

TRUSTEES - BRITISH FENCING CHARITY

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

1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of the British Fencing Charitable Fund (BF Charity) is to support British Fencing strategic endeavours. It does this through actively supporting the development of fencing and aims to diversify participation by providing financial and other support to encourage and nurture the talent of the future. In addition the Fund supports strategic partnership projects and programmes designed to sustainably grow participation with a focus on increasing inclusion and diversity and maximise the positive impact that fencing can have on people's lives.

Run by volunteers, we rely entirely on donations, the majority of which comes from members of our fencing community.

There are three key areas we focus on:

Talent Development

Our aim is to support the building of strong and successful GBR athlete pathway programmes. In particular we focus on supporting programmes for athletes on a trajectory to Olympic and Paralympic qualification and medal success. We do this by providing support to talented athletes that will help them graduate from domestic/international age group success onto senior international competitions.

Increasing Participation

Our aim is to develop fencing by broadening its availability.

The Charitable Fund supports the position that British Fencing is inclusive and diverse, encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to take part.

We will do this by funding projects designed to increase accessibility and participation in a manner that is sustainable and provides a long term benefit for the participants and the sport.

Positive Social Impact

Our objective is to bring about positive social impact through fencing.

We will do this by supporting partnership projects designed to explore and deliver wider societal and community benefits than those traditionally associated with sport.

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.

More information can be found at <https://www.britishfencing.com/british-fencing-charity/>.

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.

This role will work closely with the CEO, contributing to the achievement of British Fencing strategic aims and objectives.

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 Athlete 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 availability of public funding to BF (through their 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.

3. PERSON SPECIFICS

We are looking for two volunteer independent individual(s) with expertise in Charitable Law and/or Finance and Accounting who can contribute to making a strategic impact and help shape the future of the charity.

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

4. TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted via email to Chair of British Fencing Charity on bfCharitychair@britishfencing.com in the form of a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and an up to date curriculum vitae by 1st October 2022. 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

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 (headoffice@britishfencing.com).

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.