



Welcome to USA Triathlon's 2016 Elite Athlete election coverage.

Please use the following information to learn about the candidates nominated for the Athlete Board of Director, USAT AAC and USOC AAC seats.

We hope this will assist you with your voting decision.

**Meet the candidates!**

<b>NAME OF CANDIDATE</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>
Benjamin Collins	Athlete BOD
Erin Jones	USOC AAC
Alex Libin	USAT AAC
Joel Rosinbum	Athlete BOD/USAT AAC/USOC AAC
Margaret Shapiro	USAT AAC

# Athlete Board Of Directors

## Candidates



**Benjamin Collins**  
Seattle, WA

Over the past two years serving on the board, I have been a proponent of athlete's rights and have sought to represent the interests all the elites of the sport, from para to ironman to ITU athletes. I hope to continue to be your voice for the strategic direction of USA Triathlon. As the leaders of our sport, we all deserve to be heard. As an athlete with experience in non-drafting and draft-legal at all distances, as well as my experience guiding in paratriathlons, I understand that "elites" are not homogeneous. I will continue to push our governing body to support the needs of each of us, ensuring that we can continue to be role models in the sport we love. Please support me as your candidate for Athlete Director for another two years.



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Austin, TX

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# USAT Athlete Advisory Council

## Candidates



**Alex Libin**

Colorado Springs, CO

As a fourth year elite athlete who focuses on draft legal racing and has raced at a full range of events, I have gained a lot of experience in the sport; I want to use that knowledge to help better communication between elites and the USAT Board, especially when it comes to transitional athletes who are leaving the junior ranks but are not quite ready to perform in the higher, elite ranks. Having heard from past and current members of the AAC, I feel that my race experience and general perspective will allow me to give sound advice on policies.

Triathlon has given me so much and I would like to give back to the triathlon community. The AAC is the perfect avenue for this, as it allows me to become more involved in the policy making side and how it affects elite athletes.



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**Margaret Shapiro**  
Herndon, VA

Margaret Shapiro is a professional triathlete currently not competing while recovering from extensive knee surgery (March 2015). She began racing at the elite level in 2006 after winning the Age Group World Championship overall in 2005. She was a member of the US National Elite Development Team in 2006 and later the National Team, a member of the 2007 World Championship team (before there was a WTS series), and raced numerous Continental and World Cups as well as WTS races between 2006 and 2012, when she switched her focus to longer distance non drafting races. She has had various top-15 World Championship finishes at 70.3 events and was among the top 3 Americans in St. George at the 70.3 National Championship in 2014 before her debilitating knee injury. She has also been a USAT certified coach, working not just with age groupers but also with elites currently racing on the WTS circuit.

Anyone who knows Margaret Shapiro is likely familiar with her work ethic and her fierce advocacy for fairness in sport. A mother of two teenagers, former retail business owner, and current high school teacher, she understands the struggles many rising elite athletes face in balancing reality with goals and aspirations. Margaret will bring a unique level of experience to the AAC position and will work tirelessly to protect athletes' rights, to communicate diplomatically among interested parties, to promote and maintain the rules of fair play for athletes, and to protect and leverage the marketing capability elite triathletes hold as role models in our growing sport.

# USOC Athlete Advisory Council

## Candidates



**Erin Jones**

Colorado Springs, CO

Hi, I'm Erin Jones, and I'd love to represent you on the AAC!

I have competed for Team USA as a professional triathlete since January 2013. I grew up in Hood River, Oregon and ran Division 1 NCAA Cross Country and Track for Oregon State University. There I was elected by my team to the Student Athlete Advisory Council.

After my junior year at Oregon State, I transferred to The University of Colorado in Colorado Springs to pursue a triathlon career at the US Olympic Training Center. Over the last four years I earned spots at the two Olympic Trial Test Events and represented the USA at the 2015 Pan American Games. I competed in two Under-23 World Championships earning bronze in 2014 and two Elite World Championship teams ('15,'16).

Last year I was elected to USA Triathlon's Athlete Advisory Council to protect the rights of the athletes and provide representation. I continue to be an ambassador for Team USA at the Olympic Training Center by introducing diverse groups of varied audiences to the U.S. Olympic movement in support of Team USA.

I am nominating myself to represent USAT on the USOC's Athlete Advisory Council. As a current USAT AAC member, I am familiar with reviewing documents and policies to be implemented;

but as your athlete representative to the USOC, I will fight and take responsibility for those actions.

I would like to serve as your USOC AAC representative because I am dedicated to the communication between USA triathlon and the USOC. I train, live, and breathe the Olympics ideals every day; I am familiar with the issues that face triathlons, as well as other sports in the Olympic Movement. Living in Colorado Springs the last four years, I have worked closely with a diverse group of athletes who also pursue their Olympic dreams. This is important because the USOC AAC is comprised of athletes from every Olympic, Paralympic, and Pan American sport; and your representative must be ready to work with athletes from all sports to effectively serve in this capacity.

I want to tackle athlete issues such as high performance funding, clean sport, team selection procedures, jobs after sport, and health insurance. My schedule allows me to participate in teleconferences to give you feedback on athlete issues, AAC votes, elections; and I will volunteer to serve on committees and task forces as needed.

The USA should lead the world in triathlon growth for everyone, starting with diversity for minorities, women, and youth participation and continue to build a foundation in the NCAA. I want to strengthen junior programs through support and mentorship, develop a triathlon series that is televised, and introduce a mixed relay in the Olympics. I also want to introduce a fun awards night at the end of every year.

I am passionate about working as your athlete representative and would be honored to have your vote and serve as YOUR representative on the USOC AAC. Thank you for your time and consideration!



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