



FEMALE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

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As one of Wrestling Canada Lutte's Athlete Representatives and spokesperson for Senior National Team athletes (including U24 and Junior National Team athletes) across the country, you play a critical role by helping athletes become part of the decision-making process at Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL).

PURPOSE

The Athlete Representative will:

- Actively represent the interests and concerns of National Team athletes in Canada.
- Serve as a source of athletes' opinion and advice to the WCL High Performance Committee and Board of Directors with regard to current or future National Team policies and programming.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- There is one Female Athlete Representative position open for nomination.
- The Female Athlete Representative position comes up for election every two years. Please note that during the transition to a new governance structure, the current 2-year term may be amended.
- Candidates must have attended at least 3 Senior Canadian Championships. Athletes that have retired in the last 2 years will be eligible for nomination.
- The nominated athlete must sign the nomination form stating that, if elected, she accepts the position of Athlete Representative.
- This is a volunteer position.
- The Athlete Representative position consumes approximately three (3) to five (5) hours weekly.





RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Athlete Representative will take part in all meetings related to the Athlete Representative position.

NOTE: WCL will reimburse out-of-pocket travel and related expenses that are legitimate, reasonable and appropriate for the activity undertaken on behalf of WCL.

a. High Performance Committee (HPC) meetings:

- i. By conference call, as necessary. Among other responsibilities, the HPC is responsible for the development of policies, which relate to the activities of the Senior National Team including but not limited to U24, the Senior Canadian Championships, as well as any related Trials or selection tournaments.

b. Board of Directors (BOD) meetings:

- i. Applies only if the Athlete Representative is the elected Director (Athletes):
 - In-person BOD meeting June 26, 2016 (Guelph, ON)
 - BOD meetings by conference call minimum 4 x per year (April, July, October, January)

c. AthletesCAN Forum – once a year:

- i. Participation at the forum will alternate between the Male and Female Athlete Representative so each Representative will have an opportunity to attend at least one Forum event during their term. The Athlete Representative will be expected to represent WCL interests, as required.
 - ii. 2016 AthletesCAN Forum - October 21-23, 2016 (Mississauga, ON)
2. The Athlete Representative will act as the liaison and main channel of communication between the High Performance Manager, High Performance Committee, and WCL National Team athletes.
 - a. Communicate with National Team members, athletes as well as with WCL membership. The Athlete Representative will be given a designated WCL email addresses, if desired, for this purpose.
 - b. Give helpful information to current and future Senior National Team athletes and inform them of WCL's mandate and programs.
 - c. Survey the opinions and concerns of National Team athletes across the country.
 - d. Liaise with other provincial athlete representatives.





- e. Provide feedback on current issues.
 - f. Assume a mentorship type role to up and coming National Team athletes.
3. The Athlete Representative may also be called upon to help resolve problems encountered by other National Team athletes (example, discipline).
 4. Collaborate with the High Performance Manager, incorporating an athlete's perspective in the planning, development, and delivery of new Wrestling Canada programs and initiatives.
 5. Engage the High Performance Manager in discussion relating to the unique and ever changing needs of our National Team athletes.
 6. The Athlete Representative will continuously strive to promote the sport of wrestling, in all of its aspects, both in Canada as well as abroad.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Athlete Nomination Forms will be available from the WCL website as of Tuesday, March 15, 2016.
2. Nominated athletes must accept the nomination, sign and complete the nomination form and submit the form to the WCL High Performance Manager no later than 3:00 pm local time on Friday, March 18, 2016.
3. A ballot for the Athlete Representative will be prepared and made available, on-site at the Senior National Championships, to the eligible senior athletes as of 10:00 am local time on Saturday, March 19, 2016.
4. Eligible athletes will indicate their selection and deposit their ballot in a designated container scrutinized by the High Performance Manager. When the athletes deposit their ballot, their names will be stroked off the list of eligible voters.
5. Only athletes registered in the 2016 Women's Freestyle Senior National Championships are eligible to vote for the Athlete Representative.
6. Voting will close at 4:00 pm local time on Saturday, March 19, 2016.
7. The athlete with the greatest number of votes will be named the Athlete Representative.
8. In the event of a tie, the current Female Athlete Representative will have a casting vote.





FEMALE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

Nominee for Athlete Representative: _____

Nominated By: _____

FEMALE ATHLETE NOMINEE

I, _____ hereby accept the nomination for Female Athlete Representative and if elected, accept the position of WCL's Female Athlete Representative.

Signature of Nominated Athlete

Date

