

NOMINATION FOR SSS COMMITTEE ELECTION 2026-27

Name: Aidan Horsburgh

Institution: University of St Andrews

Committee Position: Development Committee Student Member

Supported by: Duncan Caithness & Hannah Cowie

(Member institutions) St Andrews & Aberdeen

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:

Sport has had profound influence on my life, shaping my values, confidence, and sense of community. Through those experiences, I have developed a strong belief in the power of sport to inspire, support, and positively impact others. Motivated by this, I have dedicated time to increasing opportunities for participation, first as Sports Participation Intern, delivering accessible sporting opportunities to 10,000+ students, and now through representing the students on both the Athletic Union Executive Committee and Board.

These roles have given me first-hand experience of committee governance, strategic decision-making, and representing the interests of diverse groups. They have also reinforced my understanding that sport is far more than competition; it is a powerful tool for improving wellbeing, fostering inclusion, developing leadership, and strengthening communities.

Having contributed to sport as a participant, volunteer, coach, employee, and elected representative, I can offer both practical experience and a collaborative approach to committee work. I am confident in contributing ideas, listening to different perspectives, and working collectively to achieve positive outcomes. This opportunity represents a chance to make an even greater impact by helping shape the future of sport at a broader level, ensuring more people experience the opportunities and benefits sport has given me.