

## **NOMINATED CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

**for elected Committee Member Positions on the BIS Technical Advisory Committees**

***Closing Deadline for submission of Candidates Statements –  
by 5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023***

### **Details of Nominated Candidate**

*Please provide your details below and for what vacant position you are a candidate.*

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<b>Technical Advisory Committee Nominated for:</b>	Membership Engagement TAC
<b>Position within the Technical Advisory Committee (please refer to the Technical Advisory Committee overview for details):</b>	Committee Member involved in Inclusive Skating
<b>Your Forename:</b>	Vicki
<b>Your Surname:</b>	Smart

*Please provide the information requested below:*

**Name of Your Nominator:** Stephanie Hallam

**Name of Your Seconder:** Samuel Craddock

Please provide below in no more than 500 words, a summary of why you believe you are suitable for this position, including, your skills, knowledge and relevant experience and your aims and objectives in contributing to the work of BIS.

Please use additional paper if necessary:

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As an active participant within Inclusive Skating events for the last 5 years, in a number of disciplines, I feel I have the knowledge to help engage skaters with a range of disabilities and long term health conditions. I have also been a committee member of a BIS affiliated club within the last 5 years, serving as a member of Uttoxeter Skating Club's committee in 2019. As the first inclusive skater at Uttoxeter I have become the unofficial point of contact for skaters, parents and coaches with queries relating to the system, including the joining process, and assisting them with getting set up on the Sport80 entry platform. I have also been working towards their coaching qualification to help me better understand how to work with skaters with a disability, and when I am of the correct level I intend to become qualified through BIS and bridge the gap between the two systems.

In my job as a civil servant I work with a wide range of staff as part of the Ministry of Justice disability network, where I have taken the concerns of members forward to more senior staff in the hope of resolving these concerns. I have also planned and ran several events which has meant making key decisions and working to tight and changing timescales and deadlines. The network takes decisions based on data captured from member surveys so I am experienced in interpreting this data and looking for key trends and patterns.

My aims and objectives are to promote membership and participation in events to those groups who are commonly under-represented in the sport, such as those with disabilities, those from minority ethnic backgrounds, and adult skaters. I would aim to show that the sport has something for every level, from the child at grass roots level, through the talent identification, development and competitive pathways, right through to adults who may only have stepped on the ice as an adult, but who now wish to compete. Not forgetting those who wish to just skate for themselves and work through the national test structure. I would like to work with others to increase the numbers of skaters with disabilities joining, and working through the National Test structure, as well as competing alongside skaters without a disability, and would aim to work with others to make this a positive and empowering experience.

I hereby confirm that I authorise BIS to publish the information provided within the Nominated Candidate Statement Form on the BIS website.

Signed:  Date: 26.10.2023