

Aaron Small-ACA BOD Athlete Representative Sprint

Athlete Summary: Aaron Small is an Olympic sprint kayaker with over 10 years of experience competing in events such as the World Championships, Pan-American Games, and the Olympic Games. He has also coached younger athletes at the Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club, growing his passion for helping the sport grow. Aaron is dedicated to supporting the development of canoe/kayak in the United States and is committed to ensuring that athletes are heard, valued, and given the support and resources they need to succeed.

Why are you interested in serving as an Athlete Representative? I'm interested in serving as an Athlete Representative because I love this sport, and I want to see it thrive in the United States. I've been paddling since 2011, competing in events worldwide, including the World Championships, Pan-American Games, and Olympic Games. Through these experiences, I've seen the incredible potential we have as a community and the challenges we face, from access to support to athlete wellness.

In addition to competing, I've had the privilege of coaching younger athletes at the Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club, which has deepened my commitment to supporting our sport and helping it grow. I'm passionate about making sure every athlete feels heard and valued, and I would love the opportunity to work with the USPOC to foster an environment where our sport and its athletes can thrive. It would be an honor to represent our canoe/kayak athletes in this role.

Competition Experience:

- Olympics
- Pan-American Games
- Senior World Championships
- World Cup
- Olympic Team Trials