

2022 Athlete Representative Nomination

Name	Club	Why are you running?	Why should you be elected?
Payton Foster	CPAC	<p>The Junior Athlete Representative should be a voice for the swimmers in CT. Swimmers in CT and around the world have had a very challenging time being able to train and compete the past two years. Now that things are getting back to normal I would like to be a part of CT Swimming as it works to help our swimmers continue to be a dominant force in USA Swimming.</p>	<p>Swimming is my main focus and passion outside of school. I have had the opportunity to get to know many CT swimmers as a result of all the travel meets I do. I feel like I have a good sense of the support swimmers need. I would like to expand my involvement in the sport I love in new and different ways.</p>
Andrew Berkowitz	WRAT	<p>I believe the role of the Junior Athlete Representative should be to represent the perspective of the student-athlete to the CT Swim Board of Directors, serve as a role model for younger swimmers, and more broadly as an ambassador for the sport in the community. I believe it is important that the representative is able to communicate the positive impact that swimming can have, provide feedback on the challenges facing student-athletes today, and advice on how the sport can have an even greater impact.</p>	<p>I will be a good representative of Connecticut swimmers because I have been part of the community for the past eight years. I understand the amount of work that swimmers of all levels put into the sport, both mentally and physically, as well as the highs (such as personal bests) and lows (such as injuries). I also just experienced the first full season of high school swimming since COVID, and I appreciate the difficulties of balancing club and high school swimming along with academics and other extracurriculars.</p>
Elliot Lee	BULL	<p>The role of Junior Athlete Representative should be to act as an ambassador. They should engage continuously by attending meetings and look for ways to give CT swimmers a voice in the Board of Directors. With this outreach, a Jr Athlete Representative can bring ideas regarding meet feedback, format, and scheduling to the CT Swim board so actions can be made in the best interests of swimmers.</p>	<p>I would be a good representative of the Connecticut swimmers as I am close to the swimming community. I have been able to meet a large network of coaches, swimmers, and officials. My relationships with CT club swimmers and high school swimmers of many ages and experience levels would help me become a good representative. Along with my connections, I am conscientious, hardworking, and will always find a way to help someone.</p>

I believe the role of Junior Athlete Representative is to improve the experiences and future opportunities of Connecticut Athletes and to be a voice for the swimmers throughout the state. This could include topics like where and how championship meets are hosted/managed, so that athletes have the best opportunity to compete and qualify for meets beyond the state of Connecticut. In addition, a Junior Athlete Representative should assist in the planning of in state events, such as the Top 16 Banquet, so that swimmers can enjoy attending these events and they can celebrate their achievements in a unique way. In addition, I believe Junior Representatives must also work together to solve issues that may come up during the swim season, so that swimmers have the best opportunities to be successful.

I believe that I would make a good representative as I have been a swimmer in Connecticut for the last nine years. I have spent my entire swimming career with the Wilton Wahoos and I have attended numerous swim meets in and out of the state of Connecticut. Having experienced meets, at all levels, I know what swimmers need and appreciate at swim meets and other swim related events. It is my hope that these experiences would enable me to contribute new ideas and promote positive changes, within Connecticut Swimming, so that my fellow teammates and athletes across our state can have a better swimming experience.

To ensure that swimming continues smoothly. To help plan and organize events. To make sure that safe-sport is applied within club and high school programs.

I would be a good representative of the Connecticut swimmers, From my swimming experiences, I have been able to understand many of my peer's opinions on what could be improved in their program. As someone who has worked hard to improve as a swimmer, I will do the same to improve the quality and safety of our swimming experiences.

Madison Winslow WYW

Chase J Shapiro WRAT