

Mayuri Muralidharan



I would like to nominate myself to the Athletes' Commission. I have been an Australian fencer for eleven years and have a strong interest in improving our sporting community and help shape the future of fencing in Australia. I am eager to contribute the voice, insights, and experience to the board if I am given the opportunity in the commission.

As an active athlete on the Australian team for many years, I have gained a deep understanding of the challenges, opportunities and demands faced by athletes at all levels. My personal journey has provided me with a unique perspective on the importance of athlete representation. I am deeply committed to advocating for fair policies, better allocation of resources, mental health support and opportunities for growth for all athletes, regardless of their background or experience level. Since I have been competing at both national and international arenas for many years across different categories, I believe I can offer vital insights regarding the ways we can better support Australian fencers.

In addition to my experience as an athlete, I have been actively involved in the organizational side of tournaments as both a nationally accredited referee and as a state accredited Director of Tournament. These roles have honed my skills in collaboration, problem solving and communication, which are all skills I believe I would be able to utilize as a member of the Commission. I am confident that I have demonstrated a dedication to improving the athlete experience through these roles.

I am particularly passionate about diversity and athlete safety and I am determined that these two issues remain at the forefront of our discussions. As a woman of colour, I am acutely aware of the challenges and barriers faced by minority groups in sports. I am deeply committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within our athletic community. There is a need for representation and support for fencers from underrepresented backgrounds – particularly women, people of colour and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. By ensuring that our Commission is both diverse and inclusive, we will be better equipped to understand the needs of all athletes and can therefore make decisions that will benefit the diverse community we serve.

I am certain that my personal experiences and dedication to improving the community will allow me to serve as an effective and empathetic member of the Commission. If given the opportunity, I will bring my full commitment to the role and will work tirelessly to represent the diverse needs of athletes across all ages and disciplines.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Sincerely,

Mayuri Muralidharan