

Scottish Fencing 2021 Proposal Form – Election of Directors



I, Alexander Pearson, 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.	Ruth Thomson		
2.	Leona Henry		
3.	Catriona Thomson		
4.	Andy Pearson		
5.	Keith Davidson		

Supporting statement

I believe I will be a strong candidate for the position of director due to my history in the sport, my experience, and the knowledge I can bring to the role.

I have been in the sport of fencing for over 20 years and have been involved in various aspects of it with at different times being: a competitor, a competition organiser, a referee, a coach and even a former club development officer for Scottish Fencing. This vast range of experiences have given me a deep understanding of the sport from a variety of different angles as well as an understanding of the inner workings of Scottish Fencing.

I currently volunteer as part of the Scottish Fencing Referee Advisory Group to support the referee development in Scotland as well as coaching at two clubs, Sancroft Blades and Glasgow West End Fencing Club. I regularly volunteer as a referee in events across the country, from the Foundation Youth Development Series events, the Scottish Student Sport Fencing events, the Glasgow and Scottish Opens, the Leon Paul Junior Series Scotland events and 24ers/48ers series events. I previously ran events for Scottish Student Sport Fencing as I stood as their chair for 2 years from 2014-2016 and have refereed at the Veteran 4 Nations when Scotland hosted the event in 2018.

In terms of my experience outside the sport I have a Bsc(Hons) degree in Sport Development from the University of the West of Scotland, as well as having worked as an intern with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and the Clydesdale Sports Council running multiple youth athletic and multisport events. This has given me an understanding of what is required not only to grow sport at a foundational level but also ensure the support systems are in place so the growth is sustainable, and we can continually support every aspect of the sport.

With Covid-19 and the various restrictions we will need to work through as we progress into a post-lockdown landscape, Scottish Fencing will be needed more than ever to ensure the sport is supported at all levels in its different forms by working with clubs, coaches and communities across Scotland.

I believe that my knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm will be of great value as we look to help the sport grow.