



Charlie Brackpool, GBR

Candidate for ICF Athletes' Committee

About Me

*"For a strong,
experienced
and dedicated
athlete voice"*

Charlie has a strong interest in joining the ICF Athletes' Committee. He is eager to apply his passion for the sport and build upon his decade of volunteering and involvement. Charlie's aim is to be a strong voice for athletes, advocating for their needs and contributing to a positive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive. His unique perspective as a competitor, coach, judge, and administrator allows him to understand and address the diverse needs of freestyle athletes.

As an active competitor since 2014, with participation in major events including the 2015 and 2017 World Championships, and the 2018 and 2024 European Championships, Charlie deeply understands the challenges and triumphs of competition. His achievements, including reaching the final as a junior in the 2015 World Championships and quarter-finalist status in the 2017 World Championships and 2024 European Championships, demonstrate his dedication and skill.

Beyond competing, Charlie has been heavily involved in shaping our sport's future. He has actively contributed to the development of the rules of freestyle through the integration and development of the ICF freestyle rules working group. This group has not only seen new tricks added to the score sheet but has also helped make improvements in the sport's fairness, safety and format. Charlie has also had the privilege of helping out with national team training events, not only as a coach, but guiding new and experienced athletes alike to navigate the rules of freestyle not only to maximise their athletic ability but also how to navigate a major international competition and all of the challenges that come with it.

Charlie's commitment to the sport's development is also evident through his leadership roles in officiating and administration. He has served as the lead international instructor for freestyle judges' seminars from 2019 to 2025, helping to standardise our sport internationally and increasing the quality of judging at major events. He has judged at every ICF freestyle event since 2018, with the honour of chief judging the 2024 World Cups, 2024 European Championships and the 2025 World Championships. Furthermore, Charlie is currently assisting the ECA in organising the European Cups and has contributed to athlete representation by helping to chair athlete meetings at ICF major events.

Charlie believes he possesses the skills and qualities necessary to be an effective ICF Athlete Representative. He has strong communication and interpersonal skills, honed through years of interaction with athletes, coaches, and officials. He is an experienced leader, capable of motivating, delegating, and resolving conflicts effectively. These qualities, combined with his unwavering dedication, make him the ideal candidate to represent you on the ICF Athletes' Committee.

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Athletic Achievements

An active competitor since 2014, participating in major events, including:

- 2014 World Cups (Top 10 Finish)
- 2015 World Championships (Finalist)
- 2017 World Championships (Quarter-Finalist)
- 2018 European Championships
- 2018 World Cups (Top 10 Finish)
- 2024 European Championships (Quarter-Finalist)
- 2025 ICF South American Open (Finalist)

Education, Professional & Volunteer Experience

- Sport Governance & Development: Extensive experience in sport administration, development, and advocacy.
- Played a key role in the ICF Freestyle Rules Working Group, shaping rules and representing athlete interests.
- International Officiating Leadership: Served as Lead International Instructor for freestyle judges' seminars (2018-2025), standardising judging quality globally.
- Chief Judge for the 2024 World Cups, 2024 European Championships, and the 2025 World Championships.
- Judged all ICF freestyle events since 2018.
- Athlete Representation & Event Management: Acted as an athlete representative at national team training camps and chaired athlete meetings at ICF major events.
- Aided the ECA in organising European Cups.
- Commitment to Integrity: Active involvement in judging and rules development demonstrates a deep commitment to the sport's integrity, alongside international competitive experience.

Skills and Qualities

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, refined through interactions with athletes, coaches, and officials.
- Experienced leader, capable of motivating, delegating, and effectively resolving conflicts.
- Active listening is a key strength, enabling understanding and empathy with diverse perspectives.
- Consistently demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team environment, valuing different perspectives to enrich decision-making.



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Strategic Plans for Future Implementation

- My vision for the ICF Athletes' Committee is to be a proactive and influential body, genuinely representing athlete interests. I aim to increase athlete engagement in ICF decision-making, improve communication, and advocate for policies supporting athlete development and well-being.
- I propose establishing regular athlete feedback forums, developing mental health & welfare resources, advocating for increased athlete representation, promoting inter-disciplinary collaboration, and enhancing the global visibility of all paddlesport disciplines.
- I am committed to fair play, respect, and promoting paddlesport's positive values. My involvement in judging and rules development shows my commitment to the sport's integrity whilst being able to do this while also competing in the sport at an international level.
- I am confident that I can make a significant contribution to the ICF Athletes' Committee. I am dedicated to representing my fellow athletes, promoting the interests of the sport, and working collaboratively to shape a positive future for all paddlesport.

5 Key Aims

- **Champion the Athlete Voice:** My aim is to be a strong voice for athletes, advocating for their needs and contributing to a positive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive.
- **Boost Athlete Engagement and Communication:** I wish to increase athlete engagement in ICF decision-making and improve communication.
- **Prioritise Athlete Development and Well-being:** I promise to advocate for policies supporting athlete development and well-being. This includes developing mental health & welfare resources.
- **Enhance Representation and Collaboration:** I propose advocating for increased athlete representation and promoting inter-disciplinary collaboration.
- **Promote Positive Values and Global Recognition:** I am committed to fair play, respect, and promoting paddlesport's positive values, while also enhancing the global visibility of all paddlesport disciplines.