

Communication No. 2768

Athletes Committee Elections List of candidates - Synchronized Skating

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 for Synchronized Skating, as confirmed by the ISU Elections Committee:

Jára Judit JÁSZONYI (HUN)
Smetine Tia KURATH (SUI)
Tessa TAMMINEN (FIN)

For each 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 March 1, 2026, from 09:00 am (Switzerland time) and will close on March 21, 2026, at 18:00 (Switzerland time).

Results will be announced in due course upon conclusion of the vote.

February 26, 2026

Jae Youl Kim, President

Colin Smith, Director General



SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CANDIDATES





JÁRA JUDIT JÁSZONYI

EXPERIENCE

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COACH | TEAM PASSION HUNGARY | JUNE 2025 – PRESENT

- Coach of the junior and development teams of Team Passion
- Supporting young athletes' technical, physical, and mental development
- Emphasis on safe sport principles, athlete wellbeing, and long-term development
- Mentoring skaters transitioning from junior to higher competitive levels

FIGURE SKATING COACH | VASAS SC | 2019-2022

- Daily work with children both on and off the ice
- Assistance in organizing events and competitions
- Maintaining communication with parents and coaches

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING | 2017 – 2025

- Member of the Hungarian National Synchronized Skating Team – Team Passion Hungary
- 8-time Hungarian National Champion
- 6-time World Synchronized Skating Championship participant (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Team Captain (2020–2025)
- OneTeamMVMT Global Ambassador (2021–2022)
- Best international result: 7th place – World Synchronized Skating Championships 2023, Lake Placid
- Extensive experience in international competitions, high-performance environments, and team leadership

FIGURE SKATING | 2004 – 2016

- Competitive skater at national and international level
- Member of the Hungarian national figure skating team

EDUCATION

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (MA) | 2025 | CORVINUS UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST

Participated in several corporate projects during the program, including:

- DOQSYS Internationalization Strategy (6-month business project)
- MBH Bank – HR Research on Generation Z Workforce Expectations
- MAPEI – Accounting Report Analysis Project

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT (BA) | 2023 | CORVINUS UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST



JÁRA JUDIT JÁSZONYI

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

I am applying for the ISU Athletes' Committee because skating has shaped not only my athletic career, but also my values, leadership style, and sense of responsibility toward the skating community. Having grown up within the sport, I believe strongly that athletes' voices deserve a meaningful place in the decisions that shape both their competitive years and their lives beyond the ice.

I represented Hungary as a senior synchronized skater for eight years, including participation in six World Synchronized Skating Championships. As team captain of Team Passion from 2020 to 2025, I experienced first-hand how performance is inseparable from trust, emotional safety, and honest communication. Supporting teammates through pressure, setbacks, and transitions taught me that safeguarding and mental wellbeing are not abstract concepts, but daily realities that directly influence performance and long-term motivation.

Alongside my sporting career, I developed professional experience in international banking governance. As Business Manager to the Country Manager of ING Bank Hungary, I contribute to strategic planning, regulatory framework development, organizational development initiatives, and senior management decision-making. This dual perspective - as an athlete and as a professional working within complex governance structures - allows me to bridge the gap between institutional processes and the lived experiences of athletes.

From June 2025, I have also been working as a synchronized skating coach at development level, supporting young athletes in their early competitive journeys. Guiding them has strengthened my commitment to safe sport, education, and sustainable athlete development, including preparation for life after competition.

If elected to the ISU Athletes' Committee, I would bring dedication, empathy, and responsibility to the role. My goal is to contribute to open dialogue, strengthen athlete representation, and support the values of ISU Vision 2030 by ensuring that athlete wellbeing, integrity, and long-term development remain central to the future of our sport.



SMETINE TIA KURATH

EXPERIENCE

UBS Switzerland AG Zurich, Switzerland BEM-Trainee | March 2024 – August 2025

- A structured 18-month program with three six-month rotations across different banking divisions.
- **Personal Banking – Retail**
 - Helping customers with transactions, online banking, and account management
- **Personal Banking – Affluent**
 - Focus on mortgages, lending, and investment solutions for private and corporate clients.
- **Wealth Management Zurich – Legal and Fiduciary Network**
 - Provide legal and fiduciary advisory services to high-net-worth clients, focusing on estate planning, tax structuring, and regulatory compliance.
 - Draft and review legal documents such as trusts, wills, and client agreements to ensure alignment with client goals and legal requirements.

Competitive Figure Skater and Synchronized Skater | 2015 - Present

- Member of the Swiss National Team training 25h+ / week with Starlight Elite.
 - **2-time World Championships** participation.
 - **2-time National Champion** in Synchronized skating.
- Developed strong teamwork, perseverance and performance skills under high-pressure international competitions.

EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen (HSG) St. Gallen, Switzerland

- BSc of Law and Economics
Expected Graduation: 2028
- Assessment Year

University of London by the London School of Economics and Political Science London, United Kingdom

- BSc Business and Management
Expected Graduation: 2028
- First year

Corporate Finance Institute Vancouver, Canada

- Financial Planning & Wealth Management
(FPWMP™)

Pickering College Toronto, Canada

- Ontario Secondary Diploma
- Co-President, Youth Action Organization (YAO): Led social justice campaigns, including the Thanksgiving Food Drive and Youth Mental Health initiatives.
 - Member, Co-Curricular Council: Organized school events like Sports Day, award ceremonies, and athletic activities; recognized for contributions with Most Improved Player (Volleyball) and Coaches' Award (Ultimate Frisbee).
 - Student Ambassador: Conducted school tours for prospective students and families during Open Houses.
 - Member, Polikon Society (Debate Team): Competed in national and international debate tournaments in the CIS Fulford Debate League.
 - Broadcaster of the Year: Recognized for contributions to 102.7 CHOP FM, the school's radio station.



SMETINE TIA KURATH

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

Figure skating has been a central part of my life from a very young age. I began my career in singles skating, where I spent many years developing technical skills, discipline, and a deep personal connection to the sport. Later, I found my passion for synchronized skating and currently skate with Starlight Teams, while also being a proud member of the Swiss National Team, representing Switzerland at two World Championships.

Through my journey across different disciplines, I have experienced the sport from multiple perspectives, both as an individual athlete and as part of a team. These experiences have given me a broad understanding of the challenges athletes face, including balancing training demands, education, health, and personal development. They have also strengthened my belief in the importance of strong athlete representation within the ISU.

I am motivated to stand for election to the ISU Athletes' Committee because I truly care about the future of figure skating and the well-being of its athletes. I want to give back to the sport that has given me so much by serving as a dedicated and passionate voice for athletes, particularly within synchronized skating, a discipline that continues to grow and deserves strong representation.

Alongside my athletic career, I am studying Law and Economics, which has sparked my interest in governance, fairness, and responsible decision-making. I would bring commitment, openness, and integrity to the Athletes' Committee, and I am eager to listen, learn, and work collaboratively to help shape a positive future for our sport. I am especially motivated to help create an environment where athletes feel heard, supported, and empowered. I take pride in representing others with honesty, respect, and professionalism.



TESSA TAMMINEN

EXPERIENCE

Discipline: Synchronized Skating

Club: Helsingin luistelijat

National Team Representation: 5

Key Highlights:

- Marigold IceUnity – 2018-2022
- World Champion 2018
- Team Captain 2020-2022
- OneTeamMVMNT Ambassador 2021-2022

Championships & Competitions

International Competitions:

- World Junior Synchronized skating Championships 2017 – Bronze Medalist
- World Synchronized skating Championships 2018 – World Champion
- World Synchronized skating Championships 2019 – Silver Medalist
- World Synchronized skating Championships 2022 – Silver Medalist
- Winter Universiades 2019 – Silver Medalist

Leadership & Representation

- Team Captain, Marigold IceUnity – (2020- 2022)
- Co-founder & Board Member, Finnish Athletes ry (2023 –)
- Co-founder & Chairman - Marigold IceUnity Alumni ry (2023-)

EDUCATION

B.Sc / Economics and Business

Administration: Aalto University, Finland

Years: 2



TESSA TAMMINEN

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION (1/2)

My name is Tessa Tamminen, and I am a former Finnish national team athlete in synchronized skating, and a former team captain of Marigold IceUnity. I am writing to express my candidacy for the ISU Athletes' Commission. I am motivated by a strong desire to represent athletes' voices in international decision-making and to contribute to a skating culture that supports long, healthy and sustainable careers across all disciplines.

Having experienced elite sport from the inside, I know how deeply committed skaters are to their sport and how much they sacrifice to pursue excellence. Too often, however, the environment around us does not fully support long-term careers. Often, simply sustaining a career into one's mid-twenties is already seen as a significant achievement. As a community, our ambition should reach further. Supporting longer careers benefits athletes individually and contributes to the long-term development and maturity of our sport. Especially seeing career ending not because their motivation or potential has run out, but because of structural, financial or cultural limitations. My own career came to an end due to a lack of resources, and this has become a personal motivation for me: I want to work towards a future where far fewer athletes have to face the same reality.

I believe that no athlete who is capable of performing at the highest level, or striving towards it, should have to quit due to financial reasons. Supporting professionalism and more sustainable career pathways for skaters is therefore one of my core priorities. Since ending my athletic career, I joined the Finnish Athletes' association, as a founding member and have served as a board member since 2023. Through this role, I have gained broad insight into the structures, best practices and challenges of different sports. This perspective has highlighted how much potential our sport still has to grow in supporting more professionalized career pathways. Elite sport and professional sport are not synonymous, and bridging this gap is an important development step for figure skating as a whole.

If elected, I want to actively bring athletes' perspectives to the ISU and work towards an environment that enables longer careers, better well-being, and safer training cultures. A safe sporting environment is the foundation of everything we do. Athletes must be able to train, compete and develop in a culture of respect, trust and transparency. Long-term success in our sport is not built only on results, but on the well-being of the people behind those results.



TESSA TAMMINEN

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION (2/2)

Transparency is another key issue I want to advocate for. Many athletes experience the ISU as distant, and decision-making processes can feel unclear or inaccessible. I believe that skaters should genuinely understand what structures exist to support them and how they can have an impact. This supports our collective ability to develop the sport in a healthy direction.

As a former synchronized skating athlete, I am particularly passionate about integrating synchro more strongly into the wider skating community. Synchronized skating has enormous potential to strengthen the sense of belonging within our sport, while also offering pathways towards professionalism for our athletes. Stronger connections between disciplines can benefit all skaters by creating shared platforms, mutual understanding and more unified athlete representation.

The Olympic dream lives strongly among skaters and developments of Synchro 9 represent a particularly fertile moment for synchronized skating. Achieving Olympic inclusion would open significant opportunities to increase resources and visibility for the discipline and for skating more broadly. I believe this is a moment when athletes' voices are especially important, to ensure that development happens in a way that truly serves the skaters themselves and supports sustainable, long-term careers.

Finally, I am deeply aware that the skating community consists of countries of very different sizes and resources. This became concrete during the spring 2024, when I had the opportunity to work as a visiting coach in Australia and become familiar with local practices and training opportunities. I see it as essential that the voices of athletes from both large and small skating nations are heard. One of my goals is to help gather and amplify these diverse perspectives so that the Athletes' Commission can reflect the true diversity of our sport.

I am applying for this role because I care deeply about the future of skating and the people within it. I want to be a bridge between athletes and the ISU, helping to create a culture where skaters feel heard, supported and valued, not only as performers, but as people.