



Matt Blyton

Director Nominee Statement

As a licensed player since 1980, I am now keen to join PE's Board to support our sport's growth at a time when some rebuilding is necessary. As a director, I would be committed to encouraging grass roots development, as well as supporting our elite players. Having formed six clubs over the years, including NSWT PC in North Yorkshire (for which I am the President), and having had the honour of representing my country on numerous occasions, I have the experience to deliver on both. I also have significant coaching experience at international level, establishing the first National Junior Squad in 2013.

I believe that the governance of our sport needs modernising so that we can access new income streams through Sports England and sponsorship. We cannot expect to grow the sport relying solely on membership fees. My 30+ year career in education, including 10 years of school leadership and 16 in school improvement, has provided me with skills I believe would help the Board achieve this. As a public servant, I uphold the Nolan Principles which include acting with the highest standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity: these I would take into the Director's role.