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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Zoe Kellam	MANIAX MARRICKVILLE, SYDNEY AUSTRALIA	I have been a league member for 4+ years and a league runner for 2. I've seen how the sport is growing and I hear the loudest voices all the time- what I don't see in axe throwing, particularly in Australia, is any representation for women or even the middle of the range throwers & new throwers - there is a lot of focus on the top throwers, prize pools and the size of prem clutches and axes - but not much on growing the community, retaining members and how we maintain all the things we love about the sport.	making sure I reach out to diverse set of people who maybe aren't as active in the Facebook groups. I know the throwers in Aus quite well having been in the community for so long - I'm not the most well known person in the community but I certainly know where to reach out - even outside of maniax.
Nicholas Price	MANIAX Adelaide	I want to grow the sport in both popularity and quality. I am passionate about bringing the community together, and improving communication between the IATF and the throwing community. I am a passionate thrower and axe maker, and really want to help make axe throwing the best it can be for everyone involved.	By talking to throwers in my league, talking to the venue staff who run the leagues, collecting information and talking to members of axe throwing groups on social media, and talking to people at events and tournaments that i attend who are both throwing and just there to watch. then formulating that feedback and putting it forward to the panel/IATF in a constructive manor
Mitch Lindgren	Battle Axe, Wollongong	Put simply, I love axe throwing and the community! I want to join the panel to as I see axe throwing as an incredibly inclusive community sport, everyone is welcome. I want to foster that positivity and help grow the community in Australia, and internationally of course. I'm applying because I want to help the sport grow to new levels and support its evolution. From the scoring, to international comps, to the CRS, it is essential the game continues to evolve and allow all players to have fun and be competitive at their own level. My professional experience lends well to a role like this, having working in a variety of corporate roles that required stakeholder management and high level communication skills. I've delivered leadership and	Utilise the Aussie throwers page to connect, talk to throwers regularly at marathons and various events to get their input on important issues, organise feedback sessions with community members to discuss changes and any irritants.

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		<p>graduate programs, with stakeholder input the key to success. I plan to apply the same skills if elected to the panel.</p> <p>I want to be part of the group that really drives the sport through working with fellow throwers, venue owners and the wider axe throwing community.</p>	
Stewart Reeve	Maniax	<p>I feel my strong passion for the sport, love for it's community and my drive for integrity as well as my connection to the Asia Pacific league contingent through my role as League Coordinator for the largest Axe Throwing company in the region would make me a perfect candidate.</p> <p>Another reason I would love to be on the panel is to be given the opportunity to help mold and evolve the sport in the name of growth, both in size and in philosophy.</p>	As mentioned above, my role as League Coordinator for Maniax gives me a perfect platform to collect community feedback in the Asia Pacific region
Rick Priest	Maniax Abbotsford, Lumber Punks Melbourne & Valhalla Brunswick	<p>First reason is that I have been active in the community for 5 years and experienced all differed venues, I have played both Standard and Premier.</p> <p>Locally I have competed in APATC grand slam twice and competed in pretty much every tournament/Marathon.</p> <p>I have attended and competed in 2x IATC tournaments in Toronto, a highlight was getting to network with all fellow throwers and make new friends. I am also a maker of axe handles and often do repairs for our league members. The main reason I want to be on the panel is to communicate the voice of IATF league members and competitors from Australia. The interest of axe throwing is growing so fast and people are really wanting a way to express feedback on rules and general enquiries. I have been a Marketing & Brand manager for over 10 years, owned franchise chains and I believe this could bring valuable experience to bring to the table with suggestions and industry knowledge. Please consider myself as an APAC representative.</p>	Group forums & chats. I found the best way to gather feedback is through Google forms or even survey monkeys. Verbal feedback is also very valuable and give people confidence that you will pass it onto the appropriate decision maker.
Matt Evison	Valhalla Axe	I continually help build up and promote the community by coordinating	Continue to put on community building events and listen

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	Throwing	marathon leagues, assisting venues in getting their IATF sanctions and community building intervene events	to the throwers grievances and praises of how they feel
Tyler Seddon	Maniax Marrickville	I feel like my years as an experienced top throwers in Australia has let given me the insight and knowledge of what can be improved as well as suggestions for other Australians that are relayed to me. I love engaging with the community and discussing everything axe throwing both good and what can be improved to make the sport more inclusive for all level of throwers.	I'm heavily involved in the league community in Australia in both in person and online in a number of forums. People reach out to me currently with questions and feedback already and it would be great to have a place to relay that information.
Alex Krstic	Valhalla, Brunswick (Australia)	I am a current competitive IATF league thrower (Standard & Premier). I see the sport, under the IATF banner flourishing here in Australia, New Zealand and the rest of the Pacific region. I am involved in the Blacksmith/Bladesmith industry producing hatchets and axes for competition throwing. I am also a major manufacturer of target boards which I provide to multiple venues. I have established a professional working relationship with the majority of IATF venues in Australia. I have a vested interest in the success of IATF in this part of the world and wish to take what ever steps I can to ensure a strong future for the IATF.	I have established a good working relationship with the Axe community and am actively involved in the networks surrounding it. I also attend leagues, marathons etc throughout the region as a competitor actively involved at all levels and enjoying a well established and contemporary line of communication with participants in all contexts. I collect feedback mainly via; word of mouth and social media.
Natasha Plug	I switched to doing marathon leagues at Maniax, Lumberpunks, Kiss My Axe & to other venues around the country	I've been throwing in league for over 6 years and truly care about this sport. I'm more than happy to give my time to listen to concerns from other throwers and to help make improvements if possible	Women. There's very few of us in Premier, marathon leagues & tournaments except for the recent APATC which was fantastic to see but very few took medals. I'd like to talk to more women about what what obstacles they face
Lucas Perrett	Maniax Brisbane Australia	To represent the neurodivergent group of people in the axe throwing community.	Socialisation and google questionnaires like this
Matthew Brown	Maniax Perth	I feel I have a strong background in running IATF Venues across Canada and now Australia. I have paid my way to attend tournaments all over the world and regularly travel to participate in them. I think that has given me a broad insight and feel I should put that to good use and help grow the community here in Australia whilst also ensuring we have a voice down under as well	I would love to help develop a tool which is rolled out to league members which helps them review seasons and also preview and set some goals which they can track season to season. I think venues also should be encouraged more to review their league experience and would be interested in helping structure more of a

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conversation about what they are doing for their members and how they can improve as well. I think attending events, growing our podcast and staying in tune with fellow throwers through video chats and the odd random call is what I normally do to stay informed with what's around me and what's happening in the sport.



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Shay Ihrig	Urban Axes Cincinnati	<p>As an upper middle of the pack thrower, I know more of what the average thrower wants and needs as compared to the best throwers in our community. Female representation to the sport is also something I am very passionate about and want to improve. Many women also leave the sport when they have a child. As a mom, I understand how hard it is and why people leave. I want to help reduce that loss and keep moms in the sport by showing support to new parents.</p>	<p>I plan on being very open in the community and encourage people to reach out to me with questions. I also would like to create a survey that stays open all the time that sends an email to everyone in the panel saying there has been a response. That way who ever has time first to respond is able.</p>
Chris Hirgelt	Urban Axes Cincinnati	<p>First and foremost, I'm looking to bring clarity and cohesion to communications between the IATF and the community. I am a software engineer by profession, and have excellent written and verbal communication skills. Confused by some of the unclear wording in recent updates to axe specifications? Me too. I can help fix things like that.</p> <p>Also as an engineer, I can see multiple sides to problems, think creatively about solutions, and can advocate for arguments or decisions (even when those arguments aren't my own) to individuals and groups effectively. I have professional experience with consensus building as well, which can really help when it comes to facilitating communications from one group to another.</p> <p>Last, and perhaps most importantly, I'm a passionate and active axe thrower looking to make the sport the best thing it can be. I have first-hand experience at the ups and downs of IATF axe throwing. I know the potential this community has to be great, and it would be an honor to represent a group of throwers to be their advocate and voice.</p>	<p>Soliciting it directly, to start. I'm a fairly well known individual with many contacts, and would be happy to let folks with feedback reach out to me directly. I prefer this as well as it helps me really understand the feedback I'm getting - a personal opportunity to receive and repeat what I think I'm hearing. If it turns out that that approach doesn't scale well, or I need to make myself available to a larger group of people, I can iterate on my approach as we go.</p>
Kristen Giles	Detroit Axe	<p>My passion for the sport can be seen through what I've managed to accomplish in it over the last couple years. Despite facing obstacles that sought to push me out of the sport I have continued to thrive and speak</p>	<p>I have played multiple leagues or marathons at every venue with in a 5 hour drive of detroit. So I've gotten to know a lot of the local community personally.</p>

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		<p>up in defense of myself and others. Even when it's hard or uncomfortable. Because of this people share their stories of their own experiences with me.</p> <p>Life is not fair, but sports should be. Standardizing rule sets and dates should be the minimum. No one should be worried if their axe is legal or guessing if a throw is good.</p> <p>The amount that I have traveled for tournaments has allowed me to see how different venues deal with various issues that arise.</p> <p>I have proven that women can throw just as well as men, and used that recognition to create a remote women's league with the purpose of creating a resource for us to sharpen our skills and create community between the top women in the sport. It has helped many of us to thrive and is in the process of growing.</p> <p>I have also strengthened the community in my home venues by sharing the games I have learned in my travels. We used to practice separately now we often practice together. It's made us all better and it's more fun.</p> <p>I'd like to be on the panel so I can bring my perspective to it. So I can give voice to those who have trusted me with their stories, and help improve the sport for the future.</p>	<p>The remote women's league has allowed me to develop relationships with women at the top of the sport. All of these women are already leaders in their communities giving me a large network of female throwers I can reach out to.</p> <p>I have also gotten to know many throwers in other communities because I have traveled to so many tournaments.</p> <p>If you don't know me personally, it's not hard to find someone who does. The only reason I maintain a facebook is to stay connected to the axe community.</p>
David McIntyre	PerpleBunny Axe Throwing	Because I am looking out for not just the top Throwers, I am looking out for the mid to bottom throwers to raise them up. Also I champion anyone who picks up and throws an axe. I want the IATF to dominate the sport of axe Throwing through a fair means of competition	Via text or email to work with those individuals directly and to communicate those issues to the IATF and/or venues
Terrell Allen (The Last Brohican)	Mn Axe/Perple Bunnies Axe House	To help back decisions that will help build, mold and cultivate the axe throwing community growing it into the world of viral success.	Grass roots (word of mouth) any digital form of communication, social media video blog, or charity events, tournaments etc..
Dustin Kerr	Perplebunny's Axe House	Since i started axe throwing I loved the community and have strived to spread that passion to others. i hope to be able to help continue	Social media, private conversations at tournaments and marathons, really any way I can

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		to grow the sport and community	
Jackie Griffin	Detroit Axe	I love the sport and want to contribute in any way that I can.	Through face to face talks and through Facebook groups.
Jon Ferneau	Perple Bunny's Axe House	Over the past year and a half, I have become heavily involved with competitive axe throwing and have extreme passion for the growth of the sport. Through my other experiences, I believe I would be a great representative of the people and can share the insights of the overall community.	I plan to collect feedback from multiple sources: Online through Facebook/Instagram/Twitter communities, In Person at axe throwing events and leagues, and directly through email survey outreach and follow up.
Rachel Lifto	Perple Bunny's Axe House	To be part of the voice of new and female throwers.	Conversation
jave yoshimoto	perplebunny's axe house	I would like to contribute to represent the average joe throwers	hearing out the voices expressed on social media pages, addressing the concerns by bringing up to the community that can make proper changes.

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Timothy Stivers	Ace Axe Throwing	<p>To represent throwers and venues in a positive appropriate manner. I bring the experience of running 4 venues for 3 years and being an active thrower for and additional 3 years, all together 7 years of throwing and working through multiple leagues. I listen to all the feedback given via social media and verbal discussion during tournaments/events. My spin is always, how do we make it better/ if we don't currently like the situation. I have always been a resource for the entire community for ideas and direct honest feedback.</p>	<p>I plan to used multiple methods of excel/polls/ and any source that would accepted by our group as a whole.</p>
Austin Agosti	Ace Axe Throwing	<p>I want to be on the panel of throwers, because I want to see the IATF grow and thrive into what I truly believe is an already amazing community that welcomes all people and all skill levels of throwers! I also would like to see the sport of axe throwing evolve within the IATF, in which ways we can get a lot of responses and feedback from the community in how they believe we can better utilize efforts and time into creating a truly enjoyable and competitive game and environment for all to enjoy!</p>	<p>I plan on collecting feedback and discussing it further with the panel in which ways to move forward that benefits most people as a whole instead of a marginalized number of throwers !</p>
Cameron Dubrow	Choppers Hatchet House	<p>I am a long-time thrower (going on 6 years), and I believe I can make informed and valuable contributions towards the panel, especially regarding rules and gameplay proposals. I have experience as both a casual leager and a competition thrower, but above all else, my goal is to ensure that axe throwing is a sport for everyone.</p>	<p>I've had the privilege of meeting many throwers over the course of my travels, so having an open-door policy is a must for me. My messages will always be open, so I am accessible and easy to reach out to! I'd welcome in-depth conversations with throwers in and out of my community (the East Region), and in some cases I may even make forms to poll interest on bigger ideas.</p>
Vin Crescenzo	Choppers Hatchet House	<p>I would like to be on the panel because I am a very outspoken person and I'm not afraid to speak my mind. I've been a thrower in this community for 7 years and I've seen a lot of ups and downs. I love the</p>	<p>By simply asking people one on one, or by making posts on social platforms. Getting feedback from the community is a crucial part of keeping this sport alive</p>

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		sport of axe throwing and I would love to help see it grow to its highest potential possible	
Courtney McQueen	Urban Axes Boston	I have become an increasingly active participant in leagues and tournaments. I'd love to be a bigger part of the community as a resource for fellow throwers by having a more direct link to IATF	Talking in person with throwers from multiple Massachusetts venues and social media
Adeline Neulight	Lumberjaxes	I want to be on the panel because I want to see this sport grow and bring in more people. I also want to see more women representation in a male dominated sport.	I would leverage my existing relationships in the axe throwing community that I have achieved by attending tournaments ranging from women's tournaments, small marathon leagues to the large scale mixed tournaments. While at these events I'm always having conversations with all types of throwers, from ones new in the sport to the most experienced and skilled throwers. I thoroughly enjoy brainstorming and problem solving while having these conversations. I am heavily involved in all my leagues and helping new throwers learn and grow. I encourage people to go out of their comfort zones, if it's going to an event or just going for the clutch. I know first hand how exciting and engaging this sport can be, I want to see this sport grow and evolve for years to come.
David Gelin	Wicked axe	Because I think New England throwers get left out of thought a lot	Talking to people in person and facebook
Will Gelatko	Choppers	<p>I am eager to join the throwers panel for several reasons. First and foremost, my status as one of the longest throwers in the U.S. lends valuable credibility to my insights and suggestions. I believe in providing thoughtful input to contribute to the continuous improvement of the sport. Moreover, my deep understanding of the behind-the-scenes logistics and intricate details that throwers may not always consider positions me as an asset to the panel and IATF.</p> <p>My active involvement in both the creation of games and the organization of tournaments has given me a unique perspective. I am passionate about maintaining a delicate balance between fun and challenge, ensuring an enjoyable experience for both experienced</p>	<p>To collect feedback from the community effectively, I believe the panel and IATF need to apply a diverse approach. This includes online surveys, virtual town hall meetings, active engagement on social media and forums, organizing focus groups, maintaining email communication, and incorporating feedback forms. Additionally, I will leverage in-person leagues/events to collaborate with local throwers and venues, and offer anonymous feedback options to ensure inclusivity. Regular reporting of feedback summaries and proposed actions will promote transparency and accountability in addressing community concerns. This multifaceted</p>

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		<p>throwers and newcomers. Utilizing my deep understanding of the sport's history, my role is to serve as a rational voice, directing the panel toward decisions grounded in carefully crafted strategies and the wealth of wisdom acquired over time.</p> <p>Lastly, I am committed to the future growth of the sport. I believe that by collaborating with the throwers panel and the IATF, we can help shape its trajectory, making it more accessible and appealing to a broader audience while preserving its core values and traditions. My desire to be on the throwers panel is driven by a passion for the sport and a dedication to its evolution and success.</p>	<p>strategy aims to empower the community by valuing and integrating their voices into decisions related to the sport's development and enhancement.</p>
Anthony Cianciarulo	Choppers Hatchet House	<p>I'm very invested in the community. Also I believe my skill sets as a teacher with a master in administration I would be equipped to handle the duties.</p> <p>Also, we have had three major venues closure in this community (Philadelphia area) over the last couple of years making it harder to enjoy this sport.</p>	<p>I involved in various communities. Through my masters I been trained to collect data through surveys and other means.</p>
David Thornton	Chillaxe	<p>I've been part of the IATF for 6 years now and since then I've become a leader a coach and all around go to guy in the Pittsburgh area. Also co-founded a short-lived axe throwers council at Valhalla indoor axe throwing Jeanette Pa that ran for about 2 years.</p>	<p>Mostly face-to-face or by email, text, phone and other social media outlets.</p>
Don Caro	Chopper's Hatchet House	<p>I've been an ambassador for the sport going on 6 years. Working at Urban Axes Philadelphia for 4 years as a manager and League Master, I've got deep roots to the my region and beyond. This position only grew when I transitioned to management and running leagues with Chopper's Hatchet House. My people know me, trust me, and come to me for answers already. But having input and a platform to present it will just further my ability to help them and the sport grow.</p>	<p>Being open to league/community members questions, concerns, criticisms, etc, is something I'm already very open to. But making sure new throwers and veteran throwers know that they can voice something and it can get a directly sourced answer is important! Outside of giving input where I can in various forums, I'd like to be able to give anyone the right answer at any point.</p>
Cierra Carpenter	ChillAxe	<p>I've loved axe throwing from my day one. I've been throwing for quite a while and have seen the sport change and grow since the NATF days, and I want to see the sport continue to improve. The IATF is a community, and the throwers have a lot of great input.</p>	<p>I have strong ties to local venues and others in the region. The Pittsburgh axe scene is close knit and I travel to other venues frequently. Plus social media is great for getting input from the masses farther away.</p>

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			With my history helping run venues, I've made a lot of connections all over, which helps as well.
Christina deGraft-Johnson	Urban Axes Baltimore	<p>When I began throwing axes in January 2022, I had no conception of what it meant to be part of the axe throwing community. I knew only my Sunday brunch league members. As I began throwing more regularly, I was able to meet several members of the Baltimore community and learn about their experiences and perspectives on the sport. The biggest turning point for me was attending my first Urban Open. It was the first time I met axe throwers from all over and realized that this sport is bigger than myself. Since then, I have been actively working to build community, engage others in open dialogue, and encourage people to try axe throwing for more than just throwing an axe at a board.</p> <p>My desire to be on this panel is simple: I love axe throwing and want to be more involved in it. I want to be able to better connect with throwers around the world, collaboratively work with others to grow the sport, and share my passion for throwing with more people. I also think it is important to have a diverse group of people representing the sport. Too often, we look to those who have won tournaments and are top performers as the experts in this sport. And while I have a lot of respect for the skills these throwers have, I think it is more important to hold space for the people who are still figuring things out and don't have a following "just because they're good."</p> <p>I believe that my experiences and perspectives as an axe thrower, community builder, and advocate for diversity make me a valuable addition to this panel. I am confident that I can contribute to the important work of growing and promoting the sport of axe throwing.</p>	<p>Throughout my life, I have always endeavored to create spaces where people can be seen, heard, and understood. Within the axe throwing community, I have worked diligently to gain the perspectives of throwers, understand the evolution of the sport, and question how people see this sport growing. I have been working harder on attending tournaments, marathon leagues, and playoffs (shout out to all those that livestream). My hope is that by being readily available to others, they will see me as someone they can turn to not only to hear them but advocate for what they need. And in turn, I hope that I can provide people with a space to understand what is happening with the IATF and know that there is a goal for the betterment of everyone in this community.</p>
Stephen Haldis	Choppers Hatchet House	<p>I have been throwing since 2019 and follow our game very closely. I am very knowledgeable when it comes to the rules, throwers, etc and follow our game similarly to how folks follow their favorite sports teams. I believe that my knowledge combined with my skill set in training, change management, and project coordination would be a valuable</p>	<p>I think that having a clear and concise communication style both in person and online in particular will go a long way. I make sure to attend 3-4 IATF tournaments per year and I participate in league each week. I believe those are great paths to gather feedback but the</p>

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		<p>asset in a group of axe throwers. I believe I'd help the group stay organized and think tactically.</p>	<p>greatest reach any of us have is online. In my job as a training manager I collaborate virtually with folks all over the country and world everyday. Being able to engage folks virtually and have effective conversations will be a key asset in a panel member.</p>
Kirk Thomas	Valhalla Jeannette	I want to assist in the growth of our sport and community. I want to help give everyone a voice in the future of the sport we love.	Personal interaction, email, voice calls, social media, etc.
Rachael Umbriano	Urban Axes Baltimore	Represent wide range of throwers	Centralize a channel for feedback and host conversations on agenda topics
Jacy Ring	Choppers Hatchet House	<p>Throughout the last 6 years of involvement in the axe community, I have had the opportunity to throw locally in a few different communities and build friendships with those outside of my immediate venue. I adore the conversations I get to have with people about this sport, how we can build up throwers who don't see themselves as "competitive," and where we envision IATF going in the future. I think the person chosen to be on the panel should be someone who is deeply involved and cares about their community as they will be a direct representation.</p> <p>I am deeply passionate about building up women in this sport; helping them to see themselves as fierce competitors no matter who they are playing against and in what format the points are being scored.</p> <p>Attending a variety of tournaments, including women's tournaments, have helped me to become an advocate and to spark deep conversations about why it is so important to lift up all marginalized groups of throwers. I would love to not only represent the women of the Eastern region, but all throwers.</p>	<p>Attending a variety of tournaments is a great way to interact with throwers outside of your immediate venue and I try my best to be available for these. Making an effort to meet new people and talk to them about any hesitations, any issues, and how the game can be improved for all levels of throwers is something I strive for and will continue to do. I will have space to hold these conversations, whether it be in person or virtually, to collect feedback from the throwers in this Eastern region. I would also collect tangible data from the community, which would involve more online communication whether it be through email, polling on the IATF forum page, or creating a place for community members to share individual concerns.</p>
Patrick Kerrigan	Chillaxe, secondary is ace axe	So I can help guide the sport in a direction that is supported by the majority.	By generally talking out issues or complaints in the community and figuring out the most rational solution that makes the most people happy.
Krista DiAngelus	Choppers	Being an IATF member since Urban Philly's 2nd league until now I have grown with this community. The last two years I have run the Countess Cup for Choppers and in doing so have developed good insight into	Six years into this life changing hobby turned passion I have met and networked with axe throwers all over the country. I am fortunate to say that through those groups

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		<p>what the ladies of axe throwing want and need. I can bring that perspective to this panel. I am also someone who rather be in the decision making and planning process than watch from the sidelines. There is so much that IATF can become and so many ways to grow. I want to be part of that growth.</p>	<p>(facebook, personal, etc) I am able to get varied feedback from our community.</p>
David Cycon	Urban Axes / Choppers	<p>Since the COVID pandemic, I have mostly felt that the IATF has been on a downward trajectory and right now it is at a major crossroads that will determine whether or not this organization can survive and thrive. Axe Prom has always been the event I most look forward to every year and I hyped it up to everyone that I knew. So when this year even that felt like a complete shell of its former glory, I couldn't help but feel completely despondent over the future of the IATF, wondering to myself, "How many years does the IATF have left?" and that feeling broke my heart. I love axe throwing and even more so the eclectic and diverse community that I call my Axe Fam and it has been harrowing to see the IATF seemingly fall more and more out of touch. I lost my home venue, Urban Axes Philly, the birthplace of IATF in the US, in part due to the decline in axe throwing. Now, almost a full year later, I still mourn that loss and I know I am not alone in that feeling. I cried more throwing my last axe at Urban than I ever could winning any tournament, so trust me when I say that the future of the IATF is something that I not only take very seriously but I hold very near and dear to my heart.</p> <p>I remember when IATF was at its best, back in 2018/2019 when Ian Bobby or Matt Wilson (or both) were at every single major IATF tournament. They made sure it was run correctly, that they were there to talk to the throwers, and get feedback from the community. I remember setting up the live stream in Montreal (Montreal Brawl, 2019) and watching Ian Bobby meeting with all the judges, inspecting all the boards and lanes, doing everything he could to make sure the tournament would run as smoothly as possible. I would point to this and similar instances at other tournaments and say to people "This is what makes the IATF great: the attention to detail and personal involvement of Matt and Ian." It made me feel like the IATF truly cared. But in the last</p>	<p>I believe in having several avenues of communication. I believe each region should have a closed facebook group for discussion, we should create an easily accessible and anonymously comments form that people can make to provide input without fear of judgement. Having a regular "Feedback Friday" on the IATF community page where we can take different topics and have an ongoing discussion around what works and what doesn't . Being open and response to members of the region on social media platforms.</p>

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two and a half years, this hasn't been the case. I remember being on a conference call with other throwers and Ian Bobby where he was sharing some ideas from the IATF about implementing the new premier ruleset. At the time it felt like IATF was looking for support for the new rules and not necessarily looking for feedback from regular throwers. It felt incredibly frustrating to suggest a possible change for clutches and hear a representative from the IATF repeat over and over again that a clutch within a clutch would not be feasible, only to impart this rule a few months later. When IATF published their revised axe specs, I was astounded that they initially disqualified some of the most popular axes. With each iteration of the rules bringing up more questions than answers, I kept wondering, "Why isn't the IATF reaching out to the axe making community to get their expert opinions? So much time, effort, and confusion could have been saved by taking the time to do this." So I will say I was in complete shock this past Urban Open to see Matt Wilson in attendance conversing with the throwers, asking their thoughts on the new "Urban Rules" and actively seeking feedback on changes that IATF could improve upon. I am not lying when I say for the first time in a long time I actually had faith in the IATF making the effort needed to grow this sport to what I believe it can become.

There are two reasons that I believe I am a good fit for the panel of throwers. The first is simply my experience and skill set. While many people have thrown in both IATF and WATL, to my knowledge only John Bradley and Jon Miller have thrown in both organizations for longer than I have. This allows me to bring an extremely unique perspective where not only have I seen the success and failures of both organizations throughout the years, I have been an active part of them. I take a tremendous amount of pride in being a voice that is respected across the entirety of the axe throwing community and that respect has been earned because I have always been willing to roll up my sleeves and help. I can't tell you the amount of tournaments I have been at where I have seen an issue with the bracket or how matches are being called and instead of just complaining, I seek out the people running the

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tournament and point out what I see and offer to help figure out a solution when it's needed. When IATC stopped running skills, myself and the rest of the Challenger Series team stepped up to try and fill that void by turning our popular USA vs Canada event into something that everyone could participate in. If you were there on the Friday competing in or watching qualifying 2022, you saw first hand how hard I was working to keep it all running smoothly. At BATL Royale, Corben and I turned down the cash prize for "Best Match of the Tournament" because we felt our match was not the best of the tournament. We opted to, instead, give it to Julio and Rander, which everyone could agree was the best match to see at BATL Royale. When I am wrong I am the first person to acknowledge it and give props where it is rightfully due.

The second reason I feel I would make an excellent choice to represent not just my region, but the community as a whole, is that I believe the panel of throwers needs to be made of people that the community can trust to represent them. There are fundamental flaws in the IATF that need to be addressed (the nature of round 1 imposes a fundamental limit on the number of possible IATF venues, premier scoring needs to be re-assessed, how do we make axe throwing more entertaining to the outside audience, just to name a few) and these problems do not have one singular right answer. Finding the best path forward for this sport will only be done through open and transparent communication between IATF and the community as a whole, pooling our talents into one powerful creative force. When I speak up, I mean every word that I say and I believe in standing up for what is right and giving everyone a voice even when those voices are those I don't agree with. I fully understand the responsibility that comes with being on the panel and that I am not just representing my own opinion but the opinion of the entire community. I know I am signing up for a thankless job and if you know me, you know that integrity is a foundational part of who I am as a person, and if I am chosen to represent the community you can trust that I will do just that.

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Alex Mitchell	Urban Axes Baltimore	<p>This is an incredible opportunity for throwers to have a tangible effect on our sport. I am heavily involved in the throwing community as the League Master at Urban Axes Baltimore for over the last two years now, and my passion for the sport goes well beyond any win loss record or tournament finishes. What I truly enjoy most is bridging the gap between our competitive throwers and non competitive throwers. Getting them from watching tournaments to believing that they can compete themselves, and watching them grow in confidence has always been the most rewarding part of my experience. I believe that that is key part of growing the axe throwing community. I've thrown in and helped run countless tournaments and leagues of all styles, I've established a throwing clinic at my location, and actively pursue my own goals as a thrower. Being hands on and deeply involved in the community at large is something I take great pride in. While this sport means the world to me, the community it what makes it. I would like the opportunity to give what I can back to the community by being a part of this panel.</p> <p>By continuing to be actively engaged with my community each week. To remain readily available to those within the community to address any concerns or questions. Creating lines of open and safe communication for anyone to voice their opinion regarding any updates or changes presented to the community.</p>
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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Steve Fleming (Sarge)	Valhalla North (UK)	<p>I want to help throwers, have their thoughts and ideas communicated to the IATF effectively and efficiently with clarity and transparency.</p> <p>Equally, I want the information coming from IATF down to be distributed with the same effect.</p> <p>Granted, I haven't been throwing long (15 months) but I love this sport, being a veteran it's helped my mental health and allowed me to be part of something great again.</p>	<p>I'm a member of all 5 UK based venues Facebook pages and I follow a venue in Poland. If I become part of the panel I would reach out and make myself known to any other European venues. I'm also friends with a lot of throwers and known within the sport around the UK.</p> <p>I'd be happy to set up a WhatsApp group for people to contact me through too.</p>
Connor "C-man" Hugginson	Maniax, Lumberjaxs, Axylum (travelling always)	<p>Having thrown for a couple of years now I feel I sit perfectly in between the newer generation of throwers and the old. Also I'm a travelling throwing, 1yr in the UK 1yr in Australia. I think it gives me a unique perspective.</p>	<p>Always asking questions, axe throwing is my life right now so talking about it with various people from various parts of the world is what I do already.</p>
Chris Severs	Valhalla North	<p>I feel this would be a good communication route between league members and officials, helping voices be heard</p>	<p>Valhalla North has a league members Facebook page, a Europe wide page would be easy to set up. There is also a UK/Europe based axe throwing group chat that welcomes opinions and ideas for discussions</p>
Zoe Heslop	Valhalla North, England	<p>It was first suggested to me by Valhalla North Owner, Kathryn Howe. She thought I'd make a good panel member as I can be impartial and carry the communities thoughts and opinions onto the IATF.</p> <p>I'm a friendly and approachable character, and I get on with everyone within the community, so if anyone needed to talk to me, they would feel comfortable to do so.</p> <p>I've also sat in board meeting and panels during my time at University, so I'd be able to carry that experience forward to ensure that the</p>	<p>Face to face meetings when possible. But, structured online meetings, surveys send via email and phone calls would be the best way to collect feedback from my community.</p>

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		<p>community are fully listened to. They will truly be able to count on me to be the voice for this incredible community.</p>	
Matthew Nozedar	Valhalla North	<p>I am passionate about all things axe throwing! I love helping our new league members develop and I want more than anything to see the sport grow!</p>	<p>The UK axe throwing community is a close knit group of friends. We already have a group chat which represents every IATF venue in the UK. Beyond that, I regularly travel to the other UK venues for marathons and competitions so I get to engage regularly with other members. I would also make my Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram inboxes open for any members to message with questions or issues that they didn't wish to share publicly or in view of others. I am currently not participating in any leagues as I am undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, although I am still actively engaged in the community through means mentioned above and the various axe throwing Facebook communities.</p>
Nathan (Wolverine) Pugh	Lumberjaks UK	<p>I would like to be considered for the panel as I have a very personal passion for the sport and for seeing it grow into what it can be. I'm an extremely active member in the European axe throwing community and the only thrower to have visited and made in person connections with every league running, IATF venue in Europe. I'm in constant communication with throwers from all venues whether it is regarding discussions on the sport, or providing help to throwers to purchase axes by arranging bulk orders from other countries while trying to save throwers on costs. Since the initial mention of this panel I have been waiting for the opportunity to put myself forward as a candidate. The experience I had attending the IATC this year for the first time has really opened my eyes to how important and special this community is for people including myself, and would love the opportunity to provide what I have to offer the IATF. The chance to meet with other captains and contributors ahead of the Global Showdown, was one of the most fulfilling roles I've had especially in this sport and it has made me realise that I want to be involved as much as I can be in the community.</p>	<p>My experience in my personal career as a National Health Service (NHS) Patient Engagement & Communications Officer has priorities in communicating with service users in excess of 100,000 patients. This has given me opportunity to engage with the public in collecting and consolidating feedback on ways in which to improve and better provide services for users. Methods that I currently practice within my job for this include but not limited to; completing feedback surveys and consolidating the data in a qualitative format, attending events in person and asking direct questions to users and making myself available to listen through multiple communication channels to direct feedback in whichever is the most convenient form best for the person. Another responsibility I have was the setting up and constant management of my services social media and website ensuring that information and posts are</p>

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My experience through my job and my personal characteristics of being extremely sociable, approachable and passionate, I think would be fitting qualities for someone on the panel of throwers.

My responses throughout this expression of interest may seem excessive to some, but I feel that they show how much I value this opportunity and how dedicated I am to ensuring that all members of the community can feel supported and heard, and help the sport and IATF be the best it can be.

accurate and up to date.

I've provided this information as an example of the experience I have to be able to collect feedback from the axe throwing community as I feel these skills are transferable. Whether that be in person through regular trips to all UK venues for events, engaging with throwers from these venues directly, from direct contact through social media I have with these throwers or through the many group chats I am a part of with throwers from all venues. I would like to ask specific questions when meeting with these throwers to collect feedback from all locations so that no venue or individual feels that they couldn't approach me. I have excellent rapport with all the venues in Europe and engage with them frequently.



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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Nick "Canadian Nick" Johnston	BATL Kitchener, BATL London, BATL hamilton, riot axe, all within the last year.	<p>I would like to be on the panel to voice for the throwers that don't have any affiliation to an axe company. As I have never worked for an axe company before I've always heard of the "managers meetings" the phone call I've always wished to be apart of just to understand how it all works. I want to inform the new generation of throwers that want to know why things are the way they are and how they work.</p> <p>I want to help push the sport to a new level and challenge the top throwers as well as keeping the new throwers engaged and developing. Having been the "new young thrower" when I started, I know the struggle of trying to climb the ranks. So with that I'll focus of bringing more people into the growth stage of throwing and focus efforts in vouching for more development tournaments and events.</p>	<p>I plan to be reaching out to venues and making me as accessible as possible for people to message or meet in person and talk axes. I frequently go to events and such all across multiple axe regions and don't plan on slowing down. I also work an afternoon shift leaving me open to be reached at non traditional hours to answer questions and concerns. If you want me to call you at midnight and talk axes for an hour shoot me a message and I'll do my best to find you answers.</p>
Sean Coutts	BATL Ottawa	<p>Short answer is easy, I love this game and want it to be the best it can be. But, everyone will say that.</p> <p>I want to be involved because this sport and this community have been my life for the last 8 years, both personally and professionally. I was a league runner before and after the creation of the NATF/IATF at BATL Ottawa.</p> <p>With this experience, I've been very familiar with the rulebook for a very long time and was always the main contact when anyone had any questions involving rule changes, updates, and clarifications at my venue. In addition to that, I also have context as to why certain rules exist, and why certain rules have been amended which helps people better understand the rules. This continued when we went to Philadelphia for the first time for our very first regional event. It was an</p>	<p>I am active in my venue's league forums, facebook groups, and group chats. I also attend numerous events per year, including marathon leagues at my venue and am always open to chat with people in my league, surrounding leagues, and leagues from different nights. I also travel regularly to venues in other regions. As a former league runner I have developed a rapport with long-time league members and rookies alike. I plan on using my experience as a main contact for rules and information and expanding upon it, opening up a dialogue with my fellow league members and being the person they can call upon to explain a rule or offer opinions on what could use an update.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration</p>

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		<p>amazing experience interacting with such a tight community and learning the differences between our venues, all while helping them better understand the rulebook.</p> <p>I have always believed in community first, and have always made sure that the magic I felt the first time throwing an axe is passed down from rookie to rookie. Simple things like high fiving after hitting their first string of bulls, helping them with their throw even when I'm their opponent, and making them feel welcome and comfortable is my priority.</p> <p>These are just a few reasons why I love this game and want to help it be the best it can be.</p>	
Dan Godfrey	BATL Vaughan	<p>Been at this for awhile. Have seen some shit. Have some thoughts. Been to both IATC and WATC. Been banned from WATL. Now own a WATL venue. Cut my teeth at Galleria. Helped get things going in the UK on both sides.</p>	Throw. Talk. Listen. Drink.
Brian Starling	BATL - Port Lands	<p>Giving back to the axe throwing community is my favourite thing, and I believe this is an excellent opportunity to continue doing that.</p>	Via multiple methods of communication including in person feedback, regional surveys and by incorporating round table discussions with all leagues in the region
Mark Davis	BATL Vaughan and Bullseye Barrie	<p>To hear thrower suggestions and concerns and bring them before the IATF, and foster transparency from the federation.</p>	Word of mouth, DMs, throwing in multiple leagues.
Adam Cassidy	BATL Ottawa	<p>I wish to grow the sport of axe throwing for competitors at all levels. I have served for several years as a competition director for an online gaming league(TeamWarfare League - TWL). I feel like my experience could be an asset to grow the sport.</p> <p>I am fully bilingual in English and French which could be good with all the various venues opening in the province of Quebec.</p>	Various Social Media platform, visiting the venues in person, holding regular feedback sessions with the community in my region.
Peter Clark	BATL Pickering	<p>I feel that I am able to be a good representative of the general axe community</p>	By listening to and talking to the community by being involved and present

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Caitlin McKee	Urban Axes Boston	<p>I believe that the community has a voice that is often lost in transitions in this sport. It is a difficult balance between propelling the sport forward to create new opportunities and hearing what makes this a valued experience for people. With so many individuals spanning the globe who cherish what axe throwing has given them, I want to make this community something that they can be proud to be a part of. I also feel passionately about the growth and the success of women in axe throwing. There is representation but I believe there is opportunity for so much more. As a woman in a sea of male athletes, I want to encourage and represent the female axe thrower and what we need to be seen in this sport.</p>	<p>I have participated as an IATF league runner for a period of time, now. I make a point of discussing with other league participants what it is that makes this community valuable to them. Additionally I travel to tournaments often and socialize with people from across the US, the UK, and Canada on a regular basis. I regularly converse with others in the community about their opinions and what they hope to see in the development of IATF axe throwing.</p>
Khalil Boukhris	Rage Montreal	<p>I am one of the most, if not THE most involved leaguer and staff member, and assistant manager at Rage. I participate in and help run leagues all the time, I am very passionate about the sport and the community I help build here, and I would like to spread that kind of positivity, involvement, and passion. Our venue is very tight knit with throwers from all around, we have throwers and friends coming from all over the place, Vermont, Toronto, Cobourgh, Ottawa, Québec city, etc.</p>	<p>I would like to initiate direct or online contact with members of the community who have relevant and helpful insight and feedback as to how this sport and community can improve and grow as a whole.</p>
Jon Peckitt	Escape Manor, and BATL	<p>To be involved in the sport i love</p>	<p>Im very available in person, social media etc</p>
Cory Vaillancourt	BATL Vaughan	<p>I will offer a unique perspective in the axe throwing community. I have experience both in playing and management sports clubs, specifically sledge hockey</p>	<p>Various polls both formal and informal, set up an email specifically for collecting information. I have a relationship with 3 out of 4 GTA BATL locations I would be able to collect information from them as well as using them to get my info out</p>
Dave Alviso	Ace Axe Throwing	<p>To help grow the sport as rapidly as possible while still adhering to both the ethos of the founding members and the desires of the current competitors.</p>	<p>I'm on multiple axe forums and compete in a fair amount of tournaments in both IATF and WATL. I regularly converse with many influential people in the community to get the best grasp of the aggregate desires/feelings of those who compete in the sport.</p>
Kyle Ingram-Sayeau	Pax	<p>Because I am passionate about this sport, and I honestly think being on the panel I could do some good</p>	<p>Whenever possible, I check my emails all the time :)</p>

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Blair McAndrew	BATL VAUGHAN	To get a perspective from someone who has only belonged to the community since 2019 is not close to being the best thrower but enjoys participating in the events and sees the value in community.	In person discussions, surveying and post event feedback
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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Chris Ramsey	Urban Axes Austin	I genuinely love the sport and the community. I'm committed to bettering the sport and providing my skillset to the IATF to help provide greater clarity and context on what the game has become! I believe that as the sport of axe throwing continues to grow, the pathways in which people can learn (rules, regulations, expectations, etc) need to be expanded.	I'm happy to solicit feedback via surveys, in person conversations, and any dedicated pathways that the IATF would recommend.
Vail Cook	Urban Axes Austin	I'd like to help make positive impacts on the sport to help it and its community grow.	By being an accessible member of my community. My social media profiles are all public, so whether they wish to talk to me in person at my local league nights, or contact me through social media I am reachable.
Sean Hill	Urban Axes Austin	I have fresh ideas and a genuine love for this sport that I believe motivates me to care about the concerns of the community as a whole. I've talked with dozens of throwers regarding their feelings and ideas surrounding the sport, so I feel as if I'm somewhat connected with the people. I would make axe throwing more of a career over a hobby if only I could afford all the travel, but alas a hobby it is.	I'm very Tech savvy. Social media is one of the best ways to collect feedback due to the various groups out there. Also, contacting throwing venues can be an effective way to distribute feedback forms to throwers emails directly (assuming throwers agreed to receive emails in the waiver consent forms). I could automate the whole process and have answers tallied and calculated without taking many hours of labor.
Haily Weber	BATL Houston	I want to help the IATF community continue to spread and grow and stay relevant.	In-person, social media posts, and traveling to different tournaments
Christopher Rios	Urban Axes Austin	As an IATF thrower since 2018, I've seen the wonderful benefit this sport has given to build a wonderful GLOBAL community of friends who care about the game and proud to be a part of it. As IATF navigates itself to grow and thrive, I believe it is imperative it strengthens its ties to hearing the voice of its local communities that make it special in that growth. This opportunity to create a panel of throwers to be a sounding board to not only provide feedback on where IATF can go to be successful but also communicate back to our local communities on its decisions is imperative to grow TOGETHER.	I will be available via FB messenger, In person, and will create a specialized thrower email account that I will commit to check once a week for review to get feedback on what we need to do to make participating in this sport a meaningful, joyful experience. I also participate frequently in many national tournaments and look forward to gaining and learning from other communities to build a unified experience that all can feel proud to be a part of.

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		<p>I have been blessed to have over 15 years of public affairs, communication, finance, and non-profit board governance experience, which I believe can be valuable skills that can be useful to the group to help structure our panel of throwers and foster constructive conversation with IATF leadership on its journey to make this the premiere Axe Throwing Sport Leader. IATF's growth means a lot to me and be part of this new initiative would be an honor to help facilitate.</p>	
Holly Holmes	Austin Urban Axes	<p>To share the voice of the passionate league member who just throws for FUN and enjoys the community axe throwing provides. I've thrown with UA Austin Sunday Green for 5 years and have experienced the growing pains and pluses of our sport that is in its infancy. It's important to make the sport more competitive for the throwers that compete AND we need to keep it fun for those that join league for community and good times.</p>	<p>I have the ability to hear ideas, participate in the review of weighing the benefits and possible negative impact on play with the mindset of what will be best for the community. Because I'm not a competitive thrower I won't have any personal bias to changes that one might think would be detrimental to personal throwing style. Feedback will happen a couple ways. First will be face to face, going to each league (night/brunch) and having convos with throwers. Fostering an open dialogue on topics that are being considered. Make sure the throwers understand the intended impact and getting their input. When the Clutch size was changed AND when the Clutch Premier area was created it was fascinating to see the axe math experts break down the idea. We have a lot of smart/caring minds in our community and if they are willing to share some of their expertise it can better our sport.</p> <p>Secondly I'll utilize the social media opportunities UA has created. This will make it easy for someone who feels more confident sharing through written word. OR if it's our math whiz folks, an easy way to share their work. AND we need to have two way flow of information, down from IATF and up from the community. I'll ask the league throwers what experiences have been beneficial in expanding their skills and enjoyment of our sport, then share that with my fellow panel members. THANKS!</p>

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Sarah Beckmann	Urban Axes-Austin	<p>I have found such an amazing community through the sport of axe throwing, both at Urban Axes-Austin and IATF wide. I am so excited to hear about this panel being created to better the community I am a part of and think I could be a strong addition to the team. I have multiple years of experience with grassroots committees and nonprofits, specifically working with programming and team development. I would love to use this professional experience to better the IATF community as a whole. Additionally, I would love the opportunity to meet more people in this sport and make connections outside of the Austin area. I went to my first major tournament in Baltimore this year and it made me realize how grateful I was to be a part of the axe throwing world, particularly because of all the supportive people I met during the competition. I think I would make a strong addition to the panel and am excited that IATF is going to be creating this space that, even if I am not chosen to be a part of it, I know my thoughts and opinions, as well as my fellow league members', will be heard.</p>	<p>I think my involvement in multiple leagues at Urban Axes – Austin will help me to be able to openly collect feedback from other league members on a regular basis. I am at the venue at least three times a week, and two of those days include newer/beginner leagues that I have tried to make connections with over the past year. I think having familiarity with these newer members could make them more comfortable sharing concerns and suggestions with me, rather than to someone they do not know. Additionally, in my past management experience, I have used things like virtual suggestion boxes and open forums so that members of my team are consistently able to suggest feedback and concerns anonymously whenever they see fit. I think a system like this could be helpful for the IATF panel because it will allow for members to communicate in a timely manner as well as in a way that the panel as a whole will have access to the information.</p>
Kyle "Zahmer" Fornet	BATL - Houston Heights	<p>I would like to be on the panel because I have a passion for axe throwing and fostering a growth in the community. It is an activity and community that got me through a lot in my life and I want to be able to pay it forward and ensure that all community members feel seen and have their voices heard. I'd like to also be able to disseminate information more thoroughly for changes in the IATF than is currently provided. I believe that a panel of throwers well represented by many levels of throwing throughout the geographic regions is a great step to achieving that goal. We can also serve as conduits between the organization and the throwers themselves. I know that feedback and communication is important and this is a great opportunity to increase the flow of information in both directions.</p>	<p>I plan to collect feedback in person, via email, as well as through social media groups (potentially creating a group for region specific throwers to elicit feedback and communicate important information) and a google form available to all regional IATF throwers.</p>

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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Jay Grayauskie	Valhalla Fleming island	I've been involved in international sports leagues in the past. As a former member of the world powerlifting congress I have experience on the needs of an international federation and how to help it grow. I would love to use my experience to help the community of axe throwing continue to grow. I've traveled around the U.S. and Canada competing in major axe throwing tournaments as well and believe that experience will help in understanding the needs of the community	I am friends with many throwers on social media so I can gather info from members all over the region as well as face to face communication with throwers in my state
Marques Manuel	Urban Axes Durham	Provide a logical and unbiased view and opinion to things that affect the community.	Talking to people in person, and taking into account online opinions whenever rule changes/announcements are made.
Ben Carter	Urban Axes Durham	I genuinely enjoy trying my best to be someone that people of all backgrounds and skill levels can feel comfortable interacting with. I am pretty opinionated on my own, but I always strive to listen to other opinions and weigh all of the information at my disposal. It would be a great honor to represent my fellow throwers to ensure that even conflicting opinions can be discussed openly. I also think that it is important for people to have a friendly source to reach out to for clarifications about rules and events (I don't always know the answers, but I'm always happy to help find out).	Facebook, In-person at events, and potentially via Zoom calls (either open to public or one-on-one as needed)
Shannon Kolvitz	Urban Axes Durham	I believe I can help voices to be heard. I want this game to be as inclusive as it can be, progress the sport, and help the IATF to see alternative paths to success. I am a very open minded person that can have the difficult conversation.	I am active online discussions and I go to numerous major axe events. I am open for discussion and feedback in those areas as well as having an email available for people to voice their concerns.
Bill Lackey (Bill, Bill, Bill)	BATL Charlotte Plaza Midwood	A little over six years ago I tried out this weird axe throwing thing, of course I had a blast but I had no idea at the time how much it would impact my life. Over those years I've helped open venues, coached, managed, run tournaments and events, travelled, thrown, met people, and become a part of this amazing group we refer to as the axe family.	By listening, through a variety of methods. By actively seeking out feedback, not just being receptive to it. By being real and honest and trying to understand.

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		<p>I am definitely not a great thrower, and I'm not getting any better. But that's not really why I do it. I do it for the fun, for the camaraderie, for the axe fam, for the love of the game. I'd be honored to be included as part of the stewardship of our sport, of our game. I would work to try to help ensure that as we continue to grow as a sport and as a community, that while driving towards more competitiveness and excellence we do not in the process also lose sight of that fun spirit.</p>	
Chris Beacham	Urban Axes Durham	<p>The sport is important to me, and I want to work to promote equity, reliable and comprehensible rules, and community.</p>	<p>Polls, emails, discussion sessions / town hall</p>
Jennifer Montrose	Shield N Sheath	<p>Since getting into throwing, I have become manager of our league and would love to continue growing the sport in our area and getting more involvement from our community. I think sharing what IATF has to offer and creating a transparent environment will only allow trust and growth to come.</p>	<p>I think holding throwing forums and gathering feedback at the end of each league season would be a great place to start in collecting feedback.</p>
Corben Decker	BATL LoSo	<p>I love the sport and love helping.</p>	<p>Direct communication!</p>
Clark Barrett	Urban Axes Durham	<p>I love the axe throwing community and want to make sure it is the best it can be. I have run many leagues and have seen what is done well and what I believe can be done better.</p>	<p>I ask my fellow axe throwers their opinions all the time and would continue to actively get feedback.</p>
Jon Sayer	BATL Charlotte Plaza Midwood	<p>I am extremely interested in preserving the long term viability of the sport. I am also extremely interested in making sure rule changes advance the sport in a way that makes things both competitive and fun.</p>	<p>My league mates are my best friends and we throw and talk axes all the time. I travel regularly for tourneys and have an ever growing group of axe friends that I interact with regularly. I also closely monitor axe throwing Facebook groups and keep up with everyone's opinions on various topics</p>
Stevie Karim	Game of Axes	<p>I've been in leagues for four years now and since I'm a younger thrower I plan on being apart of this community for a while. I'd love to be a part of the growth of the sport. I also helped run leagues for GOA and run our tournaments.</p>	<p>At tournaments, on leagues, through social media.</p>
Justin vicari	Game of axes	<p>I feel like I can help give ideas to help get more people involved in the sport of axe throwing and my input on different ideas and rule changes</p>	<p>However I need to a lot of people have different ideas our leagues have been getting smaller and smaller</p>

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			every season and we have been trying to come up with a way to get more people
Keri McGee	Game of Axes/BATL	Female representation and help make the community better/stronger. Nominated by Judith Karim.	Facebook and reach out personally to fellow leaguers that I've met through league and tournaments.
Austin Carroll	Game Of Axes Jupiter	Would love to give my input & share ideas that could help build the community & enhance the experience for ALL level of throwers!	Ask question on specific topics brought to our attention. Maybe issues people are having or things that need a more thorough breakdown



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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Jeffrey Wells	LA AX	Support the growth of the sport by contributing to rules, gameplay and community	In person at leagues and regional tournaments, as well as through social media groups. Will set up focus groups if more specific feedback is needed
Derek Morton	Axe Kickers Seattle	I'm fairly new to the community still, I started working at Axe Kickers in Seattle, WA in 2019 and I've been participating in IATF since 2020. I hear a lot of ideas in the shop that I'm based out of and I would like get input from throwers throughout the South West region.	I plan to make sure to make my email available for throwers and league runners to contact me with any ideas, questions, or concerns so I can take that information to the panel.
Austin Rising	LAAX	To advocate for the player community on both the highest competitive level and the casual level.	Polls, surveys, and local town halls or virtual forums.
Mitchell Karchemsky	LA AX	As an avid member of the IATF and axe throwing community for 4 years, I've cherished the connections made and the joy of introducing others to this amazing sport. My goal is to foster a welcoming and inclusive community that promotes active engagement. Collaborating closely with axe throwing venues, I have actively sought ways to expand opportunities for growth and strengthen our community bonds. Joining the panel would allow me to share the valuable insights I've gained from assisting beginners and learning from experienced throwers. With my understanding of effective communication, I aim to inspire others to overcome initial challenges and embrace this incredible sport as well as evolve it into an even more incredible experience.	I've collaborated with my venue to develop a user-friendly digital platform that goes beyond league nights, fostering year-round participation. Recognizing the passion of throwers to share their views, I understand the importance of providing accessible and efficient channels for feedback. Leveraging virtual methods such as the previously mentioned platform, leaning into existing well established systems (such as axescores), and actively engaging with by physically visiting different venues will be key in ensuring a smooth and inclusive feedback process. I plan on exploring systems for all three methods above to help foster a robust communication system to ensure that the community is heard.

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Name	IATF Member Venue	Why do you want to be on the Panel?	How do you plan to collect feedback from your community?
Carissa	The Range	I want to be a voice for the throwers out west! I've been a part of the axe throwing community out here since the first venue opened and have fostered a lot of relationships within the community, encouraging new throwers to immerse themselves in the community. We have always felt kind of on the outside of the national community so I would really like to change that!	Talk to people one on one as well as reach out via social media. I've been the admin on our regional facebook page since it's conception as well as have ties within many venues throughout the region.
Walden Cox	N/a	I have never competed in IATF because there are no venues within 8 hours of Denver. I would like to bring IATF to colorado	I have a pretty wide social media presence and think I could gather great interest
Austin "Sauce Boss" Campbell	True North Lethbridge	I have lived this community for the last 4 years. I am the only thrower to visit and throw in every venue in the western region. I have personally met and have direct contact with 95% of the western community. I have gone out of my way, even turning down job offers to stay in and support this community. Axe throwing and this community is my number one priority and I will do everything in my power to only grow and make this sport better	I personally work in the biggest venue in the western region, I run the biggest league in the west, as well as I am in direct daily contact with the entire western region as a whole. I could not be in a better position to collect feedback from the community and I am currently the person people go to already for feedback for leagues/venues/tournaments and other such events.
Lisa Warden	The Range	To ensure the sport is still making things worth while for newcomers and people to aren't the best to still continue to attend and grow the sport.	I am in the unique position where many people reach out to me with both frustrations and good things since I used to run majority of the leagues at batl Calgary and I actually ran them all when it did close. I am part of the team at the range and have people regularly talking and giving feedback to me. I have had people from Ontario and across Alberta who reach out as well. As a former social media manager for a large company I am great at communicating and deciphering messages from the community and will continue to do so through the appropriate channels.
Sasha Edwards	The Range	The West has often felt like we as a region have been overlooked and our opinions and thought's haven't mattered. We have a bunch of	With our leagues at the Range, there will be a feedback form that is sent out after season play. I also travel to

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		<p>highly skilled prominent throwers, but we also have an excellent base of up and coming and beginner throwers who need to have their voices heard as well. As an active member of the community, league runner and venue operator, I think I'd have a good opportunity to assist voicing the opinions of our regional throwers. I live this sport, it's important to me and I love it – I have been throwing IATF for over 6 years, have seen many changes, experienced a lot of growth and feel the Federation is heading in the right direction and this panel is an exciting addition. It changed my life as I know it has others. I'd love the opportunity to help include as many more voices as possible to aid in this transition. I think being able to separate one's own agenda and be able to see the big picture and do what's best for the majority is key – as we are a community, and that's the most important thing. From brand new inexperienced throwers to high level skilled throwers and everyone in between – all of us matter so I'd like to be on the panel to help with the inclusion of everyone. I've been thankful to have had many tournament and traveling experiences, participated in IATC a couple of times, so also being able to have the exposure not just at a regional level but at the higher competitive level provides a good knowledge base of the ongoings of how others operate to be able to have good conversations and brain storm sessions to help see what works and what may not.</p> <p>other western venues to participate in leagues and tournaments, and along with hosting leagues and tournaments at home this gives me a lot of face time and exposure to various members of the throwing community at all experience and skill levels. I also engage on Social Media and as I've been an active participant for many years I have been thankful enough to have many connections made within the region. I feel I am very easily accessible and approachable and believe I have the ability to look in various directions and see different points of view and always encourage feedback and discussion. Messages, emails, forms, conversations, you name it!</p>
Philippe Lachance	The Range	<p>To have a positive impact and help bring in the throwers point of view</p> <p>Talking to fellow throwers at leagues and tournaments mainly, some online discourse as needed.</p>