

**I apply for the position of Vaulting Athletes' representative**

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| <b>Year of Birth</b>          | 1997                    |
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| <b>Languages spoken</b>       | french, english, german |



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|  | 2016/18/21  | 3 World champion titles   |
|  | 2019        | 1 European champion title |

| <b>Edu<br/>cati<br/>on<br/>/<br/>Cert<br/>ifica<br/>tion</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Degree / Certification</b>                      |
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|  | 2018        | 1st year Médecine License<br>Physiotherapist study |
|  | 2022        | Coaching license for equestrian sports             |

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I confirm that the information given in this form is accurate and complete;  
I confirm having carefully read the contents of the job specification, in particular but not limited to, the position constraints.

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Dear Athletes,

My name is Lambert Leclezio, i am vaulting now for 15 years, i have been participating to 8 championships representing 2 different countries and winning 3 world championships and 1 european title.

This year, my carreer as an active vaulter will take an end after Herring. However, I am not willing to abandon my sport. Vaulting is great, more then a passion, i would like people to concider it as a real proffessionnal discipline.

For that reason, I want to be the next athlete representative in the FEI for vaulting.

There are many points I would like to work on if ever I am elected.

First of all, on developpement and horse wellfair. As a mauritian representative until 2016, I know the difficulties for non europeans vaulters to access to the highest level more then anyone. Not many are able to take their head out of financial, organisation difficulties. With the FEI solidarity programm that also helped me in 2014, I am convince we can developp it even more for vaulting to grow our sport worldwide.

Horse wellfair because as you all already know, our sport is threatened by activist associations and media opinions about using animals for sports, shows... This is a real subject we have to be extremly careful about if we still want in a close future to be able to continue our beautiful sport. Some important discussions, talks and researches (like the actual one on the sidereins) need to be done and organise if we want to be able to adapt to our time. Pressure mesureaments researches to help develop better meterial protecting our horses and many other things have to be done.

Then, even with all the title I have achieved, I have the feeling that the vaulters in general aren't heard enough. For me, we deserve a bigger influence on all the discussions, changes in rules and code of points because in the end, we as vaulters will run in the arena, we will have our image used to represent the sport. The last years, I felt as an athlete so weakened in front of all the decisions at the FEI without having any words to say.

For that reason, I want to be able to build a network with many international vaulters and be able to exchange thoughts with them. Why not have a pool of vaulters where everyone can answer Yes or No to our questions. We would have some clear statistics we can use to take the athletes point of views more in considaration.

For exemple, considaring some changes that are in progress on compulsories. I have studied it and as a vaulter, I think we need to examine that closely in all the biomanics and the reality because code of points can change drasticaly the sport. I think I could help on both with my experience and also as a future physiotherapist. I have also though my carreer vaulted in many different countries ( mauritius, South Africa, Australia, UK, Germany, Austria,

Switzerland, France) where I created many contacts with clubs, lungers, vaulters which would make it easy for me to build a big network. I have also many ideas for building new programmes or changing them to let more freedom to our vaulters. I also know the FEI wanted to kick out compulsories. That's a real subject we have to consider, however, we need to work on solid alternatives in the coming years.

For a longer time perspective, I would like to open up the talk again about Olympics. In 2019 with Noroc French team, we went in Lausanne for a show for the Olympic committee.

As in my experience, I can say that it has been a real frustration the last years, I have trained like a professional athlete and I worked with other olympians (eventing, dressage and paradressage olympic team). I could not found a reason why we would less deserve to be an olympic sports in terms of commitment.

On the other hand, we need to work on the image of our sport, promoting it and not being shy of what we are. For that, we would need to get closer to media, especially social media to share more on our sport. I have talked this year to many journalist, instagram accounts and more about it, they would be so happy to help but they are just waiting for us to make the first step and get more in relation with them.

I also work now with an agency helping me get sponsors and media visibility. It is a way to get us more professional and I am sure we could work on that not for an individual but for the sport in general. In that way, we will be more attractive and better accessible.

To conclude, I am really hoping to become the next athlete representative. I have so many ideas for the development of the disciplin and I am ready to take my time, meet people and talk about the problematics and opportunities of our sport.

I like working in team on projects so I hope I will work with a motivated team, looking up together to a greater future for vaulting.

Kind regards

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