



Applications for the 2019-2021 Florida Swimming Athlete Committee Members

The Florida Swimming Athlete Committee (FLAC) is opening applications for eight of Florida's brightest, most motivated athletes to join the nation's finest Athlete Committee. If you are a hard-working, devoted, and mature athlete seeking the opportunity to make notable impacts on the sport, this opportunity is for you. This is also a primary step for individuals wishing to join the ranks of athlete representation, which extends both to higher Florida Swimming positions, USA Swimming programming posts, and USA Swimming National Committee positions.

Interested applicants should use the following link to complete the application: https://www.cognitofrms.com/FloridaSwimming1/_20192020FLACMemberApplication

Applications are open May 24 through June 14. This position is aimed at athletes 9th-11th grade, but 8th and 12th graders may be considered. This is a two-year term, through June 30, 2021.

FLAC members serve both as voting members of the Athlete Committee and as full members of individual FL committees. The following positions are currently available:

- Diversity
- Finance
- Officials
- Areas 2, 4, 6

Please note: Area Representatives must swim with their team in the Area which they represent.

Process: After applications close, a subcommittee of the BOD Athlete Reps will review the submitted applications. They will then select the group that they feel best fits the committee positions in regards to their motivation and qualifications, as well as the quality of the responses they submit to the questions listed. Once selected, they will place the appointees in positions that most directly reflect both the requests of the applicants and any other relevant information.

While we cannot promise everyone will get their first option, we will do our best to appoint people as closely as possible. **We will not select applicants on an individual exclusive basis of position requested; e.g. applying for certain committees will not give an applicant a better chance of overall acceptance.** Applicants should list their preferred committees however they would like – the overall best applicants will be selected first prior to consideration towards placing. Therefore, athletes need not worry that they are applying for a “popular” committee and will thus be less likely to be granted any position whatsoever.

Duties and Qualifications: (As noted in the FLAC Manual, under the FL Policies & Procedures)

Duties

Committee members shall be responsible for duties including but not limited to the following:

- Voicing + voting of the Athlete Committee's opinions at all committee meetings
- Communicating decisions and information between the Athlete Committee and their respective committees
- Attendance at all Athlete Committee and respective committee meetings (unless adequate notice is given to the Senior and Junior Athlete Representatives)
- Voicing + voting of their own opinions at Athlete Committee meetings

Qualifications

To be appointed as a committee representative, unless otherwise waived by the Senior and Junior Athlete Representative, an athlete must:

- Have/maintain a 3 weighted GPA (4-point scale)
- Have at least a current LSC championship qualifying time in their respective age group
- Be willing to attend all FL meetings as dictated
- Have been an active member of USA Swimming for at least 2 years
- Live within the territory of the LSC, and be a member in good standing of a club within the LSC

All questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to flathlereps2@gmail.com, or to the contact information below – please do not hesitate to contact us. This is a position with high expectations, as athlete representation is a constantly demanding task, but is filled with both opportunity and excitement.

Thank you,

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