

Scottish Fencing

2023 Proposal Form – Election of Directors



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

I **Paul Vaughan** 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.	Hugh Kernohan
2.	Sam McLellan
3.	Richard Foster
4.	Sheila Anderson
5.	Robert Blackburne
6.	Callum Sutherland
7.	Andrew Brown
8.	Fiona Irwin
9.	Niall Campbell
10.	Silvia Brown

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

I am standing for a second term for the Scottish Fencing Board to continue the work started over the last four years and support the development of the sport in Scotland.

The last four years presented many challenges arising from the COVID pandemic and the interruption it caused in all our lives and in the development of fencing in Scotland. There is much still needing to be done in helping clubs and members recover from its impacts.

A highlight of my first term was my involvement in the Scotland Team's successful 2022 Commonwealth Fencing Championships. The achievements of the Team were only possible through the combined efforts of all those involved and I extend my thanks to all the fencers, performance and coaching team, support team, volunteers and families who made the event such a success.

The preparations and development through the Commonwealth Championships have demonstrated what can be achieved by shared purpose across the fencing community and highlighted developments for the future. A key part of the 2022 Commonwealth preparations was to put the beginnings of a longer term training and development pathway in place. I am particularly keen in my second term to continue this work developing the pathways that will allow all the fencing community to contribute and improve and develop their abilities. The beginning of the under 15

pathways process and its development for other ages and para-fencing is an area for continuing improvement and ensuring that suitable pathways and opportunities are available for coaching, refereeing, competition management and armoury so that we can support all those involved in the sport.

Preparing now for future competition and commonwealth fencing championships will allow Scotland to compete across all fencing categories, provide training and development for fencers with Scotland also demonstrating an excellence in the quality of the coaching, refereeing and support that we provide to fencers and the successful running of competitions.

Fencing is demonstrating the positive benefits it can bring to individuals and communities through innovative work by clubs in engaging with local communities. Increasing participation in fencing and making the sport as inclusive as possible is important in supporting health and wellbeing, the growth of fencing and supporting the Changing Lives strategy across Scotland. Fencing can achieve these positive benefits whilst also also supporting excellence for those seeking to compete and contribute their skills at the highest level.