur - German University Entrance Diploma)

SKILLS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Language Skills

German (Native), English (C1), French (A2)

Member of Athleten Deutschland e.V. commission.

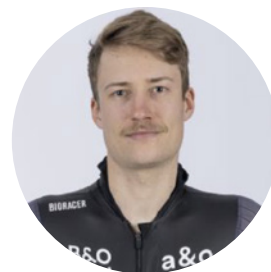
Since 2019, I am part of Germany's independent non-profit athletes

Sports Performance

I continue to educate myself on how to improve my and in combination with my coaching licence maybe also one day other athletes' performance.

Outdoor activities

Road cycling as an important part of speed skating training. It paved my way into outdoor sports. I am now also into hiking & Geocaching.



FRIDTJOF PETZOLD

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

My name is Fridtjof Petzold and I am a senior men's professional speed skater from Germany, competing primarily in the long-distance (5,000 m / 10,000 m), mass start and team pursuit disciplines. I am writing to express my strong interest in joining the ISU Athletes Commission as a representative of active speed skaters.

I entered professional sport relatively late at 18 years old. Therefore, did not follow the traditional development pathways. However, this has strengthened my independence, adaptability and understanding of the challenges faced by athletes with diverse career trajectories. Beyond personal achievements, such as a World Cup medal and national titles, I am deeply motivated by reaching shared goals with teammates, as collaboration and teamwork are central to my approach in sport and life.

If elected, my primary goals are:

- Contribute to sustainable, athlete-centered sport development: Help shape future formats that balance performance, audience engagement and athletes interests ensuring they play an active role in the sport's evolution.
- Enhance collaboration, teamwork, and international representation: Strengthen and connect with national athlete associations to build an influential voice in the ISU ensuring collective action for meaningful change.
- Fair recognition and compensation: Advocate for equitable prize money, remuneration and media visibility so athletes receive their rightful share of the sport's success.
- Strengthen mental health and well-being: Ensure athletes have access to support, resources, and recovery structures, particularly during intensive World Cup weeks and travel.
- Empower athletes to take responsibility and be heard: Foster a culture of self reflection and accountability ensuring athletes are active contributors rather than "pawns" in decisions.

I would be honored to contribute my experience and commitment to the ISU Athletes Commission and help create an environment that truly reflects the needs and perspectives of active skaters worldwide.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



SHORT TRACK CANDIDATES





EDIN BRANKOVIC, PHD

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE 2009 – present SKATING FEDERATION BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (BIH)

- One of the best athletes in the history of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 1x Top 10 World Championship - Junior 1500m (2010)
- 1x Gold medal – Balkan Games (2014)
- 1x Olympic Games Special Invitee IOC President (2018)
- 12x World Cup and European Championship finalist / semi-finalist – top 15 / top 20).

Partners: International and domestic stakeholders.

IOC YOUNG AMBASSADOR/LEADER (IOC YA/YL) 2012 – 2019 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC); NOC BIH

- 2x Terms IOC YA/YL role
- 3x YOG: co-worked with IOC YAs fellows on projects worldwide
- Founded and developed sports, education, and culture platform for youth – Excellence Academy available at: <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/young-leaders/edin-brankovic>
- Awards: “Sports and Social development project” by IOC (2016; 2018)
- Partners: International and domestic stakeholders.

FOUNDER & CEO 2015 – present EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

- Leading strategic development of initiatives and activities
- Designing, leading and organizing workshops for skill development through

educational psychology according to UNSDG 2030

- Designing the curriculum for leadership, entrepreneurship and edu. psychology

Invited talks worldwide: Sarajevo; Los Angeles; Lausanne; Buenos Aires; Tokyo. Stakeholders: International and domestic.

PHD RESEARCHER 2018 – 2024 UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB (CROATIA)

- Realized complex methodological research and studies (Topics: sports and mental health, motivation, well-being, kinesiology)

VENUE MANAGER 2014 - 2015 EUROPEAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (EOC) – BAKU EUROPEAN GAMES

- Managed operations Back of House and Front of House
- Managed dpt. for press, marketing, workforce, broadcasting, catering (100+ people in one shift, 2 per day)
- With top management (3 people) led 15 dpt. managers and workforce of 1.200 people in one shift 2 per day

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB (CROATIA) June 2024

PhD Interdisciplinary Scientific Field of Education Science (Education Science; Kinesiology; Psychology)

UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO (BIH) Sep 2014; Sep 2015

- BSc, MSc Scientific Field Kinesiology (Sports & Physical Education)

BAKU EUROPEAN GAMES 2015 (AZERBAIJAN) Oct 2015

- Post Graduate Management and Operations



EDIN BRANKOVIC, PHD

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

Short track has been the central pillar of my life for many years—first as a child with a dream, then as a top-level athlete, and now as a scholar and advocate for athlete wellbeing. Competing at the highest level of our sport, I have participated in World Cups and European Championships and reached final and semifinals 12 times, top 10 on WJCh, and got a special invitation of the IOC President for the OWG 2018. These experiences have given me honor, resilience, and success—but also firsthand insight into the pressures, uncertainty, and challenges that elite athletes face every day.

Alongside my athletic career, I pursued a PhD focused on sport and mental health. Living both realities at the same time—elite performance and academic research—has shown me that excellence and wellbeing are not opposites. They must coexist. Too many athletes struggle in silence, worried that acknowledging mental strain will be seen as weakness or risk their career. I want to help change this culture.

Through my work with IOC and EOC initiatives, I have contributed to building practical platforms that support athletes beyond competition. With my interest in statistics and database systems, I understand how to turn ideas into functional tools—resources that athletes can actually access, use, and trust. This combination of lived experience, research, and technical skills allows me to contribute not only vision but implementation.

If elected to the ISU Athlete Committee, I will strongly advocate for safe, fair, and pleasant sports experience—where rules protect athletes and give opportunities to develop. Beyond that, I am deeply committed to helping athletes prepare for a second career while still competing, and to strengthening mental well-being support throughout an athlete's journey, not only at its end.

I stand for athletes who perform, study, struggle, grow, and dream. I want to ensure that our voices are heard, our futures are protected, and our sport remains a place where excellence and humanity thrive together.



ALANG KIM

EXPERIENCE

2024-Present

Athlete Committee,
Korea Anti-Doping Agency(KADA)

2018, 2022

Team Captain, Korean National
Short Track Women's Team

2022 Beijing Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony

Flag Bearer, Republic of Korea

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3-time Consecutive Winter Olympian
2014 Sochi Winter Olympics
- Gold Medal in Women's 3,000m Relay
- 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics
– Gold Medal in Women's 3,000m Relay
- 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics
– Silver Medal in Women's 3,000m Relay
– Multiple Medals at ISU World Cup and World Championships
– Multiple Medals at Winter Universiade
- Granada 2015– Double Gold Medalist (Women's 1,000m, 1,500m)
- Almaty 2017 – Gold Medal in Women's 3,000m Relay
- Krasnoyarsk 2019- Double Gold Medalist (Women's 1,000m, 1,500m)

AWARDS

- 2019 FISU Female Athlete of the Year (First Korean Recipient)
- 2018 Clean Sports Award (Coca-cola Sports Awards)

EDUCATION

2018

Korea National Sports University B.S.
in Physical Education

2025

Chung-Ang University Master
of Business Administration(MBA)



ALANG KIM

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

Throughout my skating career, I gradually came to realize that competition results alone cannot fully describe an athlete's experience. I humbly believe that athlete safety, a supportive environment, and a prolonged skating career are influenced far more by what is shaped outside the rink—by regulations, systems, and the way these issues are discussed internally.

Having competed in three consecutive Olympic Games and numerous ISU events, I have experienced different competitive environments and organizational structures firsthand. In particular, serving as Olympic National Team Captain on two occasions gave me responsibilities beyond performance. I delivered athletes' opinions and helped coordinate communication within the team, while working hard to maintain balance in high-pressure situations. Through this process, I learned that leadership in sport is not built on authority, but on responsibility, listening, and trust.

My understanding of athlete representation deepened further through my role as an Athlete Representative at the Korea Anti-Doping Agency (KADA). By observing how athletes' real experiences are connected to institutional discussions and policy reviews, I learned that effective representation requires fairness and objectivity, as well as an understanding of both athletes' realities and organizational responsibilities. This experience reinforced my belief that athletes' voices must be conveyed carefully and responsibly in order to lead to meaningful outcomes.

Based on my learning and experience, I decided to apply to the ISU Athlete Commission to help carry athletes' voices onto the international stage. I hope to represent athletes from different backgrounds and career stages, and to contribute to discussions that consider not only performance, but also safety and athlete happiness. I believe that athlete well-being is not separate from achievement, but a condition that must be protected for athletes to continue competing over time. With a strong sense of responsibility, I hope to serve as a representative that athletes can trust.



VIKTOR KNOCH

EXPERIENCE

**ISU Athletes' Commission –
Member (2016–2019, 2022–Present)**

- Represent athletes' interests within the International Skating Union.
- Contribute to policy discussions related to competition conditions and governance reforms.
- Act as a liaison between athletes and ISU decision-making bodies.

**Hungarian Olympic Committee – Athletes'
Commission – Member (2016–Present)**

- Represent Hungarian athletes in Olympic and elite sport matters.
- Provide athlete perspectives on national sport policy and Olympic preparation.
- Support dual career and athlete welfare initiatives.

**European Olympic Committees (EOC) –
Athletes' Commission – Member (2021–2023)**

- Represent athletes at European level across Olympic sports.
- Contribute to commission projects and policy recommendations.

EDUCATION

**BSc in Economy and Management –
Budapest Metropolitan University**

**BSc in Sport Sciences – Hungarian
University of Sport Science**



VIKTOR KNOCH

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

I am writing to express my motivation to continue serving on the ISU Athletes' Commission and to further strengthen athlete representation within the International Skating Union. Over the past four years, I have had the privilege of representing athletes' voices at the ISU level and working constructively with stakeholders to deliver tangible outcomes. During this period, I have actively contributed to successful rule changes, particularly regarding sponsorship regulations on skinsuits and helmets, as well as competition-related rules that directly impact athletes' professional and sporting environment. These changes were the result of continuous dialogue with athletes and a clear commitment to translating their concerns into actionable proposals.

A key initiative I am particularly proud of is the introduction of structured athletes' meetings at the World Championships. These meetings proved to be highly successful, both in terms of participation and the quality of collective thinking. They provided athletes with a dedicated forum to exchange ideas, identify common challenges, and formulate concrete proposals. As a direct outcome, several athlete-driven rule change ideas are already implemented in the guidance this season and more are scheduled to be discussed at the upcoming ISU Congress, with the clear objective of shaping regulations in line with athletes' wishes and expectations.

I have always made myself available to athletes, believing that accessibility and trust are fundamental to effective representation. If re-elected, I am committed to building on this foundation. My objective is to establish regular athletes' meetings twice per season—one at the beginning and one at the end—allowing for structured planning, continuous feedback, and meaningful follow-up on proposed changes.

I am highly motivated to continue this work, to further professionalize athlete engagement, and to ensure that athletes remain at the center of ISU decision-making. I would be honored to continue serving and contributing to a transparent, athlete-centered future for our sport.



WU DAJING

EXPERIENCE

2004

Began training in short track speed skating.

2013

Won the men's 1000m gold medal at the ISU Short Track World Cup in South Korea.

2014

- Gold medalist in men's 500m at the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- Silver medalist in men's 500m at the Sochi Winter Olympics.
- Bronze medalist in men's 5000m relay at the Sochi Winter Olympics.

Feb 2018

- Broke the world record and won the gold medal in men's 500m at the PyeongChang Winter Olympics, securing China's first gold medal of the Games.
- Served as the flag bearer for the Chinese delegation at the PyeongChang Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony.

Jan 2019

Appointed as a member of the Chinese Olympic Committee.

Nov 2021

Won the men's 500m gold medal at the ISU Short Track World Cup in Dordrecht, Netherlands.

Feb 2022

Gold medalist in the short track speed skating mixed 2000m relay at the Beijing Winter Olympics.

EDUCATION

Highest academic qualifications:
A doctoral candidate at Northeast Normal University

Major Sports Training



WU DAJING

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

I am a short track and long track speed skater, Da-Jing Wu. Over my career spanning more than two decades, I have had the honor of winning the gold medal in the men's 500m short track event at the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics, as well as a gold medal in the mixed team relay at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.

From my journey as an unknown grassroots athlete to becoming an Olympic champion, I have experienced firsthand the challenges and needs of athletes at every stage—from early development to elite competition, including the mental and emotional transitions throughout each phase. This understanding drives my commitment to supporting fellow athletes across the world.

My future goal is to serve as a university educator, where I can continue mentoring young people. By joining the ISU Athletes Committee, I hope to contribute not only my on-ice experience but also a deep empathy for athletes' evolving needs. I am determined to help athletes from all countries navigate their careers, overcome obstacles, and grow both professionally and personally—ensuring that every stage of their journey is respected and supported.

With my dual perspective as an athlete and a future educator, I am ready to listen, advocate, and help shape a more supportive and inclusive future for all ISU athletes.