USAC Athlete Candidate Questionnaire
For the **USAC Athlete Director Election**, August 2018

Please complete this questionnaire and send with your Letter of Interest.

NOTE: This questionnaire will be used to verify an athlete’s eligibility to stand for election and it will be used to present an athlete candidate to the voting athletes during the election.

**Full Name:** Michaela Kiersch

**USAC Member #:** 26412652

**Place of Residence:** Salt Lake City, UT

**Years as a USA Climbing competitor:** 15 years

**Athlete Category (Competitor, Collegiate, Adaptive):** Competitor

**Disciplines in which you participate** (indicate all that apply): Lead, Bouldering, Speed.

**USA Climbing competition history** (listing of USAC-sanctioned national and international competitions with dates and finishing place):

- **SCS OPEN:** 2012: 3rd place, 2016: 3rd place, 2017: 5th place, 2018: 2nd place
- **ABS OPEN:** 2016: 4th place, 2017: 4th place
- **IFSC YOUTH WORLD:** 2008: 5th place, 2009: 10th place, 2010: 13th place, 2012: 12th place
- **IFSC VAIL WORLD CUP 2018:** 18th place

**Other experience that may be relevant:**

USAC Certified Coach for Team Hidden Peak and Team First Ascent for a cumulative 5 years

**Personal Statement:**

*Why do you want to serve as an Athlete Director on the USAC Board of Directors?*

I feel that my competitive history within USAC and the IFSC over the last decade has given me valuable insight into the athlete’s perspective. I can be a useful and educated asset to the Board because of this. I am also personally motivated by this position because I have continued interest in being a USAC athlete and am very passionate in providing input to improving athlete experiences and resources within this organization, as well as providing input in other areas.