



DANIEL DIAS

Country: Brazil

Date of Birth: 24/5/1988

Sport: Para swimming

Discipline: 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m, 100m breaststroke, 200m medley, 50m, 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly/S5/SM5/SB5



Sports Career

Paralympic Games : Gold medals in 2016 (4), Silver medals in 2016 (3), Gold medals in 2012 (6), Gold medals in 2008 (4), Silver medals in 2008 (4)

World Championships : Gold medals from 2006 to 2019 (31), Silver medals from 2006 to 2019 (7)

Why do you wish to become a member of the IPC Athletes' Council?

I am truly passionate about the Paralympic Movement. I have dedicated all my life to sport, and it is all I can think about. I want to help its growth and development worldwide. Complaining or just wondering what could be done will not solve anything. I wish I could have the opportunity to be active by promoting equality, inclusion, and fair rules. I am willing to listen to athletes and pay attention to the differences of culture, political and financial structures that impacts on sports progress. I want to hear from you. Together we can make the difference and achieve great things for a better future. Vote for me!

Why do you wish to run for the IPC Athletes' Council?

Considering my career and victories in Paralympic Games, I believe I have a lot to add to the Paralympic Movement as I experienced its growth and how sport can be life changing. I want to empower the athlete's voice.

What special skills, background and expertise will you bring to the IPC Athletes' Council?

Patient, open minded and great listener are my skills that I could improve being a member of NPC Brazil Athletes' Council and National Sports Council. I consider myself a thoughtful person with a good sense of equality.

How has sport impacted your life?

Sport has brought me the sense of equality. I believe sport is the most powerful changing tool. Through sport I could learn more about social inclusion, how to achieve my goals and inspire people worldwide.

What is your vision for the IPC Athletes' Council?

The Council has a particularly important role to play in the Paralympic Movement. It will gather relevant feedback from the athletes in order to promote discussion, development and innovation for Paralympic sports.

Why is the athletes' voice important to you?

Athlete is the main stakeholder of the Paralympic Movement. We live for it and experience change of rules as regarding Classification. It's indispensable to listen to athletes' opinions and suggestions.

What is the biggest challenge you have experienced as an athlete? How did you overcome it?

Retiring as a professional athlete was the biggest challenge. I spent four years considering important things in my career and took the decision. Now, I want to help others to plan and be prepared to take this step.