

NELSON BRAILLARD

Candidate — IPCH Athletes & Coaches Committee

18

Years Playing

4×

World Championships

3×

European Championships

6

Clubs / 3 Countries

 **French**
Native

 **English**
Professional

 **German**
Intermediate

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Over the past 18 years, powerchair hockey has been at the heart of my life. Since making my international debut with the Swiss National Team in 2010, I have competed at five World Championships, including a Bronze Medal in 2022 and three European Championships. Playing across three national leagues in Switzerland, Germany, and Italy has given me a perspective on how our sport is experienced across nations and levels. I am standing for election to the ACC SEC representative role because I want to do more than witness the growth of our sport. I want to actively shape it. I will bring my experience across nations, leagues, and leadership roles to represent the real needs of athletes and coaches, advocate for better conditions and quality of events, and strengthen the bridge between our community and IPCH leadership.

Powerchair hockey has given me so much. This is my opportunity to give something back.

INTERNATIONAL CAREER — SWISS NATIONAL TEAM

Swiss National Team

2010 – present

- Active international career spanning 15+ years with consistent presence at major IPCH events
- Appointed co-captain in 2023, representing team leadership both on and off the pitch
- Active voice for player welfare, fair play, and team development

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

World Championships

2010

2014

2018

2022  Bronze

2026 Upcoming

European Championships

2012

2016

2024

CLUB CAREER

Whirldrivers Lausanne — Switzerland

2008 – 2017

- Founding years of playing career in home city of Lausanne; rose to team captain

Torpedo Ladenburg — Germany, 1st League

2016 – 2024

- Competed in the German 1st Division — one of Europe's most competitive domestic leagues

Torpedo Turicum — Switzerland, NLA

2021 – 2024

- Co-founded the club to compete in the Swiss NLA
- Club administration & sponsors research
- Held co-captaincy role, contributing to club culture and on-court leadership

Iron Cats Zurich — Switzerland, NLA

2024 – 2025

- Joined Iron Cats Zurich and won the Swiss National Championship 24/25

Rolling Thunders Bern — Switzerland, NLA

2025 – present

- Current club; appointed co-captain

Skorpions Varese — Italy, Serie A1

2025 – present

- Holds double license to compete in Italian Serie A1

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

IPCH Temporary Athletes & Coaches Committee

2024 – present

- Active member since the ACC's inception, working to represent athlete and coach voices
- Contributed to the committee's early-stage development and the establishment of its working practices

COACHING DEVELOPMENT

◆ Coaching Trainee

2022 – present

Sport + Handicap Education — Swiss Coaching Courses

- Undertaking formal coaching education through Sport + Handicap Education
- Building skills in player development, adapted sports methodology, and leadership to contribute to the growth of powerchair hockey

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

◆ Product Manager

July 2025 – present

Allianz Direct

◆ Product Owner / Software Engineer in Test

2021 – 2025

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Key skills: Product leadership · Stakeholder communication · Agile/Scrum · Requirements engineering · Strategic planning · Cross-functional collaboration

EDUCATION

◆ Bachelor's Degree — Business Information Technology

2018 – 2021

Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW)

◆ Technical Professional Maturity

2017 – 2018

École Technique — ETML Lausanne

◆ CFC — Informatique

2013 – 2017

École Technique — ETML Lausanne