

## ELECTION CANDIDATE DETAILS - JADE CLARKE

---

**Please describe your Fencing Experience & BF Service:**

I used to fence at junior and cadet competitions, with my highlights being attending the junior and cadet world championships in Plovdiv, the Europeans in Jerusalem, and getting a bronze at the junior commonwealths in Cape Town. When I was 18 I started working and fencing less. I had a short stint coaching in the evenings pre-covid, and now fence occasionally for fun.

I have been appointed to the board for the last 2 years, where I use my experience as a chartered accountant, being a competitive fencer and participant of the world class programme (similar to today's ADP) to assess the strategy of BF, and review the financial security of the organisation using my professional skills.

**Please describe your Governance/Company Director/Board level Experience:** (This can be in private or public sector, sport or non-sporting capacity.)

My experience at board level is the last two years on the board of British fencing, where I have been a member of the AGRC (audit, risk and governance committee) and commercial committees. In my day-job I have prepared materials for, and presented to board the board of internal and external organisations. I am also very familiar with the UK Corporate governance code and good practice in organisations though my chartered accountancy and reviewing the corporate governance at clients.

**How would you support the strategic objectives of British Fencing** (1. A performance pathway to international success, 2. A stronger, empowered community of 30,000 fencers, volunteers, coaches and supporters, 3. Accessible inclusive swordplay opportunities delivered via partnership programmes, 4. A sustainable future supported by high quality governance and infrastructure that is financially resilient, 5. Maximise the wider benefits of fencing and the positive impact it can have on people's lives) **if elected to the Board:**

## CANDIDATE DETAILS 2023 - JADE CLARKE

I would continue to support the strategic objectives of British fencing, aiming to ensure the financial security of the organisation to support these goals, and to improve British fencing for all members of the community, from the elite performers to the community outreach, commercial and wider positive impact programmes.

**Please indicate and describe your current qualifications and practice experience in relation to those sought by the Board.**

**Summary:**

Area		Description of qualification/experience
Fundraising/Accessing funds - in the public and not for profit, health and education sector	Y	<i>My job is in the Equity Capital markets practice, helping organisations raise funds through equity transactions from growth through to public stages. Additionally I have been on the board through recent UK and Sport England fundraises</i>
Commercial/Procurement in the education sector	Y	<i>Reviewed the school programme of the BF commercial initiatives and learnt about the pros and cons</i>
Financial Management/Accountancy/Corporate Finance	Y	<i>Chartered accountant since 2020. Working in audit, accounting and investment banking full time since 2015.</i>
Experience of delivering Disability Sport Programmes	Y	<i>Seen the BF disability sport programme be delivered and the merger of BF and BDF recently.</i>

**Further Details:**

n/a – included above

Please indicate whether you are an active fencer aged 18 to 35

Yes

Please describe any additional skills and attributes that you believe you would bring to the Board if elected.

My experience as a fencer, combined with my professional experience as a chartered accountant and banker, brings a knowledge of the fencing eco-system and the professional knowledge to review and challenge and support the strategy of British Fencing. Additionally fencing as a sport gave me so much (world exposure, experience, growth) that I could never pay back through an international medal or quality coaching, therefore this is my small way to (*hopefully*) contribute to the community!

#### Nominating Members

1. Francis Wilkinson
2. Zoe Law
3. Daniel Elliker
4. Michael Jacob
5. George Burton
6. Soji Aiyenuro
7. Pat Aiyenuro
8. Andy Lines
9. Chris Hay
10. Yvonne Chart
11. Katie Little
12. Tommy Curran Jones
13. Euan Deamer
14. Victoria Mentor
15. Matt Billing