

**NOMINEE (FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT
2020 AGM):
MR. TOSHIHIDE UCHIAGE**

**POSITION SOUGHT:
ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE**

PLATFORM / BIO:



I am honoured and privileged to be the Athlete Representative Nominee, to be elected to the Board of Directors by the voting members of Karate Canada.

By leveraging my experience as a recently retired member of the Sr. National Team for 18 years, a former High-Performance Committee Athlete Representative, and former Jr. National Team Coach, I can bring immediate value to Karate Canada on a strategic level while keeping the athlete voice as a focal point for decision making and long-term success. I pride myself on speaking on what is working for athletes, but also what needs improvement and to educate others on the athlete perspective that may not always be visible to those outside of the National Team.

I commit to listening, learning, and fighting for our National Team Athletes, who need the support now more than ever as we navigate through a global pandemic and a rescheduled Olympic Games. I look forward to collaborating with our different partners across Canada on how to create sustainable success with the National Team program beyond the Tokyo Olympics so that our athletes not only achieve consistent podium results, but have ample opportunities to give back to the organization and share their knowledge with the next generation of champions. Every National Team Athlete, whether they are Junior, Senior, or Para, should feel like they belong in this organization and that they are proud to represent the Maple Leaf.

I look forward to not only representing the athlete voice, but all members of Karate Canada.