

Scottish Fencing 2025 Proposal Form – Election of Directors



Proposal Form to stand in an election for Directors of Scottish Fencing Ltd to be held in February 2025.

I Robin Paterson hereby offer to stand for election to the post of Director of Scottish Fencing Ltd. My proposal is supported by the following Voting Members of Scottish Fencing :

Name	
1.	Dr Jon Goulding
2.	Mr Callum Sutherland
3.	Ms Lindsey Cant
4.	Mr Angus McNicholl
5.	Mr Joe Joyce

In the supporting statement below I describe my suitability to serve on the Board and the experience and expertise I can contribute, and outline what I would hope to achieve for fencing in Scotland through membership of the Board.

Supporting statement

I seek your support to stand as a Director of Scottish Fencing.

In helping to deliver our strategy, Forging the Future, I would like to highlight the following qualifications, knowledge and experience that I consider relevant to this position.

Academic Qualifications

I hold a BA (Hons) Recreation (Heriot Watt University), MSC in Public Relations (Stirling University), Post Grad Certificate in Public Sector Leadership (Napier University) and a Post Grad Certificate in Integration of Health and Social Care (Edinburgh University).

Work Experience (Selected)

I have worked for over 30 years in the public sector. My past work experience, most relevant to this Board position, includes project management, performance management (social care), quality assurance, undertaking equality impact assessments and managing a grant scheme to support voluntary and third sector organisations.

In my current role as Community Sport Hub Development Officer, I oversee the club accreditation scheme on behalf of Moray Council, develop projects based on SportScotland Changing Lives initiative and advise clubs on disclosure/safeguarding and data protection issues.

Fencing Competitive Achievements (Highlights)

I started fencing at the age of 12 (I'm now 55) and the following are some of my competitive highlights. Scottish Junior Men's Epee Champion (1987), Scottish School Boy's Epee Champion (1988), Highland Open Men's Epee Champion (2004), 29th British Championships (2005), 2nd Northern Ireland Men's Epee (2009).

Development of Elgin Duellist Fencing Club

I am the founding member of Elgin Duellist Fencing Club (established 2007) and previously project managed the Highland Open Fencing Tournament for 10 years. This year, in recognition of my contribution in running the Highland Open, I awarded the Sword of Merit by Scottish Fencing.

I was previously head coach of Elgin Duellist Fencing Club and was presented with the 'SportMoray' Coach of Year Award in 2014. I also held the position of Treasurer on the Elgin Duellist Fencing Club Management Committee.

I am a father of a teenage fencer.

Coaching Qualifications

I hold Level 2 Foil and Level 3 Epee Coaching qualifications and strongly endorse Scottish Fencing's revised coaching pathway and syllabus.

Project Forte

In addition to the changing lives projects noted in relation to my work experience, I have delivered a 6 week fencing programme with Moray Rape Crisis Centre for women who have experienced sexual violence.

Summary

I have first-hand experience of running a club, extensive knowledge of sports governance issues and the range of activities overseen by Scottish Fencing.

I am passionate about the transformative benefits of our sport and believe I am now at a stage in my life where I can make a helpful contribution to the strategic direction of Scottish Fencing. I would be honoured to be selected as a Director.