



Proposal Form to stand in an election for Directors of Scottish Fencing Ltd to be held in February 2023.

I **Sam McLellan** 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 (Voting Members are members over the age of 16.):

Name	
1.	Mark Alvares
2.	Jamie Cook
3.	Kate Daykin
4.	Chloe Dickson
5.	Fiona Hetherington
6.	Stan Stoodley
7.	Sean Walton

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

Supporting statement

My name is Sam McLellan, and I am throwing my hat enthusiastically into the ring to serve on Scottish Fencing's Board. I bring broad experience as a member, recovering international fencer and FIE referee, and am keen to give back to the fencing community in a positive way. I believe a lot of the work done over recent years is to previous Board's credit; the establishment of working groups homing in on specific aspects of our sport (including the Referee Advisory Group, on which I have been fortunate to serve), the Pathways Squad which supports the next generation, a thriving Youth Development Series, and a comprehensive coach education programme. I feel strongly about these projects—I have participated in all of them—and know their positive impacts on our members. As a Board member, I would seek to promote and support these opportunities, whilst drawing on my broad experience as a fencer and official to try and enhance them. I think there are more opportunities for overlap and community engagement in our sport than perhaps currently offered. I envisage a Scottish Fencing where our senior athletes play an active mentoring role in the Pathways programme—we have enormous talent, and great international results which should be celebrated and shown to the champions of tomorrow. I would push Scottish Fencing to encourage amalgamation of officials, coaches, and athletes to share best practice and resources, and see a Governing Body which responds positively, and actively, to the needs and calls of its members. A Board needs to be driven by the members it serves and, as such, my principal offering is to sit on our Board as a listener. As an international referee this is, believe it or not, our most important facet, as it is in my other line of work, too—conducting orchestras. Referees listen to and observe fencers' actions, and responds to them with clarity, fairness, empathy, and professionalism. Likewise, a conductor hears the orchestra and reacts with actions and directives seeking to help the musicians with their

tailored response. A Board member's job is no different. It is, in my view, about listening carefully and subsequently doing the hard, but exciting, work to meaningfully implement the needs of the community. It is as simple and as complex as that. I feel ready and motivated to start listening to what you have to say. Thank you for your consideration.