

REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM

Athlete



Personal Details

Name: Rami Anis

Country of origin: Syria

Host Country: Belgium

Date of Birth: 18.3.1991

Refugee status: Issued by the General Commissariat for refugees on 28.12.2015

Sporting Details

Sport: Swimming

Discipline: 100m butterfly

Coach: Carine Verbauwen

Training location: Eeklo, Belgium

Background

Rami was an international swimmer in Syria. When the war in Syria started, Rami was 20 years old and consequently would have been eligible (and most probably called up) to join the army. To avoid that, Rami and his family decided to join his brother in Istanbul in 2011. They decided to move to Belgium in October 2015 where they also had family members. While in Belgium he and his family started looking for a swimming club. In February 2016 he started training at the Royal Ghent Swimming Club.

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Personal Details

Name: Yiech Pur Biel

Country of origin: South Sudan

Host Country: Kenya

Age : 21

Refugee status: Officially recognized by UNHCR as a refugee on 04.03.2005. The athlete will receive an official refugee passport from the UNHCR before the Games in Rio.

Sporting Details

Sport: Athletics

Discipline: 800m

Coach: Tegla Loroupe

Training location: Nairobi, Kenya

Background

Pur arrived in Kakuma in 2005 from Nasir, South Sudan. He fled South Sudan with his relatives to escape war. He lived in Kakuma with his relatives while his parents remained in Nasir. He never went back to South Sudan. In 2015, he heard that the Tegla Loroupe Foundation was organizing athletics trials in Kakuma. Pur took part in the trials, showed promising results and was selected to join the Foundation. He has been there ever since.

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Personal Details

Name: James Nyang Chiengjiek

Country of origin: South Sudan

Host Country: Kenya

Age : 28

Refugee status: Officially recognized by UNHCR as a refugee on 01.12.2014. The athlete will receive an official refugee passport from the UNHCR before the Games in Rio.

Sporting Details

Sport: Athletics

Discipline: 400m

Coach: Tegla Loroupe

Training location: Nairobi, Kenya

Background

James is from Bentiu, South Sudan. His father was a soldier who died in 1999 during the war. When he was a young boy he took care of cattle. He escaped from South Sudan when the war broke out as he was under the risk of being taken by the army to participate in the war. He arrived in Kenya in 2002 and integrated the Kakuma Refugee camp where the UNHCR supported him. He went to school and started running there. The UNHCR told him of a selection process to join the Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation in 2013. He has been training there ever since.

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Personal Details

Name: Yonas Kinde

Country of origin: Ethiopia

Host Country: Luxembourg

Date of Birth: 07.05.1980

Refugee status: Holds an official refugee passport issued in 27.11.2013

Sporting Details

Sport: Athletics

Discipline: Marathon

Coach: Yves Göldi

Training location: Luxembourg (City)

Background

Yonas has been under international protection in Luxembourg since October 2013. He has competed in many marathons and reached the qualifying standards for Rio during the Frankfurt Marathon in October 2015. He currently trains at the national school of physical education and sports in Luxembourg.

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Personal Details

Name: Anjaline Nadai Lohalith

Country of origin: South Sudan

Host Country: Kenya

Age : 21

Refugee status: Officially recognized by UNHCR as a refugee on 27.06.2014. The athlete will receive an official refugee passport from the UNHCR before the Games in Rio.

Sporting Details

Sport: Athletics

Discipline: 1500m

Coach: Tegla Loroupe

Training location: Nairobi, Kenya

Background

Anjaline arrived in Kakuma with her aunt in 2002. She escaped because of the war. While at high school, she participated in many running competitions. In 2015 one of her teachers told her that she should participate in a 10 km run organized by the Tegla Loroupe Foundation. Based on her promising results, she was selected and has been training with the Foundation ever since.

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Personal Details

Name: Rose Nathike Lokonyen

Country of origin: South Sudan

Host Country: Kenya

Age : 23

Refugee status: Officially recognized by UNHCR as a refugee on 23.06.2002. The athlete will receive an official refugee passport from the UNHCR before the Games in Rio.

Sporting Details

Sport: Athletics

Discipline: 800m

Coach: Tegla Loroupe

Training location: Nairobi, Kenya

Background

Rose and her family left South Sudan and arrived in Kakuma refugee camp in 2002. They escaped because of the war. Her parents went back to South Sudan in 2008 but her siblings remained in Kakuma. During her time at school, she participated in many running competitions and in 2015 she participated in a 10 km run in Kakuma organized by the Tegla Loroupe Foundation. She has been training in the foundation ever since.

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Personal Details

Name: Paulo Amotun Lokoro

Country of origin: South Sudan

Host Country: Kenya

Age : 24

Refugee status: Officially recognized by UNHCR as a refugee on 29.11.2006. The athlete will receive an official refugee passport from the UNHCR before the Games in Rio.

Sporting Details

Sport: Athletics

Discipline: 1500m

Coach: Tegla Loroupe

Training location: Nairobi, Kenya

Background

Paulo used to take care of the cattle for his family prior to his arrival in Kenya in March 2006. He arrived at the Kakuma camp to escape war and to join his mother who was there since 2004. While in the Kakuma camp Paulo went to school and participated in many sports. In 2015, the Tegla Loroupe Foundation came to Kakuma and organized athletics trials. He participated and performed well enough to join the foundation. He has been there ever since.

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Personal Details

Name: Yolande Bukasa Mabika

Country of origin: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Host Country: Brazil

Date of Birth: 08.09.1987

Refugee status: The National Committee for Refugees, Repatriated and Internal Displaced Persons (UNHCR) officially gave refugee status to Yolande on 23.09.2014

Sporting Details

Sport: Judo

Category: - 70 kg

Coach: Geraldo Bernardes

Training location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Background

Yolande is originally from Bukavu, the area worst affected by the DRC civil war from 1998-2003. As a professional Judoka, she represented the Democratic Republic of the Congo in international competitions. After years of difficult training conditions, she decided, along with her friend and fellow Judoka Popole, to seek asylum in Brazil during the World Judo Championships in Rio in 2013. She currently trains at the Instituto Reação in Rio de Janeiro.

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Personal Details

Name: Yusra Mardini

Country of origin: Syria

Host Country: Germany

Date of Birth: 05.03.1998

Refugee status: Officially a refugee in Germany since 14.03.2016 (residence permit issued by the German authorities).

Sporting Details

Sport: Swimming

Discipline: 100m freestyle

Coach: Sven Spannekrebs

Training location: Berlin, Germany

Background

Prior to the war in Syria, Yusra was a competitive swimmer who represented her country in international competitions. As the war intensified, Yusra and her sister left Damascus in early August 2015 and reached Berlin in September 2015. Since then, Yusra has been training at the club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 e.V. which is a partner of the Elite Schools of Sport in Berlin.

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Personal Details

Name: Popole Misenga

Country of origin: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Host Country: Brazil

Date of Birth: 25.02.1992

Refugee status: The National Committee for Refugees, Repatriated and Internal Displaced Persons (UNHCR) officially gave refugee status to Popole on 23.09.2014

Sporting Details

Sport: Judo

Category: - 90 kg

Coach: Geraldo Bernardes

Training location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Background

Popole is originally from Bukavu, the area worst affected by the DRC civil war from 1998-2003. As a professional Judoka, he represented the Democratic Republic of the Congo in international competitions. After years of difficult training conditions, he decided, along with his friend and fellow Judoka Yolande, to seek asylum in Brazil during the World Judo Championships in Rio in 2013. He currently trains at the Instituto Reação in Rio de Janeiro.

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Team Official



Personal Details

Name: Tegla Chepkite Loroupe

Date of Birth: 09.05.1973

Nationality: Kenya

Country / City of residence: Nairobi, Kenya

Proposed position

Chef de Mission

Background

Sporting details:

Loroupe is a 3 three-time Olympic runner who holds the world records for 20, 25 and 30 kilometers and previously held the world marathon record. She is the three-time World Half-Marathon champion. She was also the first woman from Africa to win the New York City Marathon. She also won marathons in London, Boston, Rotterdam, Hong Kong, Berlin, Rome, and many other cities.

Professional experience:

In 2003, Tegla Loroupe started the Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation, a Peace and Development organization that also runs a Refugee Athletic Support Program. For the Refugee Olympic team, 5 out of the 10 athletes will come from that program.

She is also a United Nations Ambassador of Sport by Secretary General Kofi Annan as well as an International Sports Ambassador for the IAAF, the International Association of Athletics Federations, and for UNICEF.

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Personal Details

Name: Isabela Mazão

Age: 32

Nationality: Brazil

Country / City of residence: São Paulo, Brazil

Proposed position

Deputy Chef de Mission (proposed by the UNHCR upon the IOC President's invitation)

Background

Professional experience:

Isabela has been with the UN Refugee Agency since 2010, working in the organization's Brasilia and Manaus offices before arriving in São Paulo. As a Protection Associate, she works on the protection and integration of refugees in the country.

There are 8.800 recognized refugees living in Brazil, from 79 different nationalities. UNHCR's objective in Brazil is to guarantee that refugees have access to a fair and efficient status determination procedure, that they are aware of their right and duties, and that they can integrate in the best way possible.

The Office works in close coordination with the Brazilian government and civil society, and most importantly with and for the refugees. Isabela holds a Master's Degree in international relations, with a specialization in refugee law.

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Personal Details

Name: Robert Mutsauki

Date of Birth: 09.03.1959

Nationality: Zimbabwe

Country / City of residence: Harare, Zimbabwe

Proposed position

Team administrator

Background

Sporting details:

As an Athlete: 5 times shot put national champion of Zimbabwe from 1989 to 1993.

As a coach: Coach at World Athletic Championships, African Athletics Championships , Commonwealth Games and All Africa Games from 1989 to 1993.

Professional experience:

Robert has been the Secretary General of the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee from 2005 to 2010 and was the Technical Director of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) from 2011 to 2014.

He was Chef de Mission at the Commonwealth Games in 1994 and at the Olympic Games in 1996 and 2004.

He currently is Executive Director at RM Sports Management and has been working as a consultant for Sports Organizations and Educational Institutions.

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Team official



Personal Details

Name: Eunice Hasango Kaumbi

Date of Birth: 05.10.1979

Nationality: Kenya

Country / City of residence: Kenya

Proposed position

Team administrator accompanying the Tegla Loroupe Foundation group

Background

Professional experience:

- Chief Executive Officer, Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation
- BSC holder in Peace and Conflict Transformation from the Daystar University.

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Coach



Personal Details

Name: Geraldo de Moraes Bernardes

Date of Birth: 12.09.1942

Nationality: Brazilian

Country / City of residence: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Coach of Popole Misenga and Yolande Mabika

Background

Sporting details:

Judo head coach at Instituto Reação and former coach of the Brazilian National Judo Team

Professional experience:

Coach of the Brazilian National Judo team at various Olympic Games, World Championships and Pan-American Games from 1979 to 2000.

Teacher and coach of judo athletes Rafaela Silva (World Champion) and Flávio Canto (Olympic Bronze Medalist Athens 2004)

Honor Consultant of the Brazilian Academy of Coaches (Brazil Olympic Committee)

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Coach



Personal Details

Name: Joseph Domongole

Date of Birth: 1967

Nationality: Kenyan

Country / City of residence: West Pokot, Kenya

Background

Sporting details:

1990: Began sport career while working and serving in the Kenya Army.

Professional experience:

2006: Joined the Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation as a coach and trainer for the reformed warriors at the Tegla Loroupe Training Camp for Reformed Warriors.

2015: Coach and Trainer at the Tegla Loroupe Training Centre for Refugee Athletes

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Coach



Personal Details

Name: Yves Göldi

Date of Birth: 20.03.1947

Nationality: Swiss

Country / City of residence: Luxembourg

Coach of Yonas Kinde

Background

Sporting details:

Played football and was an active athlete from age 15 to age 20. Main results in his athletic career were in sprint (100 and 200) and 400m.

Professional experience:

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| 1983 | Certified as Trainer by « Ecole Nationale de l'éducation physique et des sports (ENEPS) » and the National Track and Field Association FLA (cycle inférieur) |
| 1987 | Certified and Specialized as Middle and long distance trainer (cycle supérieur) by EMNEPS and FLA |
| 1987 | Co-Founder of the National Athletics Trainer Association ALEA and holding chairmanship of this association for more than 10 years. |
| 1987-2016 | Participation in specialized courses for coaching and training organised by IOC, DLV, EACA, FLA. |
| 2000-2012 | Coach for Trispeed Mamer (Triathlon) |
| 2006-2016 | National Head coach in Luxembourg for Middle and Long Distance runners. |
| 2011-2015 | Instructor for ENEPS (Ecole Nationale de l'Education Physique et des Sports) |

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Coach



Personal Details

Name: Sven Spannekrebs

Date of Birth: 30.4.1980

Nationality: German

Country / City of residence: Berlin, Germany

Coach of Yusra Mardini

Background

Sporting details: Swim Coach since 1994 starting with beginners and moving on to competitive sport in 2002. He is the coach of Yusra Mardini since she arrived in Berlin in October 2015.

Professional experience: Possesses the highest level German coaching licence – is a partner of the Berlin High Performance center (Cooperation) – is the coach of the public Elite-Sport-School since 2002 – has coached a number of German youth champions and medalists in individual and team national championships – has senior high performance experience with the A-Group in the Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 e.V. club (e.g. Felix Auböck from Austria)

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Coach



Personal Details

Name: Carine Verbauwen

Date of Birth: 30.12.1961

Nationality: Belgian

Country / City of residence: Eeklo, Belgium

Coach of Rami Anis

Background

Sporting details:

2 times Olympian Montreal 1976, Moscow 1980 (5th, 6th)

3 times Belgian Sportswoman of the year 1975, 1978, 1979

Professional experience as a coach:

Her father (3 times Olympian and 4 times Olympic coach) put Carine in charge of a training group at the age of 16. She has been head coach in the Royal Ghent Swimming Club since 1992. (RGSC is part of MEGA swim team since 2004).

She managed to bring 8 of her swimmers to the European Youth Championships (2 finals), 2 swimmers to the European Championships short course (3 semi-finals), 1 swimmer to the World Championships short course and 1 swimmer to the European Championship (selected at 18 years of age as reserve for the 4x 100m freestyle relay).

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Team Official



Personal Details

Name: Carlo Edoardo Bagutti

Date of Birth: 28.09.1956

Nationality: Switzerland

Country / City of residence: Lausanne, Switzerland

Proposed position

Team doctor

Background

Sporting details:

Member of the IOC Athletes' Entourage Commission

Doctor of the Swiss-Athletics national federation

Professional experience:

IOC Doctor

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Personal Details

Name: Bruno Paillat

Date of Birth: 18.03.1967

Nationality: French

Country / City of residence: Morrens, Switzerland

Proposed position

Team physiotherapist

Background

Sporting details:

Physiotherapist of the Swiss University team

Professional experience:

Physiotherapist at VidyMed – selected by Dr. Bagutti.

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Personal Details

Name: Sophie Edington

Date of Birth: 12.12.1984

Nationality: Australian

Country / City of residence: Monaco

Proposed position

Press attaché/business manager/spokesperson

Background

Sporting details:

- Olympic Swimmer representing Australia at the Beijing 2008 Olympics.
- 3 times World Record holder.
- 2 times World Champion.
- 4 times Commonwealth Champion

Professional experience:

- Ambassador /Reporter for Channel 7 in Australia from 2010 to 2012. She covered the London 2012 Olympics.
- IOC Sport coordinator - Sports department - from October 2012 to July 2014.
- Commercial Director – Asia Pacific – for Physitrack Ltd, a Startup specializing in clinical exercise technology from August 2014 to July 2015
- Associate director of investor relation in an asset management company headquartered in London from October 2015-present