

I apply for the position of Jumping Athletes' representative

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First Name/FAMILY NAME	Rodrigo / PESSOA
Year of Birth	1972
Nationality	Brazilian
Languages spoken	ENG,FRA,GER,ITA,SPA,POR



	Year	Experience
Professional Career	since 1989	Professional show jumper since 1989, Actively competing in 5* level and Championships Runs a parallel business of horse trade and teaching in the USA
	2017-2019	Chef d'Equipe for Team Ireland 2017-2019 Team European Champions 17

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Equestrian and other sport Experience	98-99-00	Three times FEI World Cup Winner 98-99-00
	98	World Champion 98
	04	Olympic Champion 04
	96-00	2 Team Bronze Olympics 96-00
	95-07 11	Pan Am Team Gold 95-07. Pan Am Individual Silver 07 Pan Am Team Silver 11 Winner of major GP's around the world (70) Nation's Cup winner

	Year	Degree / Certification
Education / Certification		Elementary School Gouvieux France
		Middle and High School International School Brussels. Belgium
		Pigier Business School Brussels

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 I confirm having carefully read the contents of the job specification, in particular but not limited to, the position constraints.

Rodrigo Pessoa

Application for The Athlete representative FEI Jumping Committee

Love for horses and for riding are what led me to competitive sport.

Ever since I was a child it was clear in my mind that horses would be my life and sport my job. I was determined to achieve great results, also thanks to the example and guidance of my father Nelson. I started to ride at the age of 4 and by the time I was 12, I had already entered the world of competitions.

Guided by a strong passion for horses and a powerful will to continue to mature within this sport, moving towards increasingly ambitious goals, at the same time I have always been curious and wished to get to know the world of horses in all its different aspects. Helped by my knowledge of languages (English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish) I was able to explore and come into contact with the equestrian culture of many different countries. Having lived in Europe for 40 years and for a number of years in the United States, where I still live now, as well as in close connection with South American since I am Brazilian, I have been able to get to know the equestrian realities of the whole world, broadening my knowledge by coming into contact with the various different skills of the different professional figures in the equestrian sector in every country.

Over these many years I have had the opportunity to merge direct experience in the arenas with that of a dedicated horseman, thanks to the attraction horses have always had for me and still now encourages me to move forward, to want to gain even deeper knowledge about sports horses and their needs so as to protect and acknowledge them as real athletes in every possible sense.

I love our sport not only as an athlete but as a sportsman with the intent to always look to the future with farsighted and improving goals. This is also thanks to my previous experience as a member of the Jumping Committee, the commitment and aims of which I know in depth. Between 2016 and 2018 I was chef d'équipe for the Irish show jumping team, an opportunity that allowed me to learn about and address the problems and dynamics of NFs. I have been President of the IJRC and am still a member of the board of directors.

I am committed to being constantly updated as far as change that occurs in our sport is concerned about regulations concerning all aspects of this sector, analysing in depth all evolution, and I am strongly motivated to increasingly elevate the show jumping community in every possible way through relations with institutions and with athletes, aiming to consolidate common objectives.

My passion for horses is deeply-rooted and profound and I firmly believe in sport's ethical values and respect for horses as absolute priorities.

I am aware of our sport's requirements, and I now believe that I know what is really important so as to bring hope and dreams to the new generations.

In recent years I have been thinking a great deal about the future of our sport, about how we can make it better in every possible way for professional riders, for the young, for newcomers and, as an absolute priority in my opinion for our horses and their welfare.

At this point in my career and a life spent with horses and in the world of equestrian sport, I would therefore like to put my experience and commitment at the disposal of the future of our sport.

Rodrigo Pessoa

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Rodrigo Pessoa has an extraordinary sporting curriculum that includes great results and wins at the most prestigious of events including Olympic gold in Athens in 2004 and three consecutive wins (1998, 1999, 2000) in the FEI World Cup Final riding Baloubet du Rouet.

He has ridden at events at different levels ranging from CSI 3* to the Olympic Games, in the course of a career that still continues today.