

RE: application to become committee member/advisor – ICF Freestyle Committee



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Relevant experience:

My involvement with whitewater boating began with my son's desire to paddle whitewater. That began 16 years ago, when he was 6 years old. Competition began a few years later at a local monthly event – the Maryland Chute Out- an informal competition held by the local paddling community every year during the spring, summer and early fall months. I both paddled and judged at this event, as did all the boaters. The scoring system was very simple and allowed for non-trained judging. At the age of 14, Jordan (and I) were talked into becoming involved in the Junior Olympic program. It is almost impossible to paddle in the Washington DC area and not interact and become involved in the slalom programs in the area. Jordan competed in at least 2 Junior Olympics, which I involved myself in as scoring/ judging and general athlete support. I served as head judge for the early rounds in his 2nd Junior Olympics in Wausau, Wisconsin in the Freestyle discipline. I was replaced for the finals because Jordan was the leading competitor. He actually scored even better with the replacement local judges and won the overall by a large margin. After his first Junior Olympics, held in Colorado, Jordan decided to compete on the spring tour in Colorado – FiBark, GoPro Games, Lyons Festival, et al. As he was too young to drive, I attended this tour with him for at least 4 years. I took judging classes from the Jacksons and partially passed the 2nd or 3rd year (limited to non-national competitions) at Fibark. I generally served as a scribe for the competitions or, at least, in some volunteer capacity. At age 15 Jordan also made his first National Freestyle Team in C1, so I became involved as a general volunteer. As a team member parent, I have attended 4 World Championships – Thun, Switzerland; Plattling, German; NOC, USA; and Ottawa, Canada. I served as team manager at the Ottawa Worlds last year. This past spring, I was elected to the US Freestyle Committee, which I currently serve on.

While limited in my experience on sporting committees, I feel that I have the energy, enthusiasm and time (I am self-employed) to devote to making Freestyle Kayaking a better sport. I have an interest in improving the scoring definitions, and the competition notifications and communications with the athletes.