

CARLO TACCHINI - CANDIDATE FOR THE ICF ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Sprint Canoe Athlete - Italy

Motivation Statement

As a high-level sprint canoeist proudly representing Italy, I am deeply passionate about our sport and the people who live it every day-athletes. I am standing for the ICF Athletes' Commission because I believe that the athlete's voice must be not only heard but actively involved in shaping the decisions that affect our sport's future.

Over the years, I have seen how important it is for athletes to have strong representation-someone who understands firsthand the demands of high-performance competition and the realities we face both on and off the water. I want to bring that voice to the table. I want to serve as a bridge between athletes and the ICF leadership, making sure that key issues such as athlete welfare, calendar planning, qualification systems, and fair competition environments are developed with the input of those who are most directly impacted: the athletes themselves.

Joining the Athletes' Commission means being in a position to support positive change, foster transparency, and help build a future where all canoeing disciplines can grow with the direct contribution of those who live the sport every day. I believe in collaborative work, constructive dialogue, and strong athlete advocacy. That's why I am fully committed to representing the views, needs, and ambitions of my fellow athletes within the ICF.

Sporting Achievements

Olympic Games

- Paris 2024 - Silver Medal, C2 500m
- Paris 2024 - 5th place, C1 1000m
- Rio 2016 - 7th place, C1 1000m

World Championships

- Silver Medal, C1 500m - Racice 2017
- Bronze Medal, C1 500m - Copenhagen 2021
- Multiple A-finals across C1 and C2 events

European Games

- Gold Medal, C2 500m - Krakow 2023
- 5th place, C1 1000m - Minsk 2019

European Championships

- Bronze Medals in multiple editions in C1 1000m and C1 5000m
- Regular A-finalist and medal contender in both individual and team events

World Cup

- Multiple medalist in both C1 and C2 events across various World Cup stages from 2015 to the present

National Achievements

- Multiple-time Italian national champion in C1 and C2
- Member of the Italian National Team since 2013

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations

Niccolò Cusano University, Rome, Italy

Professional and Volunteer Experience

Gruppo Sportivo Fiamme Oro - Polizia di Stato

Professional athlete representing the sports division of the Italian State Police, promoting dedication, respect, and social responsibility through sport.

Mentorship and Youth Engagement

Actively involved in guiding and mentoring young athletes within national youth programs and local clubs. Strong advocate for athlete education, mental well-being, and long-term development.

Athlete Representation and Communication

Frequently engaged in dialogue with the Italian Canoe Federation to represent athlete perspectives on issues including training, selection, and athlete welfare.

Public and Media Engagement

Regular guest at public events and schools to promote canoeing, Olympic values, and healthy lifestyles among young people.

Skills and Values

- Fluent in Italian and English
- Committed to clean sport, transparency, and equality
- Strong communicator with international experience

- Focused on athlete development, voice, and welfare
- Brings extensive knowledge of elite competition and federation dynamics