



AMÁLIE HILGERTO VÁ

EDUCATION

International business
University of Economics in Prague
Bachelor degree

Social media academy
Holky z Marketingu
2023

EXPERIENCE

- Taking part in organisation of the Prague World Cup
- Athlete representative for canoe slalom in VICTORIA VSC
- Social media manager for HIKO

LANGUAGE

English (C1)
Spanish (B1)

My motivation to become an athletes' representative

I have several reasons for applying to become an Athletes' Representative. First and foremost, I truly love our canoe slalom community and the sport itself. It has shaped who I am, and I feel it's time to give something back to the community that has supported me throughout the years.

I've always been passionate about the conversations we athletes have around our sport. These discussions matter — and since I already find myself engaging in them naturally, stepping into the role of Athletes' Representative feels like a meaningful and logical next step.

Another motivation for my application is the belief that the flow of information from the federation to the athletes could be improved. I'd like to help create an environment where more athletes feel informed and involved. We are a relatively close-knit community, and within such a group, everyone should have a clear understanding of what's happening and what is being discussed for the future. If elected, I would focus my energy on improving this communication and encouraging more athletes to take part in the discussions held at athletes' meetings.

Lastly, I believe that for the future of our sport — especially slalom — it's important that athletes are involved not only on the water, but also in shaping decisions at the ICF level. I see this position as a way to explore how our sport works behind the scenes and how we can ensure slalom has a strong and confident voice in the wider canoeing family.

Why I believe I would be a good fit

Since my junior years, I've been part of a big national team, which taught me how to be a team player. I'm used to working in groups made up of people with different backgrounds, needs, and communication styles, and I see this as one of my strengths.

Throughout my career, I've had the chance to experience almost every level of competition our sport offers — from national ranking races to World Championships and the Youth Olympic Games. I've also seen the sport from a different perspective: as part of the organising team at the World Cup in Prague and as a demo runner and volunteer at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. These experiences gave me a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes and what it takes to deliver a high-level event — something that's not always obvious from an athlete's point of view.

Being based in Prague makes me easily accessible for in-person conversations with athletes during the World Cup. I'm always around — either competing, helping with the organization, or doing demos — and I'd be happy to use that opportunity to stay connected.

Major results



2022

WORLD CUP – KRAKOW
3rd place K1 women

2020

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP – PRAGUE
3rd place K1 women

2019

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP – PAU
European Champion K1 women

U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – KRAKOW
U23 World Champion K1 women

2014

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – NANJING
3rd place K1 women

2013

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP –
LIPTOVSKY MIKULAS
Junior World Champion K1 women
1st place 3x K1 women