NELSON BRAILLARD

Candidate — IPCH Member at Large

18	5×	3×	6
Years Playing	World Championships	European Championships	Clubs / 3 Countries

🇫🇷 French	🇬🇧 English	🇩🇪 German
Native	Professional	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, winning the Gold Medal in 2026 and 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 as Member at Large because I want to do more than witness the growth of our sport — I want to help shape it. Fifteen years of international play across three national leagues have given me a close view of how our sport works day to day — from national teams and clubs to the events that bring us all together. I would like to put that experience to work alongside the IPCH, its member nations, and the people who keep the game running, contributing a practical, on-the-ground perspective wherever it can be useful to the board.

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** 🥇 Gold
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

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