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Patrick JALABERT is a mechanical design engineer with a Master of Science degree in civil and structural engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL) and a Master's degree in mechanical engineering from ENSTA Bretagne (France). He has been working as a product design engineer for Poclairn Hydraulics for over six years. In that role, he has successfully managed innovative hydraulic motor design projects for industry leaders such as John Deere, Caterpillar or Bobcat.

Patrick has also spent the past seven years in a leadership role within Chicago Inter Handball, one of the country's most prominent handball organizations. He has contributed his more than 20 years of passion for the sport of handball and his advanced organizational skills to support the continuing development of handball in the Chicago-land area and the Midwest. Most recently, he has driven the development of a Midwest Team Handball League, despite the difficulty in rallying and securing commitment from other organizations within the region.

Patrick was appointed to the USA Team Handball Competition Committee in 2014 and took on the chairmanship of the committee in 2017. In that capacity, he has undertaken the ambitious project of continuously updating the USA Team Handball rulebook to reflect the ever-changing landscape of team handball in the United States. In his role as chairperson, he is also regularly consulted on matters from event sanctioning and coordination, to Safe Sport training and deployment.

In addition, Patrick has supported the implementation of a new membership and event management platform and is contributing to the effort to improve the federation's tools in that area.

In the coming months, Patrick will continue to push for the growth of the sport within the Chicago-land area and the Midwest, including driving for more youth and college involvement, in order to contribute to the national effort to build a competitive Team USA for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.