

## JudoScotland Limited

### 2022 Annual General Meeting: Pro-Forma Nomination Document

#### Position Applied For: Chair of the Board

##### Chair of the Board Overview

<b>Delivery Team:</b>	JudoScotland Board	<b>Reports to:</b>	The Board/The JudoScotland Membership
<b>Budget Responsibility:</b>	Circa £1,000,000		

##### Nomination Overview

Personal Details			
<b>Nominee Name:</b>	Marc Alexander Preston		
<b>Club Membership:</b>	Destination Judo	<b>JudoScotland Membership No:</b>	1846

##### Background, Qualifications and Experiences (Relevant to the position of Non-Executive Director)

I have relevant background, qualifications and experience from both a sporting and business perspective.

I was born in Edinburgh in 1966 and have been involved in Judo all my life. I started as a boy at the age of ten, loved the sport, and went on to become a full-time competitor, team captain of 20+ full-time judo players and ranked No 1 GB Senior. I was an internationalist, member of the British Team and medallist at European, Commonwealth and World events.

I graduated to coaching: was part of the British Olympic coaching team in 1996 and Tutor on the UKCC Coach Education and Qualification Programme.

In 1992, I set up what is now Destination Judo. We've grown to become one of Britain's biggest judo companies, largely community based but also with a good number of school clubs. During that time we've forged productive working relationships with Active Schools, Education Authorities, Health Clubs and other venue providers – as well as our NGBs JudoScotland and British Judo. For a period - and pre-COVID - Destination Judo actually ran the main recreational judo programme for the BJA.

We've developed our elite players and produced champions. And, at the same time, I believe that we've innovated in the sport – introducing member loyalty schemes, customer service surveys, branded merchandise and new-style tournaments (Rumbles) designed around our recreational members. During COVID we introduced external events, online sessions and provided enhanced digital content on the website/social media – all of which enabled us to maintain our membership. I developed a new business model enabling me to support and develop our coaches, ultimately enabling them to become partners in the company. And finally, in the last ten years, our coaches and members have raised £225,000 for a variety of charitable causes in this country and overseas.

*As an aside, during the same time period I've also invested in and grown a family business.*

My involvement with the Governance side of the sport started in earnest in 2007 when I joined the JudoScotland Board as a Director. I then progressed to the role of Vice Chair, and am currently Chair.

My nomination is supported and endorsed by Danderhall and Whitburn Judo Clubs.

##### Qualifications

- 6<sup>th</sup> Dan
- UKCC Level 3
- JudoScotland Children's Coaching Award
- Tutor on UKCC Coach Education and Qualification Programme (run by BJA) 2006
- Certificate in the Teaching of Health Related Fitness to Children
- National Vocational Qualification 2 – Judo
- HSE Emergency First Aid for Sports Coaches – Coaching Edinburgh – 2005

### **Achievements/Awards**

- Great Britain Internationalist, 1985-1992
- Great Britain Senior, Ranked Number 1, 1988-1991
- 4 times British Champion
- British Open Champion
- Double European Team Championship Medallist
- Commonwealth Games Medallist
- World Cup Medallist
- World Masters Medallist
- Shoriki Cup, Japan Team Championships, Medallist (British Selection)
- Skol Sports Personality of the Year Award

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (Relevant to the position of Non-Executive Director)**

This is largely covered above, but I believe I have a fundamental knowledge of our sport – both the physical elements and the values – the elite and the recreational - and how they can be developed and promoted. This is from the perspective of an elite player and full-time competitor, a coach and businessman and someone who's been involved in the Governance for 15+ years.

### **Disposition and Personal Qualities**

I am a self-motivated individual. I have a very wide network of contacts in the Judo world and a real desire to do what I can to promote and support our sport. I believe my main personal qualities are: -

- Credibility based on experience and background in the sport
- Communication skills: ability to engage and motivate people
- Self-driven

### **Declaration by Nominee**

- I confirm that the information contained within this nomination form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- I am aware that in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) we will use the information provided on this form solely for the purpose of the 2022 AGM ;
- I am not disqualified from holding a Directorship of a Limited Company.

Signed:

*Marc A Preston*

Date:

29 September 2022

**This form should be returned prior to 1630 hours on Thursday 29 September 2022:**

- **Via email to:** [hr@judoscotland.com](mailto:hr@judoscotland.com), or;
- **Via post to:** JudoScotland, EICA-Ratho, South Platt Hill, Ratho, Newbridge, EH28 8AA.