



Welcome to USA Triathlon's 2014 Elite Athlete election coverage.

Please use the following information to learn about the candidates nominated for the Athlete BOD Director and AAC seats.

We hope this will assist you with your voting decision.

Meet the candidates!

NAME OF CANDIDATE	NOMINATION
Benjamin Collins	Athlete BOD Director
Joel Rosinbum	Athlete BOD Director
Jarrod Shoemaker	AAC

Athlete Board Of Directors

Candidates



Benjamin Collins
Chicago, IL

I want to ask you for your support in electing me as your representative. I have been involved in Triathlon for nearly a decade and have raced as an amateur, an ITU elite, at various distances of non-drafting elite competition, and as a guide in ITU Paratriathlon. These experiences provide me a broad perspective that allows me to be a fair representative to the needs of athletes throughout sport. I see the role of elite athletes as ambassadors for the sport. We push boundaries. We help to popularize the sport and we act as role models for the triathlon community.

As we push those boundaries, and as the elite pool grows, our policies governing fair play, prize money, sponsorships and qualification should adapt to reflect the interest of the athletes. Triathlon is growing and as it does we will continue to have growing pains. Responding to these changes will take cooperation and an ability to understand the needs of the sport beyond the elite community. I have that perspective. As your representative I can ensure that “because we’ve always done it that way” never quiets a better idea.

Please help me to become your representative by voting for me as Athlete Director and AAC member.

Respectfully yours,

-Ben Collins



Joel Rosinbum
Austin, TX

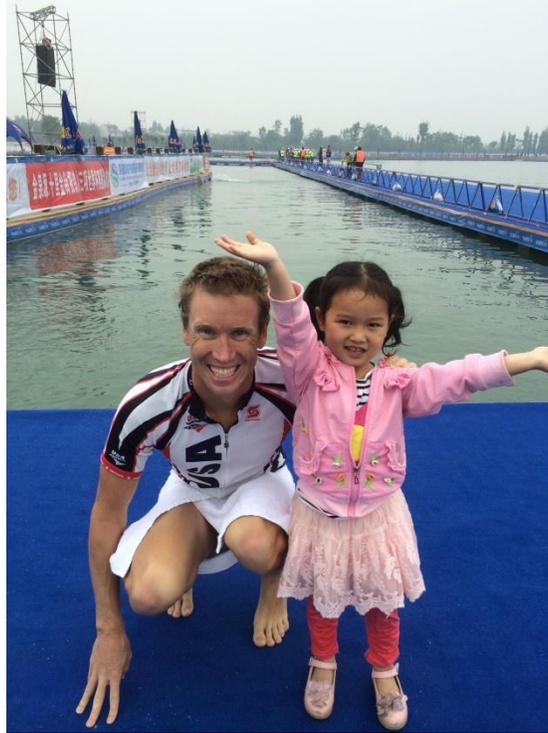
As your USAT National Board Athlete Director, I would serve all Elite Athletes (able-body and para alike) by ensuring USAT deploys its resources to field stronger, more successful teams. I will advocate for an Olympic/Paralympic selection process that prioritizes high performance and bases its decisions on the field of play. I will work to bring more top-level ITU racing to the U.S. and increase prize money opportunities for all elites.

For the past year I've served on the Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) and have been particularly involved in the development of elite Paratriathlon. I secured more direct athlete support and coaching funding for national team athletes. I also successfully pushed to broaden criteria to make it easier for athletes to qualify for the national team. In addition, I worked closely with USAT staff to create leaner, smarter policies and procedures. In the future, I pledge to help develop elite Paratriathlon licenses (memberships) and revise the able-body elite license criteria.

The AAC has relied on me to represent able-body and elite athletes in meetings with the USOC and to represent US athletes at the ITU ParaTriathlon National Federation meeting in Edmonton. I'm proud that I have attended every single AAC meeting and that my colleagues on the AAC and other athlete leaders support my candidacy for the national board. I'm dedicated to being your voice. To represent your interests. And to work hard for you, every day.

Athlete Advisory Council

Candidate



Jarrod Shoemaker
Clermont, FL

Over the past many years I have had the honor of serving the elite athletes of USAT by serving on the AAC. I consider it a privilege to help my fellow athletes and work to continue to ensure that the next generation of athletes has a voice and say within USAT.

In the US we are privileged to be able to have a say within our national federation and this is a job that I do not take lightly. I have seen too many athlete's voices silence in other federations. Over the past several years there have been many attempts to silence the athlete's voices but as an AAC we have continued to fight hard against it.

Currently, we have been working hard on swim safety, athlete prize money and athlete voting rights. If you elect me to another term on the AAC I will continue to push hard to solve these important problems. I have been the athlete representative on the swim task force and we have been working to standardize course buoys, wetsuit temperatures and safety regulations. I also hope to have the athlete prize money situation solved by the end of the year ensuring prompt payment of monies owed to the athletes.

I ask for your vote to continue to work for you, the athletes.