

Scottish Fencing 2021 Proposal Form – Election of President

I, STAN STOODLEY, hereby offer to stand for election to the post of President of Scottish Fencing Ltd.

I 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.	KEITH COOK		
2.	CHLOE DICKSON		
3.	SAM MCLELLAN		
4.	NAOMI FARMER		
5.	PAUL NEIL MCLACHLAN		
6.	FIONA COYLE		
7.	ROBIN PATERSON		
8.	ROB BLACK		
9.	PHIL CARSON		
10.	KEVIN MILNE		

Supporting statement

My name is Stan Stoodley. I've been involved with fencing for over 40 years.

People in the past have asked "Who are Scottish Fencing?" I used to answer, it's a small group of volunteers who get little thanks for their efforts. Today, I answer "We are Scottish Fencing ". But what exactly does that mean and why should you vote for me to become President of Scottish Fencing? What are our shared values and needs as a community? How are these needs being met? Who is delivering them?

I believe every individual member and club is responsible for the positive experience and growth opportunities of our community. As President I will encourage more cooperation and collaboration to develop inclusivity, proactive initiatives, group resilience, forward thinking and planning so that 'together' we can enjoy building the 'experience' of being an 'active' part of fencing in Scotland for generations to come.

I believe we all have something valuable to contribute to our clubs and the larger fencing community and that we have to sometimes step out of our comfort zone and take the initiative.

To that end I have successfully been selected, travelled, and completed 2 Internationally awarded Fencing Coaching Diplomas and Sport Scotland's Professional Development Award in Sport Educator Tutoring, with which I have helped to create and deliver our highly successful Scottish Fencing Coach Education Programme and taken to clubs throughout Scotland in Shetland, Stornoway, Aberdeen, St Andrews, Edinburgh and the Borders. Currently I am helping to develop the Scottish Pathways Programme which has caught the attention of British Fencing. I have been involved with the ground-breaking Project Forte initiative which seeks to help victims of trauma find a safe way to support their journey of healing through a specially designed programme of modified fencing activity. The programme seeks to develop self-belief, confidence, self-control and a sense of achievement.

As your President I will –

- be highly visible, support your events, report regularly on our webpage or through social media and give regular opportunity for communication, the sharing of ideas and feedback.
- be accountable for decisions made on behalf of our community. Giving my time and effort in to finding ways to make things happen.
- Increase opportunities for participation of BAME, people with Disabilities, members of the LGBTQ+ community and Women in Sport.
- promote the benefits of being an 'active' and 'collaborative part of Scottish Fencing' and its impact on the 'quality' of people's lives in the community.
- seek to address the barriers to participation and new competition development within Scotland.
- 'integrate training, support and development' with our progressive Coach Education Programme, VETS Squad, Senior Team Squads, College & Universities Squads, YDS, Pathways Programme and Referee Development Programme.
- develop the Professionalism of our referees and coaches
- build collaborative relationships with Sport Scotland, British Fencing and the Home nations sharing best practise for the benefits of our community.
- make the Scottish Open a truly International Event where fencers from all around the world come to compete.

Please vote for me if you think that the way ahead for Scottish Fencing can best be achieved with a positive spirit. To collectively share the responsibility of our values and goals, making our fencing experience more rewarding for all. Your thoughts and feelings matter. As your President I will positively welcome the adventure to see what we can achieve together. For in the end, we are what we do and the outcomes will speak for themselves. For together "We Are Scottish Fencing."