

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) 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

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| • 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

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| • Chair (as above) | 3 Year Term |
| • Staff members (roles subject to amendments to SSS Constitution) | 2 Year Term |
| <i>Should proposed constitutional amendments to Development Committee pass, then x6 staff member roles will be available</i> | |
| • Student member x 2 | 1 Year Term |

Competitions Committee

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| • 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**

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 will 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: Aonghus Sellar

Institution: Scottish Student Football

Committee Position: Sports Chair

Supported by: Ben Graham & Johnathan MacLeod

(Member institutions) Heriot-Watt University & University of the 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:

After my first term in the role, I wish to continue the work I conducted as Sports Chair throughout the 24/25 season into the 25/26 season by further improving and developing relationships across all Scottish Student Sports and their interactions with the governance structure of SSS. Within my first term, it was a priority to engage with each established sports chair directly rather than through Basecamp as it is often a challenge to engage with volunteers on this platform – resulting in low responses. As the Competitions Committee met across the season, I developed a survey which was designed to review each sport across several aspects that would inform the group of any standout successes, difficulties or losses throughout the 24/25 season. Aspects covered within the survey included development group performance, volunteer engagement, event delivery which provided an insight into each sport (that engaged) of where they stood within the 24/25. This was followed up later in the year to identify sports which addressed their own challenges. Should I be successful in the upcoming election, I wish to continue the above work to guide the competitions committee next season and support the growth and engagement of each represented sport.