**NOMINATIONS FOR SSS COMMITTEES 2025-26**

Any individual seeking nomination to a SSS committee should make this clear via an email to the SSS Business Manager ([julia@scottishstudentsport.com](mailto:julia@scottishstudentsport.com)) by **no later than 16:00 on Tuesday 12th August 2025.**

Please complete the nomination form included on page 4 of this document, making clear which two institutions are supporting the nomination, noting that one of these may be the ‘home’ institution of the nominee.

All applicants are also asked to provide a statement indicating their suitability for the role in question. This can be done via a written statement of no more than 200 words **AND/OR** via a video clip of no longer than 60 seconds duration. In submitting the nomination, all candidates consent to this information being available to members where a vote is required, following the application window. All nominations will be acknowledged upon receipt.

**Summary of elected positions available for 25-26**

**Executive Council**

* Development Committee Chair x1 3 Year Term
* Competitions Committee Chair x1 3 Year Term
* Staff member x1 1 Year Term
* Student member x3 1 Year Term

**Development Committee**

* Chair (as above) 3 Year Term
* Staff members (roles subject to amendments to SSS Constitution) x 3 2 Year Term

*Current roles*

* + *Sport & Active Health*
  + *Inclusion & Culture Lead*
  + *Learning & People*

*Further communication regarding roles & amendment to the terms of reference for SSS Development Committee will be sent 14 days in advance of the AGM)*

* Student member x 2 1 Year Term

**Competitions Committee**

* Chair (as above) 3 Year Term
* Student member x 2 1 Year Term
* Sports Chair x 1 1 Year Term

Please note that all committees of SSS retain the right, subject to Management Group endorsement, to co-opt additional members so as to promote balance and address any skills gaps.

**Business Support Groups:**

Students are also invited to put notes of interest in for the following groups (to be considered and ratified by SSS Management Group post-AGM):

* **Audit and Risk Committee**
* **Equality Steering Group**

**SSS** **Honorary Life Memberships**

Honorary Life Membership represents the highest honour that SSS can bestow upon an individual. Such memberships are awarded only in exceptional circumstances to individuals of the very highest standing within the SSS network and those who have made a significant contribution to student sport over an extended period of time.

**To submit a nomination for a SSS Honorary Life Membership, please nominate through a written submission to SSS Business Manager by no later than 16:00 on Tuesday 5th August 2025.**

**25-26 Committee Focal Areas**

**Executive Council**: The Executive Council shall be the most senior decision making committee within SSS and shall have responsibility for strategic direction, resources, budgeting, advocacy and planning.

The Executive Council will ensure appropriate accountability for SSS staff and volunteers, and will provide a platform for formal interaction of SSS’ funding partners.

2025-26 Project work in the Executive Council is likely to include:

* Implementation of the refreshed SSS Strategy
* Active delivery and support of SSS’ Advocacy Plan
* Oversight of SSS’ research and insight activity
* Positively influencing our relationships with key funding partners

**Competitions Committee**: The Competitions Committee shall oversee delivery of all student sport competitions, including sanctioning of sports and events, coordination of events calendars, appointment of key volunteers, and management of rules, regulations and finances.

The committee will receive reports and updates as appropriate from each recognised SSS sports group.

2025-26 Project work in the Competitions Committee is likely to include:

* Support delivery of student sport on a national level
* Identify and collaborate with various stakeholders to support National Squad Activity
* Analyse feedback from SSS Sports programmes to allow for continuous improvement
* Assess the financial viability of existing events and receiving any bids for new sports or events to be added
* Review Rules & Regulations to produce a standardised, published set for all sports

**Development Committee**: The Development Committee shall oversee delivery of SSS’ work in the areas of member engagement, volunteer support, partnerships, information sharing, and sports development.

The committee with also look to create and encourage innovative thinking to steer and scope future development priorities for SSS.

The committee will receive reports and updates as appropriate from sports groups, forums and other project groups relating to development.

2025-26 **proposed** Project work in the Development Committee is likely to include:

* Supporting and championing:
  + Member & Partner Engagement
  + Research Data & Insight
  + Workforce Development
  + Belonging
  + Physical Activity for Wellbeing
* Helping to shape and coordinate SSS’ best practice sharing and network events
* Providing oversight and influence re: SSS’ partnerships with SGBs
* Supporting and responding to the needs of SSS members

NOMINATION FOR SSS COMMITTEE ELECTION 2025-26

Name: […Eamonn Laird…..]

Institution: […University of Dundee…..]

Committee Position: […Chair of Competitions………..]

Supported by: […University of Dundee………………..]

(Member institutions) [ University West of Scotland…….]

***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:

As we enter a challenging year for SSS, I believe I can provide stability and continuity as Competitions Chair. With reduced resources and a streamlined offer, I’ve worked closely with SSS staff and the committee to shape a practical and sustainable plan that delivers a strong programme for members.

Having served on the committee for seven years, three as Chair, I bring valuable institutional knowledge and a clear understanding of how we’ve adapted through previous challenges, including National Squad review and COVID. I’ve also chaired the Basketball group, helping reintroduce National Squads and launch a new tournament. My prior roles as Institution Administrators at two English institutions gives me insight into institution delivered centralised competition models, which align with SSS’s new direction. I’ve also been a budget holder and understand the financial pressures shaping decisions at an institutional level.

With changes to league formats and event delivery, we need experienced, pragmatic leadership. I understand the operational realities on the ground, and I’m confident in advocating for SSS staff, ensuring plans are realistic, deliverable, and protective of wellbeing.

My goal is to help steer the committee through this transition while ensuring the long-term sustainability of competitions and continued value for members.