

Non-Executive Director - Judo Scotland

Name: Sarah Clark
Club: Edinburgh Judo
Membership No: FR12908

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Background

- 3 x Team GB Olympian (2004, 2008, 2012)
- 2006 European Champion
- 2014 Commonwealth Games Champion
- Multiple Grand Slam medalist
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- CEO Edinburgh Judo
- Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. Programme coordinator and team leader for Scotland
- Youth Sport Trust Sky Sports Living for Sport athlete mentor
- Winning Scotland Foundation athlete mentor and speaker

Qualifications

- Executive MBA Student at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business (2021 - 2023)
- Non-Executive Director, Savannah Energy (joining in the latter part of 2022)
- 'Role of the Director and the Board' qualification from the Institute of Directors (IOD). The board's role in corporate governance and your legal responsibilities as a director
- Sport & Exercise Science BSc (Hons)

Experience

- High performance sport
 - Development of a community club (grassroots recreation to elite players) for 20+ years
 - Strategic development within organisations
 - Sport to business programme delivery
 - Role model and workshop delivery designed to encourage, empower, and develop people
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Knowledge and Experience

I am an extremely motivated individual who understands the importance of perseverance, resilience, and dedication. Since retiring from competitive sport, I have been leveraging my knowledge gained in the sporting arena by developing teams, growing people, and nurturing talent, as a mentor, role model, programme facilitator or coach. My core experience has given me the ability to adapt my style when working within a high-performance team, listen and communicate effectively, be trustworthy and reliable.

I believe in education and ongoing development. I am currently undertaking an MBA in Business Administration. My knowledge is vastly improving in areas like financial budgets, governance, business planning, leadership in business, marketing, the economy, influencing and many more. This theoretical knowledge, coupled with my passion for people and driving change, will allow me to undertake the role of a Non-Executive Director, with a more in-depth understanding of the challenges the organisation faces and the positive role a director must play in the formation of strategy and in governance.

Skills and abilities

I understand that clubs and organisations are facing both challenges and opportunities in these times. Clubs are at the heart of our community and bring much more to a community than the sport itself. Clubs unite people, create a vision, a purpose, and a common goal. As a governing body, by understanding people and working to develop partnerships, empowering young people and volunteers, utilizing technology and the minds of innovative members and families, we can help create better all-round clubs and communities with a widespread societal impact.

My passion for people and high-performance behaviours are suited to the role as a Non-Executive Director for Judo Scotland. Developing a high performing culture across all aspects of the organisation, with everyone, from top to bottom pulling in the same direction, will help to create a shared vision and strong culture.

Judo has a responsibility to be accessible and available to everyone. I believe the judo moral code is unique and powerful and that these values should be embedded into everyday life.

If I am re-elected as a Judo Scotland Non-Executive Director, I will continue working hard for the organisation, by effectively contributing to setting and implementing the direction and strategy of Judo Scotland.

"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 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."

Sarah Clark (*S. L. Clark*)

29th September 2022