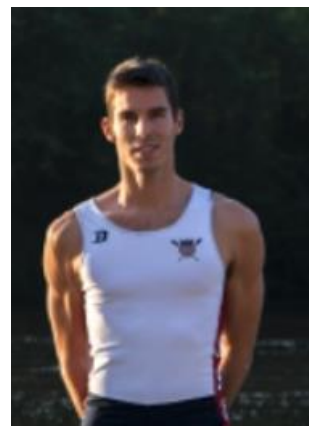

Robin Prendes

- FISA Athlete Commission Member for the Past 5 years
 - Rowing History: 2x Olympic Rower
 - Languages Spoken: English, Español, Português
 - Past projects with FISA: Athlete Lane Selection, Safeguarding, Anti-doping Awareness (WADA outreach initiative), Created athlete feedback surveys, Supported Lightweight Olympic Racing, Coastal Rowing, Indoor Rowing, and attended two FISA races every year before COVID.
 - Goals for the future: Continue working on past projects, increase communication with athletes, create more marketing and money-making opportunities for athletes, create better career networks for athletes
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To: Rowing athlete friends from all over the world

I have been a member of the Athlete Commission for the past 5 years. I was born in Cuba and represented the United States in two Olympic Games. I speak English, Spanish and Portuguese. I am also a member of the Board of Directors at US Rowing and an Athlete Representative for the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Professionally, I am a Masters in Business Administration student at Stanford University in California. My business background is in Finance and in Strategy Consulting.

The FISA Athlete Commission should increase communication with athletes. I will make it a priority to get feedback from athletes all the time. One way to do this is to continue building a contact list of athlete representatives from each country, so that we can communicate with them regularly. Another is to continue to speak about our projects through social media (Facebook / Instagram / Twitter: [@Worldrowing AC](#)) and athlete newsletters. Finally, I think we should make ourselves more available through direct communication like email and by being at World Rowing Races. Therefore, whether you vote for me or not, please feel free to email me at: RobinPrendes@gmail.com with any issues or questions that I can help answer.

I will continue to help initiatives like creating Athlete Educational Opportunities at top Universities in the world, develop a Global Rowing Network of professionals, and a Career Transition Program for retiring athletes. Everyone wants to hire a hard-working elite rower, so a career after rowing should never be a worry for athletes. I will also work to expand marketing opportunities, for athletes to be able to make more money from the sport so that you can row for longer and have a better life. Rowing can offer amazing opportunities, and at FISA, there is a global network of successful professionals that can make this happen. I want to listen to what you all need and create support to succeed!

As an Athlete Commission representative for the past five years, I know how to get these things done. I attended all international FISA and Athlete Commission meetings, and two international competitions each year before COVID. From this experience, I built networks and learned how to get things done for athletes at FISA. I have been a part of many working group in FISA to solve athlete problems. I helped to draft and run the Athlete Lane Selection in Belgrade. I have been the Athlete representative at the past two World Indoor Rowing Championships. I supported the WADA outreach initiative and created athlete feedback surveys.

My past is not the normal one. I immigrated from Cuba at the age of 6, and my native language is Español. I learned to row from a Peruvian coach, and I trained with athletes from over 20 different countries. I represented the United States in the lightweight four in two Olympic Games. My multinational background allows me to understand the differences, problems, and concerns of being an athlete in various systems around the world. This experience is key to representing all of you and to promote your interests. Growing up in the United States, my family had no money to spend on sports for me, and rowing is very expensive in the United States. It was thanks to the support of the rowing community that I was able to join the sport and later to develop as an athlete. I owe a great debt to the rowing community; rowing created many opportunities for me in life. Rowing helped me get accepted top universities in the United States. Rowing allowed me to travel the world. These opportunities and experiences are what make rowing great. It is the opportunity to give back to the rowing community and to other athletes that motivates me to run for the FISA Athlete Commission.