

Delft, 23 May 2022

Dear AC E&A Committee,

With this letter I would like to motivate my nomination for the Worldrowing Athletes Commission. For over a decade I have continuously been part of the Dutch National Rowing Team and I have raced three Olympic Games, which culminated in an Olympic Silver medal in the women's four last summer in Tokyo.

The most amazing thing about rowing is reaching a flow of the boat together. During my career I have rowed internationally in almost all different boat classes. I worked in many different teams, each having their own team dynamics, where I was always looking for ways to excel as a team.

After the Tokyo Olympics I decided to retire from rowing internationally and focus on my professional career. I have a background in Mechanical Engineering and I am currently working in the railway sector, where I am taking on technical challenges that benefit society and the environment. Even though I am not rowing professionally anymore, I am still active in the rowing community where I enjoy helping young, enthusiastic and motivated rowers to reach their goals.

For me it would be a privilege to be part of the Athletes Commission. First of all, I think it would be a great way to give something back to the rowing community which has brought me so much the past decade. Secondly, I would like to contribute to a level playing field with equal opportunities for everyone. Finally, my technical background can be of extra value in the Athletes Commission when working on topics that concern technological innovations.

I hope I have convinced you to nominate me as a candidate for the Athletes Commission. Please do not hesitate to reach out in case of questions.

Yours sincerely,

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