

BRITISH FENCING CHARITY

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

ROLE DESCRIPTION

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Welcome to The British Fencing Charitable Fund.

The Fund is a separate organisation from BF, registered with the Charity Commission, Charity number: 1162476.

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ABOUT THE ROLE

2026 will be a year of renewal and change across British Fencing (BF) as it seeks to build on its exciting new strategy. The British Fencing Charitable Fund (BF Charity) is seeking to strengthen its role to support fencing, with an initial focus on developing a new fundraising strategy.

The BF Charity is looking to appoint a Chair who will play a pivotal and inspiring role in shaping the future of the charity. You will provide strategic leadership to the Board of Trustees, ensuring the BF Charity remains true to its mission while driving it forward with energy, clarity and purpose. Working closely with new and existing trustees you will create an environment where good governance thrives, innovative ideas can flourish and the BF Charity's impact is continually strengthened.

We are seeking someone who can inspire donors, champion impactful campaigns, and harness the power of fencing to make great things happen. If you bring energy, vision and a talent for turning ideas into action we would love to welcome you to the team.

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

ABOUT THE CHARITY

The BF Charity was set up in 2015 to work alongside British Fencing to promote participation in the sport of fencing across the UK. The BF Charity complements the work of British Fencing by fundraising to support community programmes and widen access to the sport.

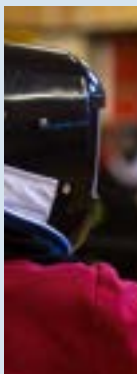
The Charity also supports the growth of fencing across the UK by actively promoting participation and nurturing talent to create a more diverse and dynamic community of fencers who can enjoy the sport and become the successful athletes of tomorrow.

The BF Charity is run by a small group of Trustees and to date has relied on the efforts of volunteers from the fencing community.



CORE AREAS OF FOCUS

The work of the BF Charity aligns with core elements of the new British Fencing strategy as follows:



POSITIVE SOCIAL IMPACT

Our objective is to help 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.



INCREASING PARTICIPATION

Our aim is to support the growth of fencing by broadening its availability, encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to take part. We will do this by funding projects designed to increase accessibility and diversify participation in a manner that is sustainable and provides a long-term benefit for the participants and the sport.



TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Our aim is to support the building of strong and successful GBR athlete pathway programmes and to help overcome barriers that some young athletes may face. We do this by providing financial support to talented disadvantaged athletes that will help them accelerate up the GBR pathway and to achieve domestic/international age group success.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees believe there are exciting opportunities for the Charity to support fencing in the years ahead. There is a large and dedicated community of fencers of all ages who participate in the sport in clubs across the country. From this comes growing pool of talented young fencers building a track record of success when representing Great Britain at different levels, and with aspirations to represent Great Britain at future Olympics and Paralympics.

Fencing in Great Britain is finding expression in new and exciting ways through inspiring community development work, such as British Fencing's flagship Muslim Girls Fence and Fencing 4 Change: Autism projects that seek to make a positive impact on society and to get more people involved in the sport of fencing.

The BF Charity believes there is considerable scope to attract charitable funding to support fencing. This ranges from accessing funding from trusts and foundations, to tapping more systematically into the generosity and creativity of our fencing community.

British Fencing has been successful in attracting public funding through their partners Sport England and UK Sport. However, there is considerable pressure on these limited sources of public support, and there are restrictions as to how the funding can be used. This is where the BF Charity can make a difference to our sport.

ROLE SPECIFICS

Title	Chair of the Trustees of British Fencing Charity
Location	Meetings likely to be online and/or in London
Term	Three years (renewable for further three 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.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted via email to Chair of British Fencing Charity on [**bfcharityrecruitment@britishfencing.com**](mailto:bfcharityrecruitment@britishfencing.com) in the form of a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and an up to date curriculum vitae by **1st June 2026**. Interviews will be held in London.

The recruitment process will be supported by the Nominations Committee of British Fencing, and appointments will be subject to approval by the BF Charity Board.

The BF Charity supports British Fencing's commitment 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)

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This role is subject to a Basic Disclosure (criminal record) check. Any offer will be conditional upon satisfactory clearance.

