



# LIFESAVING SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ DE SAUVETAGE

*The Lifeguarding Experts*  
*Les experts en surveillance aquatique*

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Nova Scotia Branch  
Division de la  
Nouvelle Écosse

**Date:** October 24, 2016  
**Position:** Lifesaving Sport Athlete Representative  
**Subject:** Call for Nominations

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Lifesaving sport is the only sport whose skills are first learned for humanitarian purposes. Through lifesaving sport, the Lifesaving Society seeks to engage and inspire youth in our drowning prevention mission. Our lifesaving sport objectives are:

- To support the drowning prevention work of the Lifesaving Society and its humanitarian mission.
- To provide athletes, coaches and officials opportunities for participation in lifesaving sport at all levels from developmental to high performance.
- To position the Lifesaving Society internationally as a leader in lifesaving sport.

While lifesaving competition in Canada has changed significantly since the Society's first Canadian Lifeguard Championships in 1977, some things never change. Our humanitarian mission remains the foundation of all of the Society's activities.

**Purpose:** To ensure that Nova Scotia athletes' views and opinions are represented and acted upon. The Lifesaving Society athlete representative will speak on behalf of athletes from all levels of lifesaving sport pertaining to lifesaving sport in Nova Scotia as well as act as a liaison between Nova Scotia athletes and the national elected athlete representative.

**Responsibilities:**

- 1) To represent Nova Scotia athletes on the National Athlete's Council
- 2) To communicate promptly and routinely with athletes.
- 3) To chair the Nova Scotia athletes forum annually.
- 4) To establish athlete representatives at the club level that will become the conduit for communication to athletes within Nova Scotia Monitor and provide input into the development of lifesaving sport programs
- 5) To maintain confidentiality when required on behalf of the Nova Scotia athletes, thus allowing them to communicate with the athlete representative in confidence.
- 6) Respond to all inquiries, recommendations and concerns submitted in writing by Nova Scotia athletes to the attention of the athlete representative.

- 7) Attend Lifesaving Sport Council meetings, Council of Officers meetings as required and the Annual General Meeting.
- 8) Report to Lifesaving Sport Council on the status of the portfolio's annual objectives.
- 9) Prepare an annual report on the portfolio's accomplishments.
- 10) Liaise with National Sport Organization counterparts.

**Term of Office:** Appointed by the Board of Directors to the Lifesaving Sport Council for a term of two years.

**Reporting Relationship:** To the Sport Council Chair and the Lifesaving Society Board of Directors as required.

**Meeting Frequency:** 4-6 times a year in person or by conference call.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for nomination to the Nova Scotia Sport Council as athlete representative, on the closing date of nominations one must be:

- A registered athlete in good standing
- Hold a current bronze medallion or higher certification
- Have competed at a PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL championship within the last 3 years.

Athlete representatives may be nominated by any Nova Scotia registered athletes in good standing. It is important that the athlete body be permitted to nominate whomever they wish to the sport council and thus it is important not to outline too many conditions.

**Application process:** To nominate someone please submit a nomination letter outlining why they would be a good candidate for the position of athlete representative to Paul D'Eon, Nova Scotia Sport Commissioner at [paul.deon@nsls.ns.ca](mailto:paul.deon@nsls.ns.ca). If you have any question please feel to contact the Sport Commissioner at 902-477-6155.

**Deadline for applications:** November 13, 2016