



Representing and Supporting
Scottish Governing Bodies of Sport

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Who We Are



The SSA is the **independent and collective voice for Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs) of sport**; we exist to **represent and support SGBs**.

We bring SGBs together with a wide range of partners aiming to ensure that sports policies, and those that impact on sport, work in harmony so as to be most effective in practice. We work together with national and local government, Scottish Parliament, **sportscotland**, business, the voluntary sector and other key organisations, to shape, strengthen and promote sport in Scotland.



We represent the interests of our members and have 52 full members and 15 associate members. SGBs are responsible for the governance, development and delivery of their individual sports and provide a formal structure for the 900,000 sports men and women who are members of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs. Many of these organisations are run on a not-for-profit basis and are managed by volunteers. They provide coaching, competition and participation development opportunities within their local communities and most of the 195,000 people who volunteer in sport do so within the club structure.

The Role of the SSA

The SSA was formed in 1982, following a requirement imposed on **sportscotland** in the 1972 Royal Charter. The 1972 Royal Charter imposed upon the Scottish Sports Council (now **sportscotland**) the requirement to invite national organisations of sport and physical recreation to form a body that represents those members and acts as a consultative body.

We **provide our members with a strong and co-ordinated voice**, which is respected by politicians and policymakers in Scotland and beyond.

We **provide valued support to our members**, driven by their needs and our unparalleled knowledge of their work, priorities, opportunities and challenges.





- Providing a Strong and Co-ordinated Voice
- Providing Valued Support to our Members

Our Vision

Supporting Scottish Governing Bodies in playing their vital and recognised role to the full in the success of Scottish sport



Our Mission

Enabling and empowering our members to achieve their ambitions towards a world class sporting system

Sport:

Its Power To Unite And Inspire

Glasgow 2014 saw sport bring out the best in Scotland – its power to unite communities and inspire the nation. Whether at the Olympics in London, Winter Olympics in Sochi, Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, or in the many thousands of grassroots clubs around the country, their common ground is that passion which is ignited when sport takes centre stage.



With one fifth of our population participating in sport in membership of one of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs, sport is Scotland's greatest social movement; inclusive of age, gender, race, sexuality and belief.

As a nation we share great pride in Sir Chris Hoy as the most successful British Olympian ever; in the sheer dedication of Katherine Grainger CBE as the most decorated female British Olympian; in the emotion of our own Wimbledon Champion Andy Murray OBE; in the inspiration of Ross Murdoch's Commonwealth Games gold medal and the delight of 13 year old Erraid Davies' record breaking medal - moments like these define sport, unite our nation and inspire participation in sport across the country.



The Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games was record breaking. In addition to being the most successful Games ever for Team Scotland (53 medals), the Games inspired a record breaking number of people to volunteer for any Commonwealth Games and was hailed as "the best Games ever". The impact of the Games and the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles reverberates far beyond sport - the impact on the economy and tourism alone are unparalleled.

Sport's impact on society however, extends far beyond winning medals: sport is a vehicle for change; it impacts on all areas of society **from health and mental wellbeing, to justice and education, and from the economy to employability and social care.** Sport also, crucially, has a major role to play in the **enjoyment and healthy development of our children and young people** - equipping them with confidence and great skills for life. Participating in sport/being active have been described as **"the best buy in public health"** - it fundamentally supports people to **live longer, healthier and happier lives** and provides benefits to individuals, society and the whole population.

Now is the vital time to act on the buzz and momentum created by Glasgow 2014 to ensure that we make the most of the legacy from the Games; that the legacy truly is longstanding and that sport in Scotland continues to thrive, both now and for future generations.



Our Members

The sheer diversity of sport in Scotland is a mark for celebration. Our members cover 52 different sports and truly believe that amongst this breadth there is a sport for everyone to enjoy.

Full Members

BadmintonScotland	Scottish Football Association
Basketball Scotland	Scottish Golf Union
Boxing Scotland	Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association
Bowls Scotland	Scottish Gymnastics
Camanachd Association	Scottish Highland Games Association
Cricket Scotland	Scottish Handball
Judo Scotland	Scottish Hockey Union
Horse Scotland	Scottish Indoor Bowling Association
Lacrosse Scotland	Scottish Karate Board
Mountaineering Council of Scotland	Scottish Modern Pentathlon Association
Netball Scotland	Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing
Ramblers Scotland	Scottish Orienteering Association
Royal Caledonian Curling Club	Scottish Rowing
Royal Yachting Association (Scotland)	Scottish Rugby League
Scottish Aeromodellers Association	Scottish Rugby Union + Women's Rugby
Scottish Anglers National Association	Scottish Sub Aqua Club
Scottish Archery Association	Scottish Swimming
Scottish Athletics	Scottish Target Shooting Federation
Scottish Auto Cycle Union	Scottish Volleyball Association
Scottish Canoe Association	Scottish Wrestling Association
Scottish Croquet Association	Snowsport Scotland
Scottish Cycling	Table Tennis Scotland
Scottish Darts Association	Tennis Scotland
Scottish Disability Sport	TriathlonScotland
Scottish Fencing	Waterski and Wakeboard Scotland
Scottish Field Archery Association	Weightlifting Scotland.

Associate Members

Association of British Riding Schools (Scotland)	Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils
British Horse Society (Scotland)	Scottish Federation of Baton Twirling
British Universities and Colleges Sport	Scottish Police Recreation Association
Commonwealth Games Scotland	Scottish Schoolsport Federation
Fields in Trust	Scottish Student Sport
Ladies Golf Union	Scottish Touch Association
Parkour UK	Scottish Youth Football Association.
Safeguarding in Sport	

What We Do For Our Members

The Scottish Sports Association provides a unique service for Scottish Governing Bodies of sport. As an independent member organisation we provide unbiased and crucial support for Governing Body staff and volunteers.

Our members benefit from a dedicated team, positioned at the heart of Scottish sport, which is there to support their needs. The Scottish Sports Association provides services and expertise across a wide range of areas:



Providing a Strong and Co-ordinated Voice for Our Members

- ◆ Responding to consultations on behalf of our members, either as a collective or on behalf of a discrete group of relevant members
- ◆ Representing the interests of our members to a range of stakeholders and through a range of identified groups and forums.

Proactively Advocating on Behalf of Our Members

- ◆ Advocacy on behalf of our members, as a recognised strategic partner within sport, to proactively influence on behalf of our members.

Providing Valued Support to Our Members

- ◆ Collective Support
 - ◆ SGB Learning and Development Programme (in partnership with **sportscotland**)
 - ◆ Shared Services (eg Administration, Auto-enrolment Pensions)
 - ◆ SGB Update Service
- ◆ Bespoke Support
 - ◆ SGB to SGB Support (facilitating our members to share knowledge and help each other)
 - ◆ SGB Specific Support (eg our On Board for Sport programme)
- ◆ Services Which Learn From or Combine Members' Strengths
 - ◆ Providing a range of networking forums/groups for our members (eg Chief Operating Officers' Group, Chairs'/Presidents' Forum, Outdoor Pursuits Group and Operational Managers' Group).

We deliver all this with a team that:

Provides a friendly and accessible service through:

- ◆ Having the needs of our members at the forefront of our work
- ◆ Regularly communicating with and understanding our members
- ◆ Always being available to meet, discuss or respond to any queries
- ◆ Having a door that is always open to our members and partners
- ◆ Being visible and keeping our members and partners informed
- ◆ Always being ready to support our members.



What We Do For Others

The Scottish Sports Association is proud to provide support to many sporting, Government, Parliamentary, voluntary sector and other organisations in Scotland.

Placed at the centre of Scottish sports, the SSA brings Scottish Governing Bodies of sport together with a wide range of partners aiming to ensure that sports policies, and those that impact on sport, work in harmony so as to be most effective in practice. We work together with national and local government, Scottish Parliament, **sportscotland**, business, the voluntary sector and other key organisations to shape, strengthen and promote sport in Scotland.

We work with many partner organisations to ensure that, through the SSA, they have access to the views of our members in relation to consultations, legislative changes and policy developments which shape the wider environment within which our members, and their members, operate.

Through our On Board for Sport Programme, we work with businesses and professional membership organisations to mutual benefit in matching skilled, and often independent, current and future managers and leaders to appropriate Board/Director vacancies within Scottish Governing Bodies of sport.

One Voice

- ◆ The independent and collective voice of Scottish Governing Bodies of sport
- ◆ An essential contact for organisations at the heart of sport
- ◆ The consultative body of Scottish Governing Bodies of sport.

An Informed Voice

- ◆ The SSA only represents the views of our members, through consistent communications with our members
- ◆ We work to provide our members with a strategic and valued voice in shaping the wider environment within which they, and their members, operate
- ◆ We work to further sport in Scotland through representing the interests of our members
- ◆ On behalf of our members we work to increase understanding of #whysportmatters
- ◆ We provide up-to-date information on Scottish Governing Bodies of sport.



Working in Partnership

- ◆ The SSA is always eager to hear from organisations that wish to work with or help our members
- ◆ The SSA is keen to work in partnership with organisations in common cause
- ◆ Partnership working is central to our role and the SSA is always looking for new opportunities to work in partnership across all sectors in Scotland to add value to our work and the work of our members.



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