

NOMINATION FOR SSS COMMITTEE ELECTION 2025-26

Name: Ben Graham
Institution: Heriot-Watt University
Committee Position: Competitions Committee Chair
Supported by: University of Stirling
(Member institutions) Heriot-Watt University

Please make clear which two institutions are supporting the nomination, noting that one of these may be the 'home' institution of the nominee.

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:
Having sat on Comps as both a sabbatical and staff representative, I would love to continue this service as Chair of the group.

With adapting to the new staffing level and continuing with an ambitious competitions calendar, the next 12 months are crucial for ensuring we maintain an offering that is sustainable, from a financial, staffing and quality of experience standpoints, whilst continuing to meet the competitive needs of students across all sports and institutions. To do this, the group must answer key questions:

- Are we filling gaps in provision or duplicating BUCS/NGB offering?
- Are we alleviating pressure on institutional or creating additional costs?
- Are we focused on increasing participation numbers or ensuring impact is shared across regions and institution sizes?
- Are staffing requirements justified given more limited staffing resource?

I would work to ensure:

- Comps and Executive members access clear and relevant data to guide decisions
- Success is clearly defined in the current landscape
- A wider range of institutions and sports are heard
- The differences between SSS and BUCS competition is clarified through sport-specific governance

Thank you for your consideration and I hope this provides you with confidence in me to lead the group for the benefit of both members and students.