

Joe Ball (10-year athlete)

I have been kayaking for just over ten years and for the last 3 years I have been a parent of a Freestyle Kayaker that has been on the USA freestyle team and attend 2 World Championships. Over that time I have seen lots of improvement from the current committee in planning ahead giving competitors and family more time to plan and added rounds at competitions when competitor numbers are low. I greatly appreciate the changes.

I feel like I bring fresh eyes and new ideas to grow the sport. I have been a part of major military operational planning during my 21 years in the military. I've been mentored by the best and know what right looks like. I can bring organization and structure to the committee that mirrors major cooperations and large scale operations to allow the sport to grow within an already established system. The current system and planning doesn't allow growth. I have a background in Lean Six Sigma which is a concept of always trying to improve. I'm not one to continue to repeat the same process over and over again. If the committee needs new members to pick up the same workload and continue down the same path I'm not the right fit, and that is completely ok but that's not where my heart is for this sport.

Mason Hargrove

I have been apart of the freestyle committee this past term and i feel as i was a good addition to the team; Bring in new ideas that are helping grow our sport

Melissa Hargrove (10-year athlete)

No bio provided

Abby Holcombe(10-year athlete)

I have been an athlete representative and event organizer within the U.S. freestyle community since 2022, supporting major events such as U.S. Nationals and Team Trials as well as community competitions across the country. As both a professional athlete and advocate, I am passionate about creating safer, more inclusive, and welcoming spaces for all freestyle paddlers, especially women and young athletes. Serving on the Freestyle Competition Committee would allow me to continue strengthening athlete support, growing participation nationwide, and helping ensure that every competitor feels valued, respected, and excited to be part of our sport.

Alex Horne

I love this sport and think I could be helpful in getting more people involved in competing. I also think I have a lot of good ideas from someone that did not grow up in the sport.

Andi Jones

I have served on the freestyle committee for the past 3yrs. I've organized, planned, and supported freestyle events across across the country for many years. I'd like to continue supporting USA Freestyle in its growth as a committee member.

Todd McGinnis (10-year athlete)

I have been paddling for over 20 years - ACA level 5 whitewater instructor - involved with the freestyle team since 2015 and severed as co-manger for at least two Freestyle Worlds - event manager for multiple freestyle events including team trials and nationals. Competitor in Wildwater, slalom, and an occasional freestyle event. On the freestyle committee for two years and father of a competitor for forever. Servered on Wildwater committee and other paddling organization boards. Also a team Dagger ambassador.

Nicholas Troutman(10-year athlete)

To help share my experience and knowledge with the committee for the betterment of the sport and athletes.

Clay Wright (10-year athlete)

I've been competing, judging and announcing Freestyle and Squirt events since 1993, helped organize the 1997 gathering of nations and worked with that group until ICF stepped in. I've judged 7 World Championships, won 5 Gold Squirt medals, coached the USA to Team Gold in 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023. Risa got me started early :-)