**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: Katherine Duncan

Institution: University of Edinburgh

Committee Position: Development Chair

Supported by: Mark Munro and Jonny Pearson

(Member institutions) Edinburgh University and Edinburgh College

***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 led the committee for the past four years, I've gained comprehensive insights into the inner workings of development at SSS. Extending my tenure would offer continuity, stability and a smoother transition during a period of change.*

*Having contributed to the recently formulated new ways of working, my experience provides a strong foundation to support the Head of Development, volunteers, wider SSS staff team and the members to adapt and evolve new working practices.*

*A key skill I can offer is effective listening, which enables me to truly understand the needs and desires of the membership. My commitment to open dialogue positions me well to address concerns, adapt, evolve and find solutions together during this critical time. By fostering a responsive and inclusive environment, I am confident in my ability to contribute positively to our collective success and reposition our development work to ensure it continues to add value across the network.*

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