

# JOB DESCRIPTION - CHAIR OF TRUSTEES - BRITISH FENCING CHARITY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of the British Fencing Charitable Fund (BF Charity) is to provide financial and other assistance to enable participation in the sport of fencing at all levels including GBR representation. In addition, it seeks to support projects which use fencing to contribute to positive social change. There are three key areas we focus on:

### **Talent Development**

Support the building of strong and successful GBR athlete pathways. Focussing on the support of athletes on route to the Olympics in Tokyo in 2020, Paris in 2024 and beyond. We aim to help them graduate from domestic success onto international competitions.

### **Increasing Participation**

Develop fencing by broadening its availability. British Fencing is inclusive and diverse, encouraging people from all ages and backgrounds to take part.

### **Social Development**

Support projects which use fencing to deliver wider improvements in society.

There is more information at [www.britishfencingcharity.org.uk/](http://www.britishfencingcharity.org.uk/).

British Fencing is the National Governing Body for the Olympic Sport of Fencing. The BF Charity is a legally separate entity to British Fencing with its own trustees acting in the interests of the BF Charity. The Board of British Fencing does however appoint those trustees. The BF Charity was set up in June 2015 and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is registered with the Charity Commission Under charity number 1162476.

## 2. FUTURE PLANS

The BF Charity was set-up just before the 2016 Rio Olympics to help support our GBR Fencing team and was given added impetus following the loss of UK Sport funding after 2016. The founding trustees have worked hard to build the charity and raise money in that period and have provided a strong foundation for future plans.

The Board of British Fencing, together with the trustees of the BF Charity, believe there are exciting opportunities in the years ahead. We have a cohort of talented fencers who are aspiring to go the Olympics and we have a GBR Development Programme that is

building momentum. We are particularly excited by our community development projects that seek to make a positive impact on society. These activities, however, take place in the context of increased pressure on public funding through our partners Sport England and UK Sport and so we are determined to accelerate the work the BF Charity does to fund these activities, projects and programmes. We wish to appoint a new Chair of Trustees to continue to drive this.

### 3. ROLE OVERVIEW

<b>Job Title:</b>	Chair of Trustees of British Fencing Charity
<b>Location:</b>	Meetings likely to be by telephone and /or in London
<b>Term:</b>	Initially four years
<b>Expenses/Remuneration:</b>	The post is non-remunerated; Reasonable expenses in relation to duties will be reimbursed.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	The British Fencing Charity trustees meet about 4 times per year. Informal and ad hoc meetings in addition to this.

### 4. PERSON SPECIFIC

We are looking for an individual with demonstrated drive and who can make a strategic impact and help shape the future plans of the charity.

The new Chair will have proven leadership skills.

While we feel some fundraising experience or exposure is ideal, it is more important that the new Chair is able to communicate effectively and be credible with partners in helping to raise funds.

Experience of community and social sports programs funded by charities would be helpful.


The new Chair will have a sound understanding of governance and the duties of trustees / directors and at least three years' experience as a trustee, non-executive director or similar role.

We welcome applicants with and without fencing experience and from a diverse set of backgrounds.

### 5. TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted via email to Chair of British Fencing on [chair@britishfencing.com](mailto:chair@britishfencing.com) in the form of a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and an up to date curriculum vitae by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The selection process will be overseen by the Nominations Committee of British Fencing.

British Fencing is committed to providing equal opportunities for all and is committed to following best practice in the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults.



For further information please consult: [www.britishfencing.com](http://www.britishfencing.com)

We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to receive clear, understandable information from British Fencing. If you require this in an alternative format please contact British Fencing.

This is a profession which is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check will be required.