



## **IRMA KHETSURIANI**

Country: Georgia

Date of Birth: 18/9/1985

Sport: Wheelchair fencing

Discipline: sabre, Foil, Sabre



### **Sports Career**

Paralympic Games : Competed in 2016

World Championships : Competed in 2015 and 2017

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

My Name is Irma Khetsuriani, I'm a wheelchair Fencer from the country Georgia. My wish to become a member of the IPC Athlete Council conditioned by the current situation in my country: Athletes do not know their Rights fully, do not have any information about their ability how to improve their sports skills. Depend on my research I see that Para Athletes even their best achievements do not have the right attitude toward their ability. I want to be the voice for the athletes in my country and give them the possibility to realise that they are not alone, and they have the guardian, same time best supporter, Defender of their rights as an athlete, to be a mediator between athletes and NPC bord and at the same time with IPC Athlete Council, to bring and solve their problems and needs.

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

My wish to be an IPC Athletes council is the best legal lever for my Athletes in my country. I will be for them the guardian, informative, listener, best friend, to speak up for them.

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

I'm a reliable, hard worker, purposeful, organized, team player, fighter, I'm always ready for challenges and innovations, have a great network.

**How has sport impacted your life?**

Sport changed my life fully, made it more impressive & interesting, helped me to find my role in society, mental peace. Sport taught me how to get both victories and defeat with dignity.

**What is your vision for the IPC Athletes' Council?**

Promote the concept of athlete-centred decision making, thereby ensuring that the rights of the athletes are respected at all times. To encourage athletes to build athlete leaders, and improved athlete networks.

**Why is the athletes' voice important to you?**

Recognise diverse athlete impairments, advocating for their unique needs that enable them to perform at their best.

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

The biggest challenge in the beginning as an athlete was physical and social barriers. I overcame it by fighting for my rights, breaking the physical & mental stereotypes, hard-working, purpose.