

# WAKO IF AC ELECTIONS 2023 CANDIDATES



# LIST OF CANDIDATES



## **AFRICA**

### **Female Candidates**

No Candidates

### **Male Candidates**

No Candidates

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Ms. Maria Fernanda Granados Pliego, Mexico

Ms. Meryl Swidler, USA

Ms. Guillermina Barat, Argentina

### **Male Candidates**

Mr. Juan Leonardo Corrales, Argentina

Mr. Andres Garcia, Guatemala

Mr. Hector Solorio, Mexico

## **ASIA**

### **Female Candidates**

Ms. Sumayah Aldabbagh, Saudi Arabia

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Mr. Mahmoud Alkhatib, Jordan

## **EUROPE**

### **Female Candidates**

Ms. Lucia Feckova, Slovakia

Ms. Alexandra Georgieva, Bulgaria

Ms. Paulina Jarzmik, Poland

Ms. Aleksandra Krstic, Serbia

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Mr. Dino Belosevic, Croatia

Mr. Billy Bryce, Great Britain

Mr. Manuel Garcia Pereira, Spain

Mr. Cebraïl Gencoglu, Turkey

Mr. Kian Golpira, Norway

Mr. Robert Krason, Poland

## **OCEANIA**

### **Female Candidates**

No Candidates

### **Male Candidates**

No Candidates

# AMERICAS



**Guillermina  
Barat**  
**ARGENTINA**

## MY OBJECTIVES

I believe I can be a good reference for all athletes, especially for women, because in my last 20 years I have been practicing martial arts, kickboxing as well as having a family and a professional career.



## Why I am running for the election:

My name is Guillermina Barat, I'm 39 years old, I'm from Argentina. I started taekwondo ITF when I was 4 years old, I work as a doctor specially with athletes as patients because I am specialist in Nutrition. I am part of WAKO since 2015. I started traveling to Europe almost twice a year with the objective of being one of the best warriors of the world. During these years I became mother, I won 3 panamerican championships, and I became world champion in 2021. During these years my husband and I started a school called TOP, that is part of Argentina Kickboxing Federation, with the aim of improve athlete performance including health, training and travelling all over the world. Up to date we have 3 world champions and a lot of athletes in wako ranking.

## Language(s) spoken

English & Spanish

## WAKO discipline(s)

Light Contact/ Kick Fight

## Three words that describe me

Mother, Athlete And Doctor

## Best Sporting career and achievements

First Place: Panamerican: 2015/2018/2022,  
World Champ: Jesolo 2021  
(1 Place Kick Light),  
Hungarian World Cup: 2022  
(1 Place Light Contact),  
Hungarian World Cup 2023: 3 Place  
(Light Contact And Kicklight)

## Professional career (if any)

Doctor  
(Internal Medicine And Nutrition),  
Pnic Europe  
(Psiconeuroinmunologia Clinica)

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Athlete nutrition

# AMERICAS



**Maria Fernanda  
Granados Pliego  
Mexico**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

Grow the sports community and encourage sports to grow in America

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## Why I am running for the election:

I would love to have this opportunity to see my sport from another angle and thus understand this wonderful community from the other side and I think that as an athlete I can also give another approach to the other side to complement and thus continue to grow in a greater way now that our sport is already Olympic.

I think that in America we need to get involved and learn more from the Wako organization and I would like to be able to make America begin to take bigger steps and evolve so that all federations work equally and for the same objective.

## Language(s) spoken

Spanish & English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Point Fighting & Light Contact

## Three words that describe me

Sociable, creative and loyal

## Best Sporting career and achievements

National Champion x5 / Panamerican Champion x2

## Professional career (if any)

In Progress

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A



# AMERICAS



**Meryl  
Swidler  
USA**

## MY OBJECTIVES

I want to support and represent the athletes while providing new ideas and concepts for WAKO, and not limited to the athletes, but the coaches, officials, and spectators to bring more excitement to the sport of



## Why I am running for the election:

My name is Meryl Swidler and I have been a member and active athlete of WAKO USA for almost 15 years. I have competed in National and International events and have attended several Team USA Training seminars over the years. I understand the things it takes and the sacrifices you have to make to achieve a goal such as making it to the podium at a tournament or one day, becoming a World Champion. WAKO has grown so much over the years that I have been a member of but I would like to see even more growth in athletes, coaches, officials, and nations input on how we can become an even stronger organization while we continue to build highly competitive events for the athletes to compete at while we continue to build the sport of kickboxing around the world.

Once I am elected into the WAKO IF Athletes Committee, I would like to bring more excitement to the sport of kickboxing and more involvement from all of the members of WAKO. Surveying all WAKO members is the only way we are able to make changes and figure out ways to make all event improvements. I would like to provide more seminars and opportunities for athletes to learn and grow in the sport to bring their absolute best while competing.

## Language(s) spoken

English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Low Kick

## Three words that describe me

Passionate, Determined, and Teammate

## Best Sporting career and achievements

Pan American Bronze Medalist

## Professional career (if any)

N/A

## Sport Administration career (if any)

WAKO USA Athlete's Committee

# AMERICAS



**Juan  
Leonardo Corrales  
Argentina**

## MY OBJECTIVES

I believe that this is a great possibility to combine my academy Knowledge, add my sport experience in America and the world, to seek a better governance of sports for athletes, enjoying the process and learning as a team for a future of leadership.



## Why I am running for the election:

My name is Juan Leonardo Corrales, Im 28, I from Argentina and I live in Corrientes (In North of Argentina). Since my birth I have breathed Kickboxing because my family lives for this sport but I start to practice Kickboxing since 9 years old.

I love all sports, for this that I Graduated in Physical Education Teacher and Kickboxing is my passion, my love. When I found this possibility, I didn ´t hesitate to sing up.

I really like to learn, work as a team, teach and make kickboxing known to those who still dont know about our sport.

## Language(s) spoken

English & Spanish

## WAKO discipline(s)

Light Contact / Kick light / Full Contact / Low Kick / K1 Style

## Three words that describe me

Athlete, Teacher, Empathic

## Best Sporting career and achievements

Wako IF: 20 times national Champion -  
7 times South American Champion - 7  
Times Pan American Champion - 1 Time  
World Cup Champion /// WAKO PRO:  
National Champion (Light Contact - Low  
Kick - Full Contact) - Pan American Champ  
(Full Contact) - World Champ  
(Full Contact - 60kg)

## Professional career (if any)

Physical Education Teacher

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Coordinator In Secretary Of Sport In  
Corrientes

# AMERICAS



**Andres  
Garcia  
Guatemala**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

To be a voice for all  
Panamerican kicboxers.

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## Why I am running for the election:

In this last 4 years I have meet people from around the world, people who have the same dreams and goals as mines, people who eats, sleeps and dreams about kickboxing, And we all have one thing in common, to spread kickboxing as far as could go, to do possible for athletes around the world to experience true kickboxing, quality kickboxing, from training to competitions. I just want to give back a little bit of everything that kickboxing has given to me.

## Language(s) spoken

English & Spanish

## WAKO discipline(s)

Low Kick, Full Contact, Light Contact, Kick Light, Point Fighting

## Three words that describe me

Discipline, Proactive, Hard work.

## Best Sporting career and achievements

2019 World Champion Kick Light,  
2017 Silver Medal World Championship  
Light Contact, 2015 Bronze Medal World  
Championship Light Contact, 2019 Gold  
Medal Hungarian World Cup Light Contact,  
2016.2028 Panamerican Champion

## Professional career (if any)

Marketing Degree

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A



# AMERICAS



**Hector  
Solorio  
Mexico**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

Help kickboxing to be better

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## Why I am running for the election:

My name is Hector Solorio Bustos, I am 25 years old, and I am Mexican. I have been practicing Kickboxing for 22 years, and throughout this time, my most significant achievements have been:

World Champion

Panamerican Champion x2

National Champion x4

I am an active member of the WAKO Mexico Team. I have always enjoyed supporting fellow athletes and working as a team, which is part of my passion for this sport. I would like to be part of the committee because with the experience I have gained throughout my career, I could contribute to improving proposals in all areas to enhance the athletes' competitive level, motivating them to achieve excellence and maximizing the development of our sport.

## Language(s) spoken

English & Spanish

## WAKO discipline(s)

Low Kick

## Three words that describe me

Responsible, passionate & charismatic

## Best Sporting career and achievements

4x National Champ

2x Panamerican Champ

1x World Champion

## Professional career (if any)

N/A

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A



# ASIA



**Sumayah  
Aldabbagh  
Saudi Arabia**

## MY OBJECTIVES

Dedicated to addressing and fulfilling the needs of fighters across the globe through effective leadership both in and outside of the ring.

## Why I am running for the election:

Athletes, I'm excited to announce my candidacy for the WAKO Athletes Committee. I'm deeply committed to kickboxing, having experienced our shared challenges and triumphs. My goal: prioritize open communication between athletes and WAKO's governing body. I'll ensure our voices influence decisions and champion fairness, athlete welfare, and integrity. I'm dedicated to promoting diversity, inclusion, and gender equality. If elected, I'll guarantee transparency, foster unity, and prioritize athlete well-being. Support me for an inclusive, athlete-focused WAKO future. Your vote counts.

## Language(s) spoken

English - native, Arabic - native

## WAKO discipline(s)

K1, Low Kick

## Three words that describe me

Determined, compassionate, disciplined

## Best Sporting career and achievements

International Jordan Open Tournament, gold (K1)

## Professional career (if any)

N/A

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A



# ASIA



**Mahmoud  
Alkhatib  
JORDAN**

## MY OBJECTIVES

Secure a responsible career opportunity to fully utilize my training and skills, while making a significant contribution to the success of the federation and the game it self.

## Why I am running for the election:

Seeking your vote for WAKO IF Athletes' Committee. I'm committed to:

Protecting athlete rights.  
Promoting unity & inclusivity.  
Advancing athlete development.  
Ensuring transparency.  
Valuing collaborative decisions.  
Let's elevate kickboxing together.

Vote for a passionate advocate.

## Language(s) spoken

Arabic -English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Full Contact

## Three words that describe me

discipline -organized -hardworker

## Best Sporting career and achievements

First place at the Arab championship -2008

## Professional career (if any)

Kickboxing coach

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Member of the technical committee of the Jordanian kickboxing



# EUROPE



**Lucia  
Fecková  
Slovakia**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

I want to be the voice for all the sportmen and sportswomen who are in love with this sport as much as I am and want to improve the quality of our sport.

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## Why I am running for the election:

It is so important for the young talented athletes to have someone to speak for them. I have been an active athlete for almost 10 years and in the last past years I have been engaged in the Slovak Kickboxing Union and also I was also selected to be the part of the first WAKO Game Changers Programme and later selected to be in the WAKO Development Committee. If I am selected, I want to lead by the right example for all the athletes and I want to be the person that they can turn to, who is there for them and is able to change certain things. I know athletes and coaches are sometimes frustrated with how things happen, however, together we can unite and try to make things better. I want to be the one voice for all the athletes.

## Language(s) spoken

English, German, French, Slovak, Czech

## WAKO discipline(s)

Kick light, light contact

## Three words that describe me

motivated, hard-working, determined

## Best Sporting career and achievements

Multiple Slovak champion, Vice-European Champion, World Cup Winner, BBronze

## Professional career (if any)

Sports coach, translator and interpreter, teacher

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Administration and organisation of tournaments for SKU, WAKO Game Changers

# EUROPE



**Alexandra  
Georgieva  
Bulgaria**

## MY OBJECTIVES

My goal as a candidate for a member of the committee is to contribute to the development of the sport.



## Why I am running for the election:

I have been part of the kickboxing world since 2013 and the sport helped me at very young age to make very important decisions, that are giving directions in my life now. That's why I want to apply for a little bit bigger place in this world. I think that young and passionate athletes have a very bright vision about the future of the sport. Personally my perspective about WAKO federation is to succeed and I'm well prepared and ready to work for it. I want everyone to see how good we are as a community, how supportive we are, how fair our sport is and how much passion everyone of us athletes, coaches, referees and every person in WAKO have in their hearts.

## Language(s) spoken

Bulgarian, English, Italian

## WAKO discipline(s)

Pointfighting , Light Contact & Kicklight contact

## Three words that describe me

Passionate, dedicated, impulsive

## Best Sporting career and achievements

Three times WAKO European champion  
Four times WAKO Vice World champion  
Vice European champion  
Best athlete award 2021  
15 times national champion  
Multiple times WAKO World Cup champion  
Multiple times WAKO European Cup champion.

## Professional career (if any)

N/A

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Team coaching, Beginners group Coaching, Event Management

# EUROPE



**Paulina  
Jarzmik  
Poland**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

I would prioritize advocating for fair treatment, safety and opportunities for all athletes in the sport.

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## Why I am running for the election:

I'm already in the committee and I want to work with the whole team on improve our sport as we did so far. I want to stand for the athletes and make everything better for them. Like about the rights for women, fairplay, safety and much more. I'd like to do more frequent online meetings, but planed before so that everybody can always plan much earlier.

## Language(s) spoken

German, Polish, English

## WAKO discipline(s)

PF, LC, KL, K1

## Three words that describe me

Openminded, crazy and visionary

## Best Sporting career and achievements

5 x World title, 3 x European titel, 33 x World Cup

## Professional career (if any)

N/A

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Former GameChanger, Athletes Committee, Educational Com.



# EUROPE



**Aleksandra  
Krstic  
Serbia**

## MY OBJECTIVES

I want to contribute to the athletes development within WAKO and to give my best knowledge in creating a strategy of supporting athletes in their sport and non sport careers.



## Why I am running for the election:

I want to contribute to the athletes development within WAKO and to give my best knowledge in creating a strategy of supporting athletes in their sport and non sport careers. I would like to be involved in decision making processes and to be aware of the way the athletes are included into decisions which concerns their career. I have very successful career as the athlete and I want to share experiences I have as the athlete to make the best practices. I want to except one more challenge in my life.

## Language(s) spoken

English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Low Kick, K1, Full Contact

## Three words that describe me

Persistent, Resilient, Stubborn.

## Best Sporting career and achievements

2014: WAKO European Championships silver medalist, K1. 2015: WAKO World Championships gold medalist. 2016: WAKO European Championships gold medalist. 2017: WAKO World Championships gold medalist. 2018: WAKO European Championships bronze medalist. 2019: WAKO World Championships gold medalist. 2021: WAKO World Championships silver medalist. 2022: The World Games gold medalist. 2022: WAKO European Championships bronze medalist. 2023: The European Games gold medalist. From 2017-2021 gold medalist at WAKO World Cups and WAKO European Cups.

## Professional career (if any)

9 professional matches

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A

# EUROPE



**Dino  
Belošević**  
**Croatia**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

Create system of communication and decision involvement of athletes with officials.

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## Why I am running for the election:

The existence of a gap between the activities of officials and the athletes themselves creates an unfair system in which the real meaning of the organization is lost, It should be to provide help and a framework for athletes in their efforts to achieve success and engage in sports. Often the list of priorities for the functioning of institutions is distorted to the detriment of athletes who do not have a voice and struggle to agitate for their interests. Athletes need a channel through which their needs can be directly lobbied and their voice heard. A stable system based on clearly defined criteria with increased influence of the athletes' voice, which are the main basis for the functioning of any sports institution is needed.

## Language(s) spoken

English, Croatian.

## WAKO discipline(s)

Full Contact, Low kick, K1.

## Three words that describe me

versatility, dedication, perseverance,

## Best Sporting career and achievements

Wako world champion 2011, 3\*bronze medalist from Wako EC and WC

## Professional career (if any)

Wako Pro world title in K1 runner up, multiple professional fights in deferent organisations.,

## Sport Administration career (if any)

I was selected as president of WAKO Education Committee.

# EUROPE



**Billy  
Bryce  
Britain**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

To help forward our progression into Olympic family and a voice for our athletes

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## Why I am running for the election:

With extensive involvement in WAKO as an athlete, Coach, and now a Kickboxing GB Board Member, I've encountered both the ups and downs that many of you athletes have faced. I believe I can, at the very least, effectively represent your concerns to WAKO IF Committees and the Board of Directors. I previously served on the WAKO IF Athlete Committee, contributing to positive changes that benefit athletes in various championships. I understand the challenges you face, from financial struggles to missed family events, but I also admire your dedication and drive to succeed. As we celebrate our progress and Olympic recognition, I seek your vote and support to continue working towards your dreams of success and Olympic medals.

## Language(s) spoken

English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Point fighting -69kg

## Three words that describe me

Honest, Fair, Nice

## Best Sporting career and achievements

World, European, British 1990, 1997. World and European Silver and Bronze medalist. 2009 -79kg Veteran World Champion.

## Professional career (if any)

N/A

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Member Board director for Kickboxing GB (WAKO GB)



# EUROPE



**Manuel  
Garcia Pereira  
Spain**

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## MY OBJECTIVES

Being able to contribute to sport as an active athlete, providing possible improvements or changes that can be applied to make our sport bigger

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## Why I am running for the election:

Perhaps I am not the Spanish national team athlete with the most experience in WAKO, but I think this can be beneficial to be able to detect points of improvement and make fresh contributions to our sport. I am a very collaborative person, so you can count on my help for whatever you may need. Let's make our sport even bigger!!!

## Language(s) spoken

Spanish And English

## WAKO discipline(s)

K1

## Three words that describe me

Disciplined, collaborative and nature lover

## Best Sporting career and achievements

Bronze medal Wako World championship Antalaya 2021. Three times Spanish FEKM champion in K1. Spanish FEKM champion in Full contact . 70w- 15L- 25Ko

## Professional career (if any)

Two times Wako World Champion in Low Kick. Wako Iberia Champion in Low Kick. Two times Fekm Spanish Champion in K1 .20W- 1L- 5Ko

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A

# EUROPE



**Cebrail  
Gencoglu  
Turkey**

## MY OBJECTIVES

Working For A Better - Lighter  
Wako.

## Why I am running for the election:

Education: Doctorate In Sports Sciences  
With A Specialization In Kickboxing  
Bioenergetics, Time-Motion Analysis, And  
Physiological Requirements, Master's  
Degree In Sports Sciences, Bachelor's  
Degree In Sports Sciences

Professional Achievements,  
Current Kickboxing 63kg Kicklight  
European (2022) And World (2021)  
Champion In Seniors. 1st Ranking In The  
Relevant Category For 3 Years.

## Language(s) spoken

English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Kick Light

## Three words that describe me

Dr - Champion - Passion

## Best Sporting career and achievements

World And European Champion

## Professional career (if any)

3W 1L

## Sport Administration career (if any)

Former Member Of Wako If Athlete  
Committee



# EUROPE



**Kian  
Golpira  
Norway**

## MY OBJECTIVES

Improve the professionalism of our sport



## Why I am running for the election:

I am running for election because i want to continue making positive changes to the sports we all love. My main goal is to work on the quality of kickboxing events and that our sport becomes more and more professional. I have been on the Athletes Committe since between 2019 and 2023 and had a great time developping ideas and contributing to positive changes that our sports has been going through.

My experience as an athlete who has been taking part in Cadet, Junior and Senior Championships will help me to see all your perspectives and even though my main category is Fullcontact il have also been competing on the Tatami, even on international Senior Level. I have earlier been making my self strong for athletes safeguarding and preventing sexualization of our sports, I have been trying my best to make suggestions improving out tournament standard and to always have fair conditions for all athletes. If i get your vote I would love to continue with that and more, that improves the everyday as a WAKO Athlete.

## Language(s) spoken

Norwegian, German, English (fluently)  
Spanish, French (basics)

## WAKO discipline(s)

Full contact

## Three words that describe me

structured, effective, precise

## Best Sporting career and achievements

World Champion 2015, European Silver 2018,  
WAKO Pro World Champion

## Professional career (if any)

Master of Sports Science, Elite trainer  
studies, leading gym/club

# EUROPE



**Robert  
Krason  
Poland**

## MY OBJECTIVES

The future belongs to competent. Get good, get better, be the best.  
Development at every level.



## Why I am running for the election:

I have been a WAKO fighter for years, i know this sport. In my career, I lost the first fights of the tournament, but I also won the highest awards. I think I know what the players need. I will be happy to share my experience and help the next generations fulfill our dreams or become an Olympic program in Los Angeles. To avoid this, we must be united and develop our sport on every level. Today not only hard training is important. I know that it is our main goal but we need to develop our dietary, physical, regeneration and social media skills. After the last championship, definitely we must work on organizing a proper and better sayonara party. Ultimately it is important to listen to what the players have to say.

## Language(s) spoken

Polish/ German/ English

## WAKO discipline(s)

Full Contact/ K1

## Three words that describe me

Winner never quit, quitters never win

## Best Sporting career and achievements

WC II place, EC I place, EOG I place,  
WAKO Pro Camp

## Professional career (if any)

10 wins 2 losses

## Sport Administration career (if any)

N/A

