

## BEC Athletes' Commission - Candidate

### The Para-Badminton Commission Member



ENGLAND

# Krysten Coombs

#### BIOGRAPHY:

Krysten is a two time Paralympic medalist, bronze in Tokyo and Silver in Paris. Multiple World and European Medalist. One of the original Para Badminton athletes to compete in the first tournament with the SH6 category.

#### REASONS WHY:

I believe Krysten can give great insight from his playing and para background. He will add a dimension to the commission that could have been missed. (Richard Morris, BE)

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# Muteeb Sohail Dar

### BIOGRAPHY:

Muteeb Sohail Dar is an avid badminton enthusiast who has dedicated his career to promoting and developing the sport in Pakistan. With a deep passion for badminton, Muteeb has played a pivotal role in organizing numerous badminton leagues across the country. He has also managed and handled the media operations for Pakistan Badminton, helping to increase the visibility and popularity of the sport. His commitment to badminton, both on and off the court, has made a significant impact on its growth in Pakistan.

### REASONS WHY:

Muteeb Sohail Dar seeks election to the BEC Athletes Commission to contribute his passion and extensive experience in badminton towards improving the sport at an international level. His involvement in organizing badminton leagues and handling media for Pakistan Badminton has given him a unique understanding of the challenges athletes face. By joining the Athletes Commission, he aims to amplify the voice of athletes, advocate for better opportunities, and work towards enhancing the overall athlete experience, ensuring that their needs are prioritized in decision-making processes. Muteeb's dedication to the sport and his leadership qualities make him an ideal candidate to represent the athletes and help shape the future of badminton globally.

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SLOVAKIA

# Milan Dratva

### BIOGRAPHY:

Dratva has been on the badminton scene for over a decade, he's an established MS player, having participated in a number of European Championships (team and individual), a World Championship and 2 editions of the Sudirman Cup. He's based in Denmark and tightly connected to the BE organisation, training at the CoE. His attributes would be his drive, work ethic, and honesty.

### REASONS WHY:

Involvement in the information passing, a chance to give back to the community, closer connection to the decision-making in badminton

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NETHERLANDS

## Debora Jille

### BIOGRAPHY:

Inspired by her two older brothers Debora Jille was introduced to badminton around the age of 6. After a period of combining playing tennis and badminton she ultimately chose badminton because of the speed and complex technical and tactical skills. Training in the same academy as her brother made it possible to have multiple sessions a week since the age of 10/11. When she was 12 she was first invited to train with the National Youth Selection at Papendal. At the age of 17 she decided to take the next step in her career and move to the National Centre after a period training in different places. From then she has been part of the National team and started playing more tournaments on both junior and senior level. Some memorable achievements in juniors are a 3rd place in WD at the 6 Nations tournament and a quarterfinal in WD at the World Junior Championships. After committing to the European and World tour she has been all over the world competing with the worlds best. Being part of the Dutch National Team she won a bronze medal at the EMTC in 2019, shortly after she won her first international title in Croatia. After teaming up with Cheryl Seinen in 2021 her sight was on qualifying for Paris '24. They just fell short, but on the way bagged a few Challenge titles, a quarterfinal at the Indonesia Masters, a silver medal at the European Games and a bronze medal at the European Championships. After a short period of rehab and refocussing she now has her sights on the next few years with hopefully a big reward and accomplishing her dream of playing at the Olympics in 2028. She will soon start an accountancy course to be able to help other players/athletes with their taxes. Next to that music and languages (fluent in English and somewhat fluent in German and Danish) are big hobbies.

### REASONS WHY:

After playing many tournaments on the European but also the World Tour level, I think there is still a lot of things able to be improved for the players to make it more professional. I also think there is a lot to win on the Mental Health part of BE and the sport in general. Experiencing mental issues is very normal, having to overcome some of those struggles myself I think I could motivate players to seek the help if needed and make it more normal to talk about. Being a voice for the players on tour would mean a lot to me. For sure it will also be a great experience for me to volunteer in an organization like BE.

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# Samuel Jones

#### BIOGRAPHY:

I am Sam Jones, a men's doubles player from England. I am currently competing on the European circuit at IS and IC tournaments and have a BWF ranking of 91. Alongside my own badminton career, I coach regularly at the top academy in England and I am also studying for my undergraduate degree in sport and exercise science (BSc hons).

I believe that the work of the BEC athletes' commission is critical to improving our sport. The voice of badminton and para-badminton players across the continent should be central to all of the work that Badminton Europe do. My experience on the European Circuit will enable me to canvas the views of a wide range of athletes from across the continent, allowing me to provide accurate information to the athletes' commission and Badminton Europe.

I am excited to nominate myself for the BEC athletes' commission and hope that I can count on your vote!

#### REASONS WHY:

I am passionate about representing the voice of badminton players across Europe as I believe that the opinions, views and experiences of Europe's players should be central to all of the work that Badminton Europe do. Player feedback should inform decision making and drive changes that can improve our sport for all. Specifically, I am excited to see what I can do to improve the athlete experience for those competing on the European Circuit, amongst other things. In addition to this, I will be committed to listening to the views of other badminton players to find out what I and Badminton Europe can do to improve our sport in the future.



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HUNGARY

Ágnes Körösi

### BIOGRAPHY:

I am Ágnes Körösi, a member of the Hungarian Badminton Association's national team. I am currently studying coaching at the University of Physical Education, but I also work as a coach with younger competitors. Among my students, there were national champions in the U15 and U19 age groups, and they also participate in international competitions.

I am currently ranked 89th in the world. My outstanding achievements in recent years have been the following:

In 2021:04.27-05.02. European Championship – Women's Singles Best 16

05.19-23. Slovenia International – Women's Singles 2nd place

In 2023:11.01.-11.04. Hungarian International Championship - women's individual 2nd place

11.28.-12.02. Welsh International - women's individual 2nd place

In 2024:01.11.-01.14. Estonia International - women's individual 3rd place

04.08.-04.14. European Championship - women's individual 9th place

07.19.-07.24. European Universities Games - women's individual 1st place

### REASONS WHY:

To help and to support.

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**Selena Piek**

### BIOGRAPHY:

Hi I'm Selena Piek, a former Dutch badminton player. I participated in three Olympic Games and I've been European Champion twice. Since Paris 2024 I decided to retire and I'm now in the transition to my new working life. Giving something back to the sport I loved for so long is something I would love to do, That's why I make myself eligible.

### REASONS WHY:

Improving the sport.

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BULGARIA

# Stefani Stoeva

### BIOGRAPHY:

European Games:

Gold medal – first place 2015 Baku Women's doubles

Gold medal – first place 2023 Kraków–Małopolska Women's doubles

European Championships:

Gold medal – first place 2018 Huelva Women's doubles

Gold medal – first place 2021 Kyiv Women's doubles

Gold medal – first place 2022 Madrid Women's doubles

Silver medal – second place 2017 Kolding Women's doubles

Silver medal – second place 2024 Saarbrücken Women's doubles

European Women's Team Championships:

Silver medal – second place 2016 Kazan Women's team

Bronze medal – third place 2014 Basel Women's team

European Junior Championships:

Gold medal – first place 2013 Ankara Women's singles

Gold medal – first place 2013 Ankara Women's doubles

### REASONS WHY:

Stefani Stoeva is great representative of the Women badminton active and high level badminton players. Participating in tournaments all over the world, with good communication skills and in good terms with all players, coaches and all people from the badminton society. We think that Stefani will represent excellent the values of the badminton society.