

VERONICA **CONCEIÇÃO**

Candidate — IPCH Event and Competition Officer

25+	10	5+	3
YEARS IN POWERCHAIR HOCKEY	YEARS ON THE NATIONAL TEAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS	CLUBS / 2 COUNTRIES

🇩🇪 **German** Native · 🇵🇹 **Portuguese** Native · 🇫🇷 **French** Professional · 🇬🇧 **English** Advanced · 🇮🇹 **Italian** Intermediate · 🇪🇸 **Spanish** Intermediate

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Powerchair hockey has been a major part of my life for many years. I played for the Swiss National Team for around ten years, from my international debut in 2014 until the end of my international career in 2024, wearing the captain's armband along the way, and in 2008 I became the first Swiss female player to compete abroad. Since then I have come to know competitions from the other side as well: as a jury member at IPCH events, as President of the Swiss Technical Committee, and as Team Manager of the Swiss National Team at the 2026 World Championship in Finland.

I am standing for election as Event and Competition Officer because this is the part of our sport I know from every angle — the regulations and how they are applied in a jury room, the calendars and structures behind a season, and the organisation, logistics and budgeting that decide whether an event runs well for the teams taking part. I would like to help our competitions be well prepared, consistently officiated and dependable to plan around, and to keep the exchange between organisers, national federations, athletes and the IPCH close and practical.

After many years on the pitch, I would like to keep serving this sport from the other side of the boards — with the same commitment.

INTERNATIONAL CAREER

2014 – 2024 **Switzerland — National Team**

— Around ten years with the Swiss National Team, from international debut in 2014 to the end of the international career in 2024
— Served as captain, representing the team both on and off the pitch
— Continued in leadership and organisational roles after ending the international career

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

World Ch. **2014 2018 2022 · 🥉 Bronze**

European Ch. **2016 2024**

CLUB CAREER

1998 – 2008 **Iron Cats Zürich — Switzerland, Swiss Cup**

— Early years of the playing career in Switzerland

2008 – 2024 **Torpedo Ladenburg — Germany, 1st League**

— First Swiss female player to compete abroad, joining the German first league in 2008
— Vice-President of the club and responsible for its accounting

2020 – 2024 **Torpedo Turicum — Switzerland, 1st League**

— Co-founder and captain of the club
— President — club administration, sponsoring and accounting

2024 – 2025 **Iron Cats Zürich — Switzerland, 1st League**

— Final club of the active playing career, which ended in the summer of 2025

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

2025 – present

Swiss Powerchair Hockey — Technical Committee, President

— Leads the Technical Committee and contributes to league organisation and regulations

— Works on referee and classifier development, national-team structures and the long-term development of Swiss Powerchair Hockey

2025 – present

Swiss National Team — Team Manager

— Responsible for organisation, logistics, budgeting, communication and coordination

— Team Manager when Switzerland won the 2026 World Championship in Finland

2010 – 2012

IPCH — Jury Member (former)

— International experience in jury work, competition procedures and the application of powerchair hockey regulations

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

2026 · Part 2 completed

ESA Specialist Training — Sport + Handicap — Magglingen, Switzerland

— Training in leading and developing sport activities for people with disabilities

— Part of the pathway toward the Sport + Handicap Polysport leadership qualification

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2007 – present

Chief Accountant / Deputy Head — Verein Behinderten-Reisen Zürich (VBRZ)

Key skills

Financial management · Accounting · Budgeting · Administration · Human resources (HR) · Organisation · Leadership · Team coordination · Project management · Stakeholder communication · Event logistics · Multilingual communication