



Application for Athletes representative

1 position - 2 year term

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Name: Nicholas MacLean

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NOMINEE'S BACKGROUND

What is your athletics background? (Events competed in, years in sport, teams made, etc)

I have been active in track and field for the past seven years. I have been a member of ASEA and competed in a wide variety of events; 60M, 100M, 200M, 400m, long jump, high jump, triple jump, javelin, shot put and relays. I have also competed in the Pentathlon events which allowed me to attain further experience. In both 2010 and 2011, I was ATHLETICS NEW BRUNSWICK BANTAM MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. I was a HERSHEY'S PROVINCIAL FINALIST and had the opportunity of being a NORTH AMERICAN FINALIST in the year 2012 where our 4x100 relay team placed fourth. I was also a member of the NB LEGIONS TEAM for the past three consecutive years. I participated in the spring training camp at ESPN last May and will do so again at the USTFA facility in Florida this year. I have also been an active member of the NB Podium Program for the past 3 years.

Most recently I participated in the Athletics Canada Indoor Championships winning a bronze medal in High Jump. At the Atlantic Indoor Championships I earned a bronze medal in High Jump and competed for the first time in triple jump earning a silver medal.

What relevant skills do you bring to the Association?

I am a grade 11 French immersion student at Bernice MacNaughton High School in Moncton. Many of my courses are at the enriched level; I have a 94% average and I have been on the Principal's Honor List for my academic achievements for the past three years. In 2014 I was received the Junior Varsity award of "MOST PROMISING ATHLETE" from Bernice MacNaughton High School. This past Summer I was selected to participate in the 2014 LEGIONS LEADERSHIP CAMP at Mount Allison University. At this camp we learned and developed our leadership skills with various activities and situations. This experience will help me in this role should I be selected. I was involved in the scouting movement for seven years and received numerous awards. Apart from my track and field activities, I also have my Red Cross National Lifeguard certification.

My participation in the different sporting events within Athletics NB over the past 7 years has provided me a good understanding of the challenges athletes face during training and in competition. As a result, I have become fairly well known among the athletes and I am on a first name basis with the coaching staff, NB officials and the executive director. Participating in the spring training camps has help develop my independence and confidence of my abilities both on and off the track.

In the fall of 2014 I began coaching the Run, Jump, Throw program of which there have been 32 sessions; from this I have learned the value of giving back. I have applied my leadership skills and have gained a valuable coaching perspective. This role has allowed me to develop relationships with Athletics NB's up and coming athletes. Other volunteer experiences with in the track world include the Hub City Classic and the Canadian Senior Championships.

I have experience in dealing with people through my part time position at Sport Chek in Dieppe. With this job I am required to service customers in both French and English. I am very comfortable working in my second language and I am not afraid to ask questions to people, whether they are customers or in a position of authority to get more information when I need to do so.

As a result of my busy school and track schedule I am required to be very organized; a skill I apply to all that I do. Taking on the responsibilities of Athlete Representative will not be a burden to me as getting to know new people, having conversations and presenting my point of view is something I already enjoy doing.

Please outline your key priorities and goals for the Association.

My main priority will be to set up a Facebook group site for ANB members to join and share their issues. I will be an active voice of the athletes. I will listen to their interests and concerns, in English and French, and will bring them forward as needed. I will seek out input on issues the association raises that impact the athletes through this Facebook group. I feel I can bring those issues to the ANB board as I am used to speaking publicly and presenting. I will look for ways to improve what can be improved, and to keep what's already working, to continue without flaws. My role should I be selected, is to voice the opinion of the athletes of New Brunswick. This can be done through my personal experiences, although primarily through the gathering of knowledge on what would benefit the athletes. This valuable information can only be acquired through personal connections, of which I already hold. I feel I am easy to talk to, approachable and would enjoy the opportunity to represent the athletes of New Brunswick.

Interested candidates are asked to send an application form by April 8th, 2015 by email to anb@anb.ca .