

Athletes' Commission

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Background

High Performance (HP) athletes, present and past, can make a valuable contribution to their sport to ensure the governing entities can determine direction and make decisions within an athlete-centred environment.

The Gymnastics Australia (GA) Athletes' Commission is an athlete-led group, representative of current or former GA athletes and their respective gymsport, that can offer advice and guidance to the GA Board, senior management and the National Gymsport Commissions on matters and issues of relevance to HP athletes.

Purpose of the Athletes' Commission

"Engaging our gymnasts. Voicing their value."

The purpose of the Athletes' Commission is to facilitate and promote open communication with and gain feedback from current HP athletes, across all competitive HP gymsports to ensure that the GA Board, and senior management can benefit from the perspective and expertise of athletes in its deliberations and decision-making.

Role Description

The primary role of the representatives on the Athletes' Commission is to provide an effective two-way communication channel for current HP athletes, to actively support and listen, consider questions and issues, ensuring their views on important matters are heard.

Members of the Athletes' Commission will represent the rights and interests of HP athletes and participate in consultation and decision-making, where required or requested.

Selection Process

Interested nominees should:

1. Read the relevant information pertaining to the role:
 - a. Athletes' Commission [Terms of Reference](#)
 - b. Change the Routine [Report](#)
 - c. Gymnastics Australia's Member Protection [Policy](#)
 - d. Gymnastics Australia's Child Safe [Policy](#)
2. Complete the nomination form (see below)
3. Email completed nomination forms to hcatchpole@gymnastics.org.au by 5pm on Monday 8 November 2021

Note: applications for the position of Athletes' Commission Chair must be received by Hannah hcatchpole@gymnastics.org.au by 5pm on Monday 25 October 2021.

The GA CEO and appointed Athletes' Commission Chair, along with the athlete representative/s on the GA Integrity Committee, will review applications, ensuring the composition requirements are met.

Shortlisted candidates may be asked to participate in an interview. The selection panel will present their recommendation to the GA Board for appointment.

The successful applicants will be required to undergo screening and Working with Child Check requirements as outlined in Gymnastics Australia's Child Safe Policy.

The ideal candidate will have:

- i. Demonstrated passion to contribute to gymnastics in Australia by contributing experience and knowledge gained as an elite competitor
- ii. An understanding of the role of the Athletes' Commission and the time and commitment to fulfil its responsibilities
- iii. Demonstrated high standards of sportsmanship and behaviour when representing Australia
- iv. A HP gymnast, who has not been retired from the sport for more than three Olympic quad cycles prior to appointment
- v. A willingness to represent the broader gymnastics community, not just their own gym sport
- vi. A willingness and capacity to devote the time required to broadly consult and liaise with the athlete community

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NOMINATION FORM 2021

The nomination form must address the relevant selection criteria, and be emailed in confidence to hcatchpole@gymnastics.org.au by:

- 5pm on Monday 25 October 2021 for Chair applicants and by
- 5pm on Monday 8 November 2021 for general applicants

Nominations not submitted on this nomination form or within the required timeframe will not be accepted.

Full Name

Email

State / Territory

Phone

Date of Birth

Gymsport

I have a:

Working with Children Check

Police Check

Neither (if neither, I am willing to obtain if selected)

Personal Statements

Why do you want to sit on the Athletes' Commission?

Outline your experience in gymnastics and how you feel this would be of value to the Athletes' Commission

What do you see as the challenges and opportunities for HP athletes in gymnastics?

What is a positive change you want to see in gymnastics in Australia, in particular the HP area?

Please outline any current community activities, hobbies, interests, and other experiences you feel are relevant to this Athletes' Commission role.

Nomination for Chair

I wish to be considered for the position of Chair of the Athletes' Commission:

Yes No

If yes, please outline what you think you would bring to the role as Chair?