

Evy Leibfarth-ACA BOD Athlete Representative Slalom

Athlete Summary: Evy Leibfarth is an Olympic bronze medalist, professional kayaker, and passionate advocate for athlete development and community health. As the first U.S. woman to compete in three canoe/kayak events at the Olympics, Evy has firsthand experience navigating the journey from grassroots programs to the world stage. She grew up learning to paddle on the Nantahala river in western NC and has served as an athlete representative for the Nantahala Racing Club since 2019, focusing on bridging the gap between recreational and competitive paddlers.

Why are you interested in serving as an Athlete Representative? As an Olympic canoe slalom athlete and someone who grew up immersed in paddling, I have experienced the full spectrum of paddlesports, from elite-level competition to river paddling for fun. I have served as an athlete representative for the Nantahala Racing Club since 2019, where I have worked to advocate for athletes and foster community growth in paddlesports. I hope to work with the board to develop and sustain development programs to foster peer connection in young athletes, meet the needs of national team athletes participating in elite competition, and encourage an athlete-centered social media presence focused around personalities, stories, and expanding our collective presence.

Competition Experience:

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