

Scottish Fencing 2019 Proposal Form – Election of Directors



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:

	Name	SF no	Preferred email address for confirmation of support
1.	Kate Daykin		
2.	Ewan Robertson		
3.	Keith Davidson		
4.	Tom Jarosz-Cromie		
5.	Robert Blackburne		
6.	Stephen Ferguson		

At least five supporters are required, but more may be listed. Note that no Voting Member may support more than one proposal. Voting Members are members over the age of 16.

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 - (400 words maximum)

I am offering to stand as a Director of Scottish Fencing because I believe that my professional expertise and fencing journey can bring valuable skills and experience to help Scottish Fencing in forging the future and creating world class pathways and inspiring the fencing community to master their chosen environment.

My professional experience is as a senior manager and leader in the public sector and local government. I am a member of the Chartered Management Institute (MCMI) and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Advancement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA).

As a Head of Service in local government, my responsibilities include sports development and physical activity, voluntary sector support, community engagement, funding, volunteering, communications and organisational strategy. The delivery of Scottish Fencing's strategy to 2025 will benefit from this experience. In particular, I believe that I can bring my skills and experience to help deliver the strategies that will overcome barriers to participation helping to change the perception of the sport and increase the number of people from all backgrounds and abilities trying and actively participating in Fencing. The community engagement required to do this can only be sustained if a strong, inclusive and supportive network of clubs and development is available to sustain membership and provide the progression and talent development matching individual needs. With many clubs, competitions and events relying on the organisational strength of volunteers, it will be important to nurture and acknowledge this important resource for the continuing

development of Fencing in Scotland. Setting the infrastructure in place for developing Fencing in Scotland with good governance, active leadership and momentum will energise and sustain the sport for the future and I can help achieve this as a Director of Scottish Fencing.

My own fencing journey beginning in the 1980s has allowed me to experience first hand the importance of inclusive participation. As a child, student, adult and now veteran fencer and a father to a young fencer, it is clear to me the importance of inclusive, fun, safe and supportive learning and coaching environments that are robustly underpinned by the active leadership of the governing body. Only when these are working together with all stakeholders has Fencing in Scotland made the improvements necessary to grow and develop. I hope that my own personal experiences of fencing as well as my professional expertise and knowledge will help Scottish Fencing in forging the future.