

ELECTION CANDIDATE DETAILS - TOMMY CURRAN JONES

Please describe your Fencing Experience & BF Service:

I have fenced for 17 years, starting as a 10 year old at LPJS competitions and going on to represent GBR at every level from cadet through to seniors. I have been a beginner, a university fencer, a member of the world class program, a club committee member, a referee and for the last 5 years a Director on the British Fencing board. Prior to joining the board I established the Youth and Senior panels, two groups to enable better communication between the board and our elite athletes. I am also currently the Honorary President of Durham University Fencing Club, an advisory role to help develop the country's most successful university fencing club.

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

I have been a member of the British Fencing board for the last 5 years, serving on the AGRC for the last 6 months. Prior to joining the board, I established the Youth and Senior panels, two groups to enable better communication between the board and our elite athletes

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:**

I love this sport because of the people who are involved with it. All our strategic objectives are dependent on supporting the people in our sport.

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Communication is key. I will continue the work that I have been doing over the past 5 years to use my professional expertise to improve the transparency of BF decision making, and empower the membership to have their voices heard in all BF decision making. We also need to expand the appeal of fencing and I hope to work with the BF exec to spread the messaging around the wonderful benefits of the sport.

International success starts with excellence at home. I will continue to push for and support the on going efforts to create as strong a coaching and refereeing base as possible. I will also use my experience as an athlete and connections with athletes to make sure the decisions the board takes reflects their best interests.

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>Worked alongside the Durham University Fencing Club, both as a member and Honorary President to secure sponsorship to fund the clubs activities</i>
Commercial/Procurement in the education sector	N	
Financial Management/Accountancy/Corporate Finance	Y	<i>Five years on the British Fencing Board and AGRC sub committee</i>
Experience of delivering Disability Sport Programmes	N	

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Further Details:

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

Y

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

I currently work as a creative for one of the world's largest and most successful advertising agencies. My day-to-day job is to think strategically about client's issues and solve them innovative solutions. British Fencing, along with the rest of the country and world, finds itself facing tremendously adverse times and never before seen challenges. Combined with my extensive experience of all aspects of fencing, I believe my skills in communication and creative thinking will provide vital support to the organisation in solving these challenges.

Nominating Members

1. RICHARD LLOYD-JONES
2. MICHAEL MACLENNAN,
3. HARRY PECK
4. PAUL SANCHEZ LETHEM
5. JAMES ODGERS
6. BAYLIE FEAST
7. PATRICK KJELLEVOLD
8. JACOB FOREY-MILLER
9. JAMIE BRIGGS
10. HUGO SMITH
11. SAM WILSON
12. ALEXANDER TRUUVERT
13. ROHAN KAMATH
14. FRANCIS WILKINSON
15. JADE CLARKE