

Board Nomination Form

Nominee Details

ROLE	
Name	Mairead Gallagher
Address	
Mobile Phone No.	
email address	

I have read the Person Specification for the role and wish to nominate for the board as follows:

ORGANISATION	KEY CONTACT
Position Nominated for:	Ordinary Director
Nominated By:	Francis Yates
TI Membership Number	

Please complete a motivational statement summary of your skills and experience relevant to the skill sets identified and supporting statement detailing your motivation for applying for the role below. This will be provided to the wider membership of Triathlon Ireland for their consideration prior to the election of candidates at the AGM.

Please summarize your skills and experience relevant to the skillset and supporting statement detailing your motivation for applying for the role.

Triathlon became part of my life in 2014 when I joined Tralee Triathlon club and completed my first try-a-tri.

A work relocation led me to Naas where I joined Naas Triathlon Club in 2015 and trained with them for a short time before relocating abroad.

During my two years away, I played football and leisure cycled but I had caught the triathlon bug and my Grá for the sport of triathlon and the community that surrounds it was a very influential part of my decision to relocate (again!) to Galway and in the past 5 years I have become very involved in the Galway Triathlon Club as a member, volunteer, Secretary and participant.

Professionally, I am an ACCA qualified accountant with 12 years' experience in management accounting in manufacturing and commercial roles, this primality involves business partnering to set strategies in order to get the best return on investment and hold stakeholders to account for same. This same skillset can be adapted to provide support and fair judgement to the executive team at TI.

Having extensive experience as a Club Secretary, I understand the challenges faced and the commitment required from Club Committees and volunteers, and I wish to advocate for further support from TI to develop the grassroots of the sport to ensure a sustainable future at all levels from youths to novice and high performance.

I have a no-nonsense, frank approach to meetings, and I believe in transparency in decision making with a collaborative approach.

As an Ordinary Director, I can represent the membership of TI as both a race participant and club member.

Please highlight particular high-level skill sets that you feel you have in any of the following areas:

Skillset	Detail
Financial	ACCA Qualified accountant with 10+ years' experience in multinationals, including, FMCG (Kerry Group), Medical Devices (Boston Scientific) and Tech (HID Global) industries. Experience in finance business partnering, budget planning, investment appraisal, audit support, compliance.
Legal	
Inclusion & Diversity Expertise	Experienced maths tutor with DCU BITE Ballymun. During my tenure with Kerry Group, I worked abroad in Denmark for 2 years and managed a local team on site. Currently work in a global team with members from several countries. I embrace the opportunity to work with and support all persons, we are stronger together.
Change Management & Technology	As secretary of Galway Triathlon Club for 2020, 2021 and 2022, I actively promoted the improvement of the club infrastructure (communications, online training, website, feedback survey) while keeping members supported and engaged (weekly newsletter online training, information webinars, front line workers callout) during a period of constant change.
Corporate Governance	
Information Technology	
High Performance Sport	

Commercial / Marketing	Business partnering experience with Sales, R&D and Marketing teams including investment appraisal, pricing, budgeting, tender bids.
Human Resources	Experienced people manager and mentor
Risk	Through my professional capacity I have extensive experience in budget planning and monitoring, contingency planning, risk register.

I wish to nominate for the above role, and if elected, agree to act first and foremost in the best interests of Triathlon Ireland and the sport nationally at all times, regardless of any regional or club affiliation. If elected, I agree I will declare any real or potential conflicts of interest to my fellow board members:

SIGNATURE: *Mairéad Gallagher*

Date: 27/03/2023