



IURII NOZDRUNOV

Country: Russia Paralympic Committee

Date of Birth: 13/12/1989

Sport: Para table tennis

Discipline: Team and Individual



Sports Career

Paralympic Games : Competed in 2012

World Championships : Competed in 2010, 2014 and 2018

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

In the COVID-19 pandemic situation, input from the athletes is essential. Athletes' welfare and safe sports are now more crucial than ever. Doping-related issues as well as reviewing the classification are also daunting challenges for the Paralympic Movement right now.

This is Iurii Nozdrunov and I am a professional Para table tennis player from Russia. Having more than a decade as an active Para athlete under my belt and having additional theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of sport, I hold out much hope that I will be able to contribute to the Paralympic Movement as a member of the IPC Athletes' Council.

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

I've been the part of the Paralympic Movement for whole my life. It is time to contribute to the IPC in return.

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

Practical skills that I gained as an active Para athlete as well as theoretical knowledge that I obtained as a graduate student from one of the best sport management courses.

How has sport impacted your life?

Sport built my character, it made me more confident in what I'm doing. It opens up splendid vistas for me as a person to become more international and to better understand the needs of other people.

What is your vision for the IPC Athletes' Council?

Welfare and safe sport as well as promotion of the mass Para sports through educational platforms and sports activities.

Why is the athletes' voice important to you?

Support of the athletes is a sign that they believe in me, in what I can bring to the Paralympic Movement as a member of the Athletes' Council.

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

One of the daunting challenges for me was to improve my mental skills in order to compete at the elite level. Working on my mental abilities were harder than I expected but I went to great length to achieve my goal.