

Franz Anton

23.10.1989 in Lutherstadt Wittenberg (GER)

Since 2016 married with Rebekka Anton

Paddling since 1998

Category C1 /C2

2006 first time junior National Team (European Championships Nottingham)

2011 first single Medal, 2nd at the World Cup in Tacen

2014 bronze World Championship Deep Creek, C1

2015 World Champion London, C2

2016 Olympic Games 4.th place, C2

Graduation

2000 - 2006 Highschool

2006 – 2009 College

2009 – 2014 Apprenticeship Police of Saxony

2014 – 2017 Sportscompany of the Saxon Police

My reason to be elected for ICF Athletes committee

My main aim is to keep our sport in the Olympic program. Therefore it is necessary to make it bigger and to try to get it more public and published all over the world.

For me as a creative person, always trying to find solutions for unsolvable seeming problems, the position in the athletes committee is the perfect chance to create new targets and make them happen.

It's easy to complain about decisions but offering solutions is ways more difficult. I don't want to complain anymore, I would like to change things and support the development of our sport by solving upcoming and already existing problems.

One simple example for such an existing, solvable problem is the fact that all the international competing Canoe slalom athletes have to follow the ICF guidelines for boat stickers. That means that every athlete has an advertising space on his or her boat that is exclusively reserved for the official ICF sponsor. At the moment this space is empty because the ICF can't find a sponsor that wants to pay for it. So when there is no official sponsor paying, there is obviously no reason to waste such an advertising space and in case make the athletes paying for the lack of a missing sponsor. If no one wants to pay money for such a lucrative space, why not find a big company that is able to support the sport by including it on their advertising and thereby helping with marketing aspects by establishing the "brand" ICF?