



Chris Wagstaff

Nominators: Prof. Ale Quartiroli and Prof. Robert Schinke

**A biography (maximum 250 words)**

**Chris Wagstaff is Professor of Applied Psychology** at the University of Portsmouth, UK, specialising in organisational sport psychology. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles, and his research has informed national and international policy on organisational culture evaluation, thriving environments, board governance, practitioner training, and sustainable coaching. His work has been supported by Olympic sport programmes, national governing bodies, and agencies across the UK, Canada, USA, Sweden, and the International Olympic Committee.

Chris has co-authored several International Society of Sport Psychology position statements, including those on ISSP-R ethics, scientist-practitioners, the role of high-performance environments in mental health, and athlete mental health in elite sport.

He has been the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology* since 2022 and has held senior editorial roles across multiple leading journals. He is listed on the International Society of Sport Psychology Registry, and is a Fellow of both the Association for Applied Sport Psychology and the British Psychological Society.

As a practitioner psychologist, Chris consults for UK Sport and the UK Sports Institute. He led the UKSI's performance psychology service in the lead-up to Tokyo 2020, managing a team of 33 practitioners, and has supported athletes and teams at four Olympic Games and across more than 20 sports.

**A position statement outlining your vision (maximum 250 words)**

As a long-standing member of the sport psychology community, I am deeply committed to advancing the profession through research, practice, and leadership. If elected to the ISSP Managing Council, my vision is to help shape a globally inclusive, ethically grounded, and scientist-practitioner-informed future for sport psychology.

My work has focused on organisational sport psychology, with research and practice influencing policy across Olympic systems and international agencies. I've co-authored ISSP position statements on ethics, scientist-practitioners, how environments influence the mental health, and athlete mental health in elite sport—issues I believe are central to our collective mission. I would bring this experience to the Council to support the ongoing development of evidence-informed guidance and global standards that reflect the diversity of our membership.

I am passionate about bridging research and practice, and I see ISSP as a key platform for fostering collaboration across cultures, disciplines, and career stages. I would advocate for initiatives that support early-career professionals, promote ethical and sustainable practice, and enhance the visibility of sport psychology's impact on performance and well-being.

As Editor of the Journal of Applied Sport Psychology and a Fellow of both AASP and BPS, I understand the importance of scholarly leadership and international cooperation. I would be honoured to contribute to ISSP's strategic direction and help strengthen its role as a global leader in sport psychology.

**A short statement for online promotion (maximum 60 words)**

**Chris Wagstaff** is Professor of Applied Psychology at the University of Portsmouth, UK. A leader in organisational sport psychology, he brings extensive international experience in research, policy, and practice. As an ISSP Managing Council nominee, Chris aims to promote ethical, inclusive, and practitioner-informed approaches that advance global sport psychology and support sustainable high-performance environments.

**A clear indication of the position you are applying for:** Member at Large

**A link to your university website:** [Chris Wagstaff | University of Portsmouth](#)