

★ New England Swimming ★

★ Athlete Representative Bios 2019-20 ★



★ Senior Athlete Rep: Jake Eastman (SOLO) ★

IG: @jake_eastman

Jake swims for SOLO Aquatics and is currently a senior at Nashoba Regional High School. He was chosen to be an athlete rep on the Board back in 2017, and since then, Jake has been an extremely valuable contributor in representing the athlete voice in governance settings. Jake also serves on the Senior and Calendar Committees as well.

Jake has dedicated himself to the athletes in various ways. He is always willing to represent the athlete's opinions on a variety of issues such as our championship meets, various technical rules, and other governance items. Jake also spearheaded the founding of the Athlete's Committee, in order to get even more athletes involved with the LSC.

After beginning his swimming career with a local recreational team, Jake has now been swimming for over nearly thirteen years, and still enjoys the sport for all the experiences and friendships it has given him. The sport and the people he has met through it have influenced him into the person he is today!

❖ Fun Fact: Jake owns his own landscaping business!

★ Junior Athlete Rep: Aaron Zhu (SOLO) ★

IG: @aaron.zhu8

Aaron is currently a senior at Chelmsford High School. He started on the Technical Committee in August 2017, and was then appointed as an Athlete At-Large to the Board of Directors in October 2017. He became the Junior Athlete Rep due to the governance changes in January 2020. As an athlete rep, he also serves on Technical and Calendar Committees.

Aaron is fully committed to serving the athletes of New England. He always wants to bring something new to the athlete experience that can help athletes feel more excited about the sport. He has helped bring Athlete's Hospitality and the All Star Meet to NES. He also runs the NES Instagram!

Since starting swimming for a local recreational team at 5, Aaron has qualified for national level meets. One of the best things he loves about swimming is being able to have so many awesome friends and teammates that he is grateful for over the years. He continues to give back to the swimming community as he loves teaching swim lessons and coaching at his summer club!

❖ Fun Fact: Aaron is verbally committed to swim at MIT next fall! He also loves TikTok.



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At-Large Athlete Rep: Issy Hiller (UVAC)

IG: @isabellerhillier

Issy is currently a Junior at Woodstock Union High School and swims for UVAC. She believes that one of the best things about NES is the congeniality in and out of the water. She has a strong desire to help with the other events special to NES such as the Top Ten Banquet and Athlete's Hospitality. One of Issy's biggest focuses as an athlete rep is making sure each athlete has equal opportunities in the sport.

Issy is now in her twelfth year in the sport, and she is proud of the numerous injuries and hardships that she has persevered through the sport. The team aspect of the sport is most important to her, as she continues to give back to various swimming communities, even as a coach for her rec team.

❖ Fun Fact: Issy loves cats and is a huge fan of Dan + Shay!

At-Large Athlete Rep: Ellie Soska (CRIM)

IG: @ellie.soska9

Ellie swims for Crimson Aquatics - Wellesley and is currently a sophomore at Dover Sherborn High School. She appreciates greatly how NES cares so much about the athletes having a voice in the LSC. They care a lot about making the sport the best for its athletes. She deeply values the aspect of fun in the sport, and advocates for various events that help keep athletes engaged in the sport.

Since swimming at six years old, Ellie is extremely grateful for how far she has come in the sport. Her drive to keep pushing herself at practices to improve keeps her excited for what's next for her to achieve in the sport. Ellie is further involved in the swimming community as a volunteer coach for her town's rec team.

❖ Fun Fact: Ellie loves to bake and loves mashed potatoes!



At-Large Athlete Rep: Erik Linseisen (EDGE)

IG: @erik_linseisen

Erik swims for EDGE and is a junior at Champlain Valley Union High School. As an athlete rep since the fall of 2018. Erik also serves on the Senior and Technical Committees. He believes that New England Swimming is very supportive and encouraging of all its athletes to reach their potential through competitive swimming. As an athlete rep, one of his biggest goals is to continue that and help further that type of environment for the athletes.

Erik began swimming with a Vermont summer league team at 7 years old, and since then he competed in meets around the nation. He loves the many connections he has made through the sport, and seeing how his hard work pays off in the pool.

❖ Fun Fact: Erik loves lobster and loves the outdoors!

