



USA TRIATHLON 2013 GENERAL ELECTION

Welcome to USA Triathlon's 2013 election coverage. Please use the following information to learn about the candidates nominated in your region for the National Board of Directors. We hope this will assist you with your voting decision.

CANDIDATES FOR THE ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Please vote for no more than two (2) of the following candidates:

COUNCIL	CANDIDATE
Athlete Advisory Council	Gwen Jorgensen (Incumbent)
	Joel Rosinbum
	Steven Sexton (Incumbent)
	Joanna Zeiger

GWEN JORGENSEN

St. Paul, MN

Athlete Advisory Council



Gwen Jorgensen is a 2012 Olympian in triathlon. She is a two time WTS winner. Gwen is passionate about growing and finding the significance of ITU draft-legal racing within USAT.

JOEL ROSINBUM

Austin, TX

Athlete Advisory Council



I'm a lifelong athlete. I played sports in high school, rowed crew in college, coached rowing after college while taking up triathlon as an amateur. Before I completed a single season as an amateur, I was injured in a skiing accident paralyzing my arm. One year after the accident I began racing triathlon again. In my first year back I excelled in the world of elite Paratriathlon racing, winning a national championship and competing at the World Championship. Since then I have been racing as an elite paratriathlete, winning another national championship, a World Cup, and representing the US at five World Championships.

I understand the needs of athletes, USAT/ITU rules, drafting, non-drafting and paratriathlon racing. I want to help provide better elite racing opportunities in the United States. Looking towards Rio, it is important to have people who will follow through and push for athletes to be timely informed of events, qualification criteria, points, etc. I have that kind of dedication. I'm excited about participating in governance and communicating with other athletes and the board. I want to see the sport of triathlon continue to grow and believe that I can be a great help to that process.

STEVEN SEXTON

Raleigh, NC

Athlete Advisory Council



- ITU Athlete Committee Co-chair (2012-present)
- USAT Board of Directors (2010-present); Treasurer (2011)
- USAT Project 2012 team (2010-2011)
- 5th place, USAT Elite Nationals 2010, 2011;
- U.S. Collegiate National Champion 2008; 7th place, World University Games 2008
- Ph.D. applied economics, UC Berkeley

On the AAC, I have helped increase elite funding and direct athlete support each year. I have advocated event selection criteria that are fair, transparent and promote high performance. I successfully fought for an Olympic criteria that prioritized high performance and decisions on the field of play, rather than discretionary decisions in the boardroom. I worked to bring top-level ITU racing back to the U.S. in the form of WTS San Diego and Chicago and to fund the super sprint series to build the fan base for professional triathlon.

I want to similarly support our new elite Paratriathlon program and use my role on the ITU athlete committee to harmonize elite rules around the world and review rules that lead to confusion and frustration, like the stagger rule. I want to hold race directors accountable when they cause confusion on race day, and work to keep the races safe, fair, and clean.

JOANNA ZEIGER

Boulder, CO

Athlete Advisory Council



Triathlon is my passion. While I no longer compete as a triathlete, I am still deeply involved as a coach, spectator, and enthusiast. My unrelenting desire to see triathlon mature and the need for the growing number of professionals to have unbiased representation are the added ingredients that will help me become a good board member. Professional athletes have long needed so many things: (1) long course athletes need more support, recognition and a chance to run for a seat on the board; (2) a liaison to navigate between the athletes and ITU and WTC; (3) continued evaluation and updating of race rules; (4) better course safety; (5) ensuring fair races for female professionals; (6) an open channel of communication between the athletes and USAT and (7) mechanisms to safeguard the athletes from misdirection on race courses. All of these issues need to be tackled head on to increase professionalism and guarantee that the elite side of our sport continues to grow just as the age groups side has grown. Communication is the key and it is my hope that you will vote for me so that we can begin a dialogue that will result in some important changes.