

2010 Elite Athlete Board of Directors



Dave Kuendig

Candidate for Board of Directors:

David Kuendig, J.D.

Years Pro: 8

Highest degree: JD, University of Kentucky College of Law

Other Occupations: Sports Medicine Sales Representative, Arthrex/HillCo Medical. Swim Coach Wildcat Aquatics, Lexington, KY; Coached 2008 Olympian Elaine Breeden, and three 2008 Olympic Trial Qualifiers.

In 2009 I was elected to the Board of Directors as a member of the Pro Caucus. Over the last two years the Pro Caucus was successful in implementing many of the principles that were stated in our 2008 platform. For the 2011-2012 term, I pledge continued support of those principles and now submit them for your review. I have enjoyed representing the professional triathlete and I ask you for your vote and your continued support.

Building the Profession

Statement of Principles

1. Oversight

I seek to protect the mutual interest of our professional members. Elections will be held in a timely manner and the USAT Bylaws will be followed.

2. Selection Policy

Where a selection process exists for start positions in any event we support a selection process that is just, transparent and fair. The foundation of any selection process must be rooted in an objective base. Subjective factors may be used where subjectivity enhances the just and fair nature of the selection process.

3. Qualification standards

Professionals are the highest caliber representatives of our sport. I support elevating the standards of the USAT professional's vocation.

4. Communication

Communication with our members is essential to good policy. I will make extensive use of the elite beat to keep members informed of proposed policy. I will:

- 1) Publish polls to allow athletes to establish a majority position.
- 2) Post official files and documents online.
- 3) Establish a set protocol for approval of policy (i.e. a draft of policy will be submitted to the members for review before it will be voted on by the Board).

5. Wetsuit Rules

This year, both the ITU and WTC have changed their wetsuit and speedsuit rules for professionals. Using these rules as a guide, I would like to update USA Triathlon's professional rules on wetsuits and speedsuits. Ideally, I would like to see a set of universal wetsuit rules for professionals competing around the world.

6. Illegal Drafting in non-drafting races

There is no place for drafting in non-drafting races, yet officials must have the best judgment possible when assigning a penalty. I support increased funding for the USAT officials program to promote a more professional officials corps.

7. Professional Brand

Professional triathletes provide a unique product. I will work to increase the value of that product. I fully support ProTA and believe that their success is vital to the profession.



Victor Plata

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A passport-type photo of the nominee is attached to the email message.

Platform Statement

I pledge to continue the work of promoting and representing professional triathletes that I began two years ago. In that time I was:

- 1) part of the movement to bring USA Triathlon in compliance with the Amateur Sports Act and USOC bylaws, which requires athlete participation on all committees – and especially those committees that prepare, approve or implement programs directed at elite athletes...and ensured that the AAC was included in all elite athlete policy decisions;
- 2) helped create the Professional Triathlon Association;
- 3) moderated the Elite Beat newsgroup;
- 4) codified the elite athlete election procedures to ensure a fair and timely election process; and
- 5) made progress in ensuring that USAT revise its bylaws to include at least 20% athlete representation on all committees, as required by the USOC Bylaws.

I hope to persist in working to revise USAT bylaws to conform to the Sports Act, support the work of the Pro Triathlon Association to promote and represent Pro athletes, and ensure that all pro athletes have a voice in the policies and procedures of USAT affecting them. My ultimate goal is to expand the sport of triathlon, and I believe that the Pro athlete is a great medium to carry the message of health, fitness, and honorable competition to the world. As always, my lines of communication are always open and you can expect a swift reply.

Victor

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Candidate for Board of Directors:

Victor Plata, J.D.

Years Pro: 12

Career Highlights: 2004 Olympian; 2003 Pan Am Games Team; 1997 Collegiate Champion

Education: J.D. McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

Other Occupation: Legal Services

Service: USA Triathlon Board Member 2000-2002 and 2009-2010; initiated the e-lite beat newsgroup in 2001; published pre-season written qualification criteria for the National Team for the first time in 2001 (a practice that continues today. Previously, qualification criteria was announced in December and selected teams retroactively).

2010 AAC Athlete Director



Jarrod Shoemaker

Platform:

Last year I ran with several other athletes under the Pro Caucus platform. I hope to continue working towards the goals that we set forth, many of which we have achieved already in 2010 and many of which are a work in progress.

We as athletes have the power to change our sport for the better and I hope that we can continue to do so.

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5. Wetsuit temp

Water temperature variations affect each individual differently. We support the ITU wetsuit temperature policy because we believe it sets reasonable temperature limits for wetsuit use. It takes into consideration the distance of the swim, and allows for flexibility where ambient air temperature may make cold a potential safety issue.

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