

# **Paddle CV**

Jez Jezz AUS

Jez Jezz has been on the Australian Freestyle Kayak team for countless years, over a decade of competitive representation winning three world cups and numerous national championships.

He has been on the ICF Freestyle committee previously working under current ICF Vice President Lluís Rabaneda helping coordinate world cups and championships around the globe. He has been pivotal with media relations where he will continue to bridge the gap between the media team and local coordinating committee.

Jez has previously been chair of the Australian Freestyle Committee for over a decade helping shape the direction of the freestyle in Australia and helping run countless national championships.

Jez has been the face and voice of ICF freestyle world championships as lead announcer and media presenter showcasing freestyle kayaking. He was nominated as athlete representative in 2013 by an all athlete vote and has continued to be a voice of athletes within the ICF. Jez has also been instrumental in creating a schools program at world championship locations, where athletes visit local schools and share a cultural exchange which helps draw crowds to the event.

Jez's passion for the sport can not be denied, driving passionate meetings within Paddle Australia making inroads for non Olympic disciplines at PA AGMs, pushing for equality within genders as well as disciplines. He made a successful push within the sport to have equal female and male representation at world championships. Previously there were five male and three female places allocated for nations competing, after the successful push there are now 5 spaces allocated to both male and female categories. While on the ICF freestyle committee, he also helped with the introduction of the female C1 category, again pushing equality within the sport.

He has been the only Oceania representative on the ICF freestyle committee and if successful will again be the only person representing Oceania.

For these reasons mentioned we recommend Jez's nomination to the ICF

freestyle committee.