



ANNUAL REPORT

2021/22



CEO'S

INTRODUCTION

KEVIN PRINGLE

The 2021-22 season was very much about recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic with the major focus being to get players back on court enjoying basketball in a safe environment.

While there is no doubt this was challenging, frustrating at times and took longer in some parts of the country than others, a large number of players were able to enjoy training, playing and competing again thanks to the efforts of clubs and volunteers who worked tirelessly to follow protocols and provide safe environments.

We asked clubs to continue the culture that developed during the pandemic of supporting each other and, despite the competitive juices flowing again at times, clubs were supportive and understanding of the challenges faced across the sport last season. We are grateful for this and hope to continue to build on that culture.

We also introduced a lot of changes to our delivery that we planned during the pandemic, including adjustments to our competition structures, education and qualifications and talent programmes. While change is never easy – and we got some things wrong – we are grateful for the way in which these changes were embraced and, when needed, challenged in a constructive manner.

Looking ahead to the next 12 months, our aim is to build on the recovery from the pandemic with a particular focus on ensuring that early experiences of basketball are positive and engaging.

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Kevin Pringle
Chief Executive Officer, **basketball**scotland

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5842

Members



Gender Split

1,562/4,280

Female / Male



97 Clubs across Scotland



271 athletes and 25 coaches got involved in our 2021/22 National Academy.

We will need to continue to work together to tackle these. We would like to thank you for working to solve problems and for embracing the changes we've introduced. We believe that we will see continued progress to build a solid foundation for the sport and to respond to the issues we face in the year ahead.

- Stephen Ferguson, Chair



202 new coaching qualifications were achieved during 2021/22, of which 79 were female.

32

Wheelchair Academy Players



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basketballscotland's website recorded over 133,000 website sessions over the last 12 months.

133,220

+6.8%
Social Growth



basketballscotland had 1,159 registered officials* in 2021/22



415 new officials qualified over the last 12 months.

*Officials = floor and table

THE LAST 12 MONTHS

CHAIR REVIEW

STEPHEN FERGUSON

There's been a great deal of change to our game in the first year since the pandemic.

We have taken a values-based approach to decision making, putting club development, positive player experience and what's best for the good of the game at the heart of our decisions. This has meant making challenging decisions at times, but it's also required listening and learning from feedback.

Changes include the New National Youth Competition Structure, focused on getting the right teams in the right environment to ensure the right experience for youth players. This brought with it challenges that we're working through this season, following a consultation with clubs. Moreover, the rapid decline in referees and officials following the pandemic has brought challenges, and the membership has been extraordinary in their efforts to work with us to address the problem.

Recent years have seen challenging times with the relationship between **basketballscotland** and the British Basketball Federation (BBF) which runs the Great Britain teams. We are beginning to see some positive change through working with our partners across GB to put a positive culture of collaboration at the heart of GB activities. This progress has allowed us to re-engage in discussions, with two Scotland directors recently re-joining a restructured BBF board. Although committed to the GB structure, we are also committed to increasing opportunities for players and coaches to compete for Scotland, as demonstrated by the Four Nations Tournament.

We transitioned Caledonia Pride to Caledonia Gladiators, delivering on a strategic commitment we made to find a long-term future for the franchise. We are excited about the ambition being demonstrated for the female game by the new owners, as well as opening up opportunities for the male professional franchise to make stronger connections with member clubs, as it came under the same banner and ownership.

With a huge amount of change having taken place, we hope the coming season will be a period of consolidation in these core areas. However, it is important to note that there are still challenges ahead – the continued recovery from the pandemic, as well as a growing cost-of-living crisis. We will need to continue to work together to tackle these.

We would like to thank you for working to solve problems and for embracing the changes we've introduced. We believe that we will see continued progress to build a solid foundation for the sport and to respond to the issues we face in the year ahead.

Stephen Ferguson
Chair, **basketballscotland**

75TH ANNIVERSARY

WELCOME

In 1947, basketball was a young sport in Scotland, but already being played by both males and females. But that year would see several landmarks for the sport: the establishment of our predecessor organisation, the Amateur Basketball Association of Scotland, the first Scottish Cup and the first International match, all coming in that year!

We want to take this year to celebrate and connect with our sport's rich history, which is not only about the male and female running game, but also the introduction of wheelchair basketball to Scotland. We want to recognise and connect with those who have played a part in developing the sport we love and those who have excelled in our sport and put Scotland on the world basketball map. We want to look back at some of the fantastic moments in Scottish Basketball history and share stories from the basketball community.

We also want to look forward to the next 25 years and beyond, taking inspiration from the amazing achievements of the past and continuing to develop the positive impact our sport has on people throughout the country.

Now is a great time to look back, as well as to look forward. Although the pandemic is likely to continue to cast a shadow over this season, we have come together as a sport during this national emergency in ways we could previously only dream of. The 75th Anniversary provides an opportunity to build on this important sense of community, which we believe will be the foundation for our achievements to come.

We hope you will help us take a look back over the last 75 years, celebrate what the sport has achieved, and to look ahead to a positive future!



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



-4.7%

GENDER SPLIT



FEMALE/MALE

CLUB AFFILIATION



+1

MEMBER CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

SENIOR: 2202

UNDER 12: 708

SCHOOL: 38

UNDER 18: 506

UNDER 10: 598

LEARNING DISABILITY: 31

UNDER 16: 596

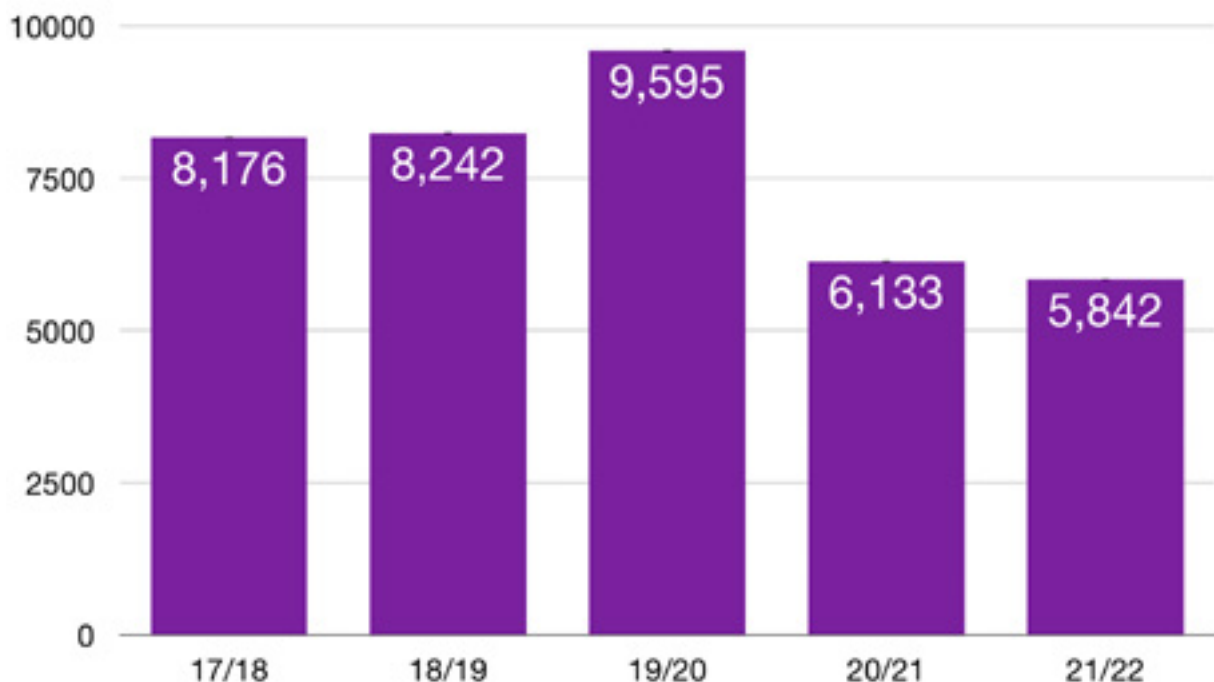
WHEELCHAIR: 63

OTHER: 176

UNDER 14: 632

VOLUNTEER: 292

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH



HELP THE GAME

Getting back to basketball was the priority coming out of a two-year break from the game due to COVID-19. During this time basketball faced an officials shortage. Officials are a key part of the sport, and without Officials, games cannot go ahead. Due to the shortage the #HelpTheGame initiative was created to get members of the community qualified or refreshed in officiating to keep games going ahead.

The campaign was a huge success, as many members of the community came forward to get involved with the initiative. To those who signed up, we provided courses and refresher courses to get these officials up to date, and ready to help the games go ahead. Without the overwhelming response from the basketball community, the season would have been far more difficult, and games may not have went ahead.

As a governing body we will continue to aid the people who are coming forward to help the game. This initiative was key to getting new officials into or back into our sport. Over the next couple of months, **basketballscotland** will be holding training events so that everyone who signed up to the Help the Game initiative, will be given a chance to receive training to become a floor official.

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who stepped forward to **#HelpTheGame**.

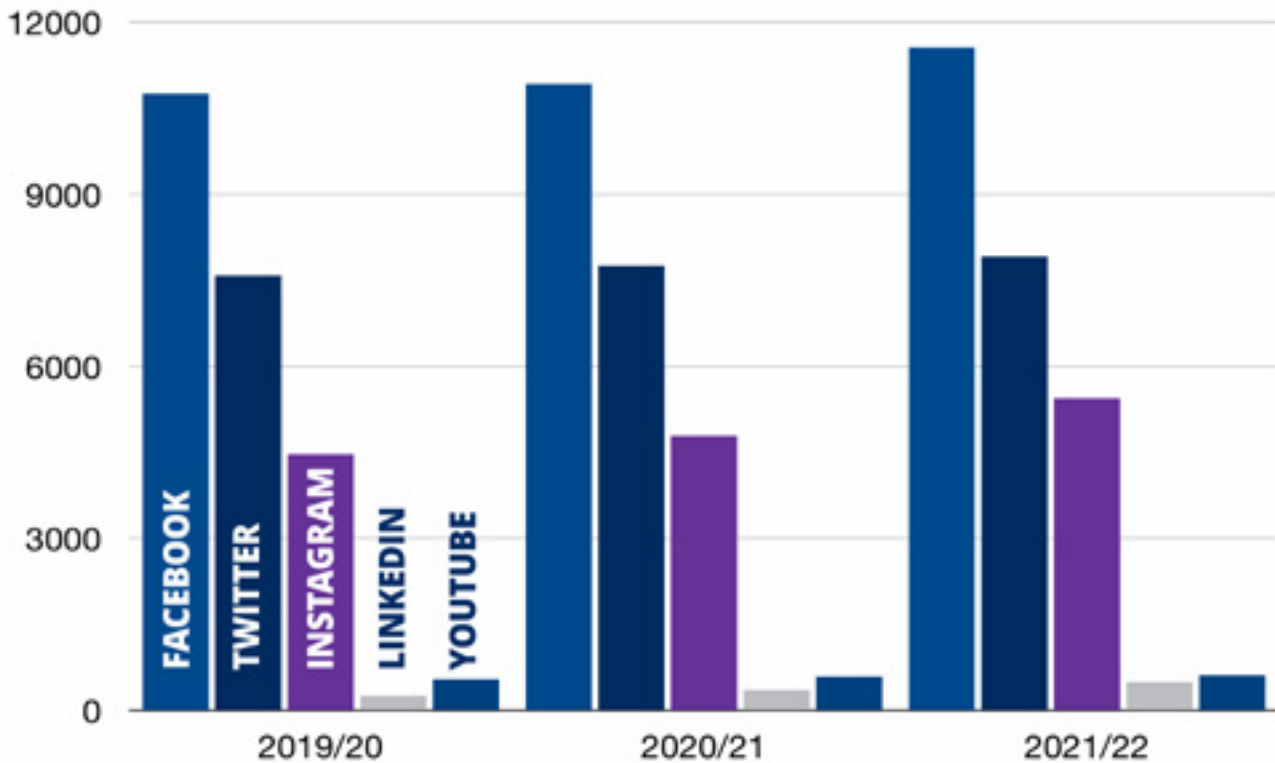
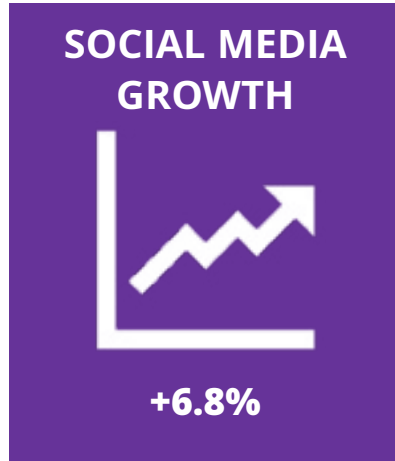
NUMBER OF RESPONSES



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78 male, 23 female

DIGITAL



OFFICIATING

NEWLY QUALIFIED IN 21/22



REFEREES

52 male, 15 female

415



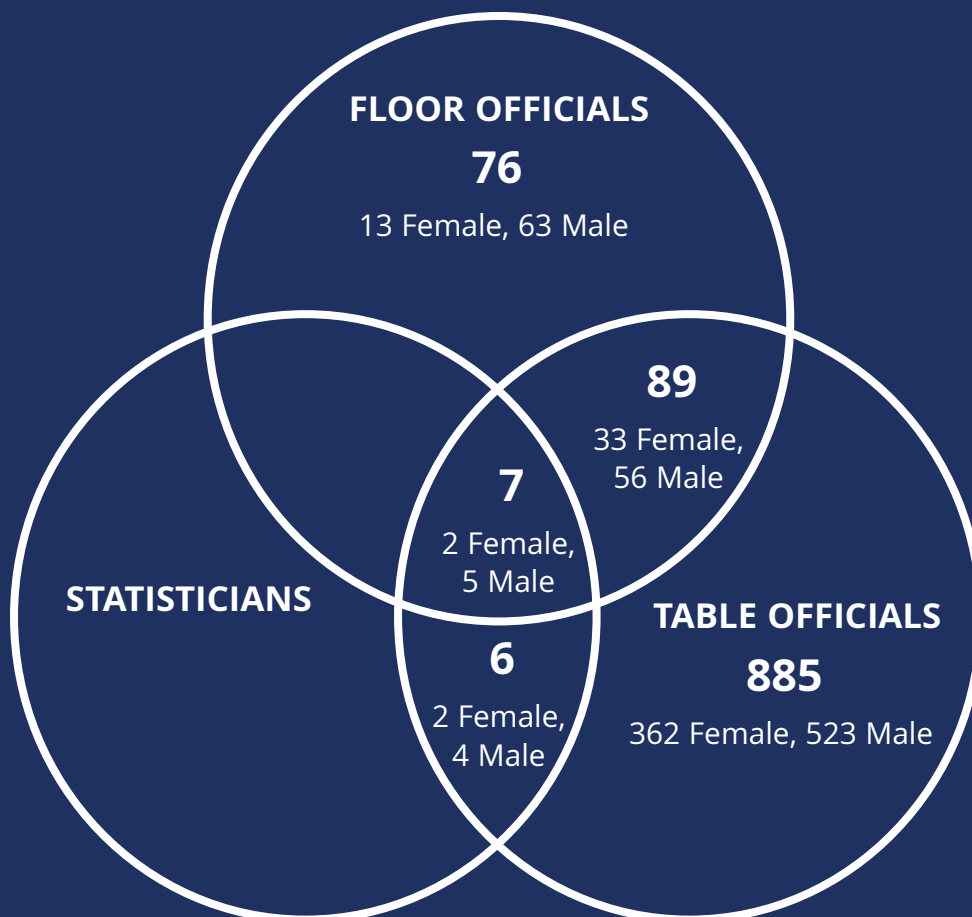
TABLE OFFICIALS

220 male, 128 female

TOTAL QUALIFIED AT END OF 21/22

1,159

447 Female, 712 Male



Graphic depicts where individuals are multi-skilled.

OFFICIALS STEP UP

Five Scottish officials were selected to officiate at the Women's British Basketball League (WBBL) and British Basketball League (BBL) Trophy Finals in Glasgow on Sunday 20th March. All are no stranger to the bright lights of the BBL and WBBL as they are all tenured officials within the league, having refereed several games throughout this season as well as previous Finals.

The trio of officials in the WBBL final were all representing **basketballscotland**, as ex-FIBA referee Chris Dodds worked alongside Nick Nassi and Bartek Rasinski. Later in the afternoon, FIBA referees Iain Macdonald and Mariann Dodds-Miklosik took to the court to officiate the BBL Trophy Final.

Multiple table officials and statisticians also represented Scotland across both finals, including Ewan Carlow, Ailidh Hood, Stuart McKay and Louise Moyes.

basketballscotland's Chair, Stephen Ferguson, is delighted to see the talent, knowledge and skill of our officials is being showcased on such a grand stage: "The fact that our referees are regularly chosen to take part in prestigious basketball showcase events is a testimony to their talent, knowledge and skill. As we work to develop the referees of the future, and to create a more positive culture to support referees, it can be helpful to those considering a future in refereeing to see what can be achieved and to see that others in the Scottish game have carved out such successful careers. We hope that their successes are inspiring for all our young budding referees across our community."

basketballscotland would like to thank all our officials for their continuous hard work and dedication to the game. The roles you play within our sport are invaluable. You are the reason games happen.

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COACHING

This year, **basketballscotland** launched our new coaching pathway. Our focus is to:

Deliver education that provides for the needs of basketball coaches at all levels of the game

- Our courses should add value for coaches.
- Our courses should be more relevant to the needs of the coach specific to the environment in which they coach.

Create part of a coaching journey

Our courses should provide a foundation of knowledge that allows coaches to be competent in their environment – but should also encourage and signpost other learning and development opportunities that will help coaches continue to improve.

Enable connection with other coaches

We believe that by connecting with others on a similar journey, they can share experiences and continue to learn from each other.



MAKE IT HAPPEN PARTICIPANTS

99 male, 51 female



LEVEL ONE PARTICIPANTS

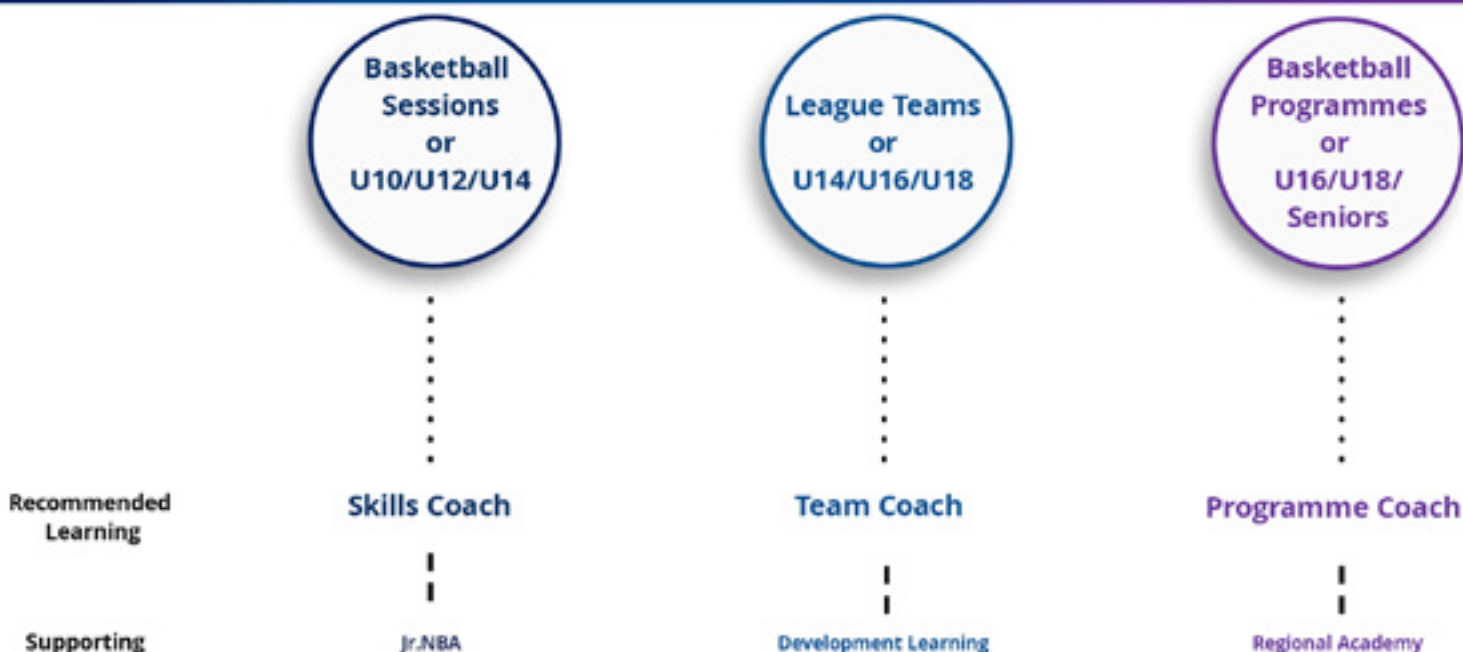
24 male, 28 female



REGIONAL ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS

16 male, 9 female

I am interested in coaching...



SCHOOL COMPETITION

Our aim as an organisation for this year's school competition structure was to play more games, increase regional opportunities and have a showcase final at the end of the season. This did not go without its challenges given the continued problems caused by COVID-19 in relation to school sport accessibility. The majority of our regional school competition commenced in mid to late January however we successfully were able to promote six competitions, including three tournaments for boys and girls: S1, U15 & Open with the finals being held at the Regional Performance Centre (RPC) in Dundee.

To achieve this, we looked to recruit a regional school lead within each of the targeted regional areas, North, Central, East and West. The leads main area of focus was to coordinate and support the number of school basketball games being played within their region with the top school in each of the age categories then going on to play in the National Final Four event in Dundee.

Three successful days at the RPC resulted in success for schools across the country.

Looking forward to next season, we hope to build on the success of this year's competition structure by increasing the number of schools competing across all regions as well as increasing the number of games played across the school year.



WINNERS

S1 BOYS	ST. PAUL'S
S1 GIRLS	MILLBURN ACADEMY
U15 BOYS	FALKIRK HIGH SCHOOL
U15 GIRLS	MILLBURN ACADEMY
OPEN BOYS	WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN GIRLS	PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL

SCOTLAND CALL UP

With the Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham this summer, **basketballscotland** has been looking to selected coaches to guide our teams to the Games.

With wheelchair basketball making its first ever appearance at the games, this meant that we were not only looking for two running team coaches, but also two coaches for the wheelchair teams too.

After a thorough process, we are happy to announce that Donnie MacDonald, Gareth Murray, Steve Caine and Mark Stevenson have been brought on to coach the Senior Women, Senior Men, Wheelchair Women and Wheelchair Men teams respectively.

Speaking on their appointment, **basketballscotland**'s Head of Basketball, Barry Lang, commented, "We're delighted to engage four top quality coaches for our upcoming Commonwealth Games Qualifier event. Steve and Mark will lead our Wheelchair Women and Men respectively, whilst Donnie and Gareth will lead our Running Women and Men. They all come with considerable experience to coach at this level and we're excited about what's to come. Birmingham 2022 is within reach for all teams and we believe that our players and staff will be great ambassadors, on and off the court."

Before our teams can make it to the Games, they must first win the Qualifying Tournament, which **basketballscotland** is excited to host in Largs, Scotland, this April.

DONNIE MACDONALD

WOMEN



MacDonald is no stranger to Scotland teams having previously coached multiple youth teams at major European competitions over the years.

MacDonald was also a part of the coaching staff for the Scotland women's team during their Commonwealth Games qualifying tournament in Malaysia in 2017.

More recently, he was a Performance Coach with the University of Edinburgh, as well as being a key figure in the coaching team for Scotland's only professional women's team, Caledonia Pride.

STEVE CAINE

WHEELCHAIR WOMEN



Caine previously competed for Great Britain at three Paralympic Games, winning Paralympic, European and World medals, before going on to coach three national teams.

Caine has a vast amount of coaching experience under his belt for both the wheelchair and running game, including both the Ukrainian and Moroccan national wheelchair teams.

In 2018, Caine was appointed GB's Assistant Coach, where he would assist the Men's team in their historic win over the USA to become World Champions. He was also the assistant coach for the team during their time competing in the 2020 Paralympics. More recently Caine was appointed acting Head Coach to the GB Women's Wheelchair team at the 2021 European Championships.

MARK STEVENSON

WHEELCHAIR MEN



Stevenson started his wheelchair basketball career playing, where he represented Scotland with the U25s in the first two Celtic Cup competitions. He also played for Lothian Phoenix in British Wheelchair Basketball's (BWB) National League Division 2, where he helped the team gain promotion to Division 1.

Stevenson received his first Head Coach appointment in 2012 with the U19s at BWB's National Junior Championships. He has coached Scotland's U18s, U19s and U23s teams at different points since 2012.

With seven wheelchair Scottish Cup Finals, six running Scottish Cup Finals and four **basketball**scotland National League Playoff Finals under his belt, Stevenson is looking forward to bringing his depth of knowledge of the game to the commonwealth team.

GARETH MURRAY

MEN



Murray is no stranger in the Scotland National Team, having competed at both the 2006 and 2018 Commonwealth Games in the 5x5 format. Murray has also been a familiar face in the Great Britain team and has featured in many major tournaments including the FIBA 2013 and 2017 EuroBasket.

This is not the first occasion that Murray has stepped into a coaching role, as he was the Scotland U16 Men head coach in 2017.

Having been the Team Leader for the GBR U18 squad in the 2019 FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup Qualifier, Murray already has vast knowledge on the new format.

ROLE OF HONOUR

SENIOR MEN D1



U18 MEN D1



U16 MEN D1



SENIOR WOMEN



U18 WOMEN



U16 WOMEN



SENIOR MEN D2



U18 MEN D2



U16 MEN D2





NATIONAL ACADEMY

Our U14, U18 and U25 National Academies were able to get back to the court following a series of online athlete development sessions with coaches and inspirational guest speakers, including Scotland & GB Women's player Robyn Love. Although the on court programme was significantly reduced from previous years, our U18 junior men travelled down to Loughborough University to compete in the first ever 3x3 competition at the School Games against teams from England and Wales. All the athletes grew in confidence and leadership, and gained valuable experience of the 3x3 discipline of the game.

Lord's Taverners Junior Development Programme

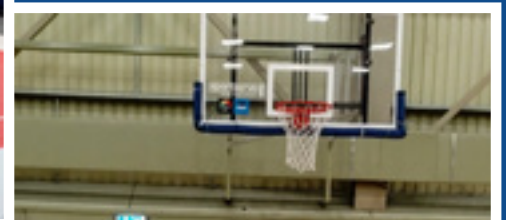
With partnership support from the Lord's Taverners, young players from Dundee, West Lothian, Perth, Aberdeen and Glasgow came together to have some fun and develop their skills in a series of wheelchair basketball festivals. The programme also enabled schools to experience Inclusive Zone Basketball – a mix of wheelchair and running basketball played together in zones. Leadership courses were also provided as part of the programme to support the holistic development of the U18 National Academy athletes, which they were able to put into practice through coaching at their clubs and through the Jr.NBA programme.

Jr.NBA

Targeted at U14 players, many of whom were completely new to the sport, got the chance to put on an NBA vest and play like their NBA heroes! The events were coached and officiated by the U18 National Academy Athletes as part of their continuing all round personal development through the sport.

Digby Brown 3x3 Community Programme

With partnership support from Digby Brown, we have been able to start a Community 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball programme. Players from across the wheelchair basketball clubs joined together to explore the 3x3 games and experience how exciting this version of the sport can be.



REGIONAL ACADEMY

113**U14 PLAYERS**

66 male, 47 female

The Regional Academy is **basketballscotland's** development programme for players in U14-U18 age groups, and for coaches and officials. The Regional Academy aims to help players, coaches and officials who are serious about improving, to develop key knowledge and skills that will help them progress within the game. Players will focus on physical, technical, tactical, psychological and social elements of the game, following a phased curriculum that has been designed to help maximise development opportunities.

80**U16 PLAYERS**

40 male, 40 female

The Regional Academy Curriculum was created to provide a framework for representative basketball in Scotland at a regional level, leading into a national level. The Curriculum put the players at the heart of our system, whilst also providing opportunities for coaches and officials to maximise their basketball journey - whether that be here in Scotland, with Great Britain, or overseas.

This year the Regional Academy programme impacted on more than 270 players and 25 coaches.

78**U18 PLAYERS**

50 male, 28 female



Through this programme players have developed their skills both on and off the court. They have built relationships with players and coaches from all over the country and enjoyed the opportunity to play games with their teams.

This season 25 coaches embarked on a journey of coach development through our Regional Academy programme. They worked closely with coach developers and technical leads to cover a number of topics over the season. They have been challenged and developed their coaching practices whilst building relationships with players and other coaches.

JR.NBA

The Jr. NBA expanded this year to six leagues reaching just under 3000 girls and boys across both running and wheelchair basketball. Despite challenges with school access due to COVID-19, 30 clubs across the country have worked hard to find solutions and deliver the programme to U10-U14 players. The Jr. NBA programme focuses on providing playing opportunities for those early in their basketball journey to experience a fun and exciting environment.

Part of the programme this year was the opportunity for clubs to apply for a six month funded post through the government's Kickstart incentive. This saw young people being employed by **basketballscotland** but deployed directly into the club environment to deliver the Jr. NBA programme amongst other coaching and administration tasks. Six clubs – Attack Basketball, City of Edinburgh, Dunfermline Reign, Fife Steel, Grampian Flyers and Panthers – took up this opportunity. Click [here](#) to find out more about the benefits the programme provided.



GOVERNANCE REPORT

Faced with another tumultuous year, the amount of basketball played is a credit to the resilience, hard-work and adaptability of our clubs and community. A later start to the season means there is still plenty basketball activity left in the 2021 – 22 season.

Inevitably, there have been challenges along the way, however we appreciate the collaborative approach that most have adopted, not losing sight of the challenges playing an indoor contact sport have faced. Ultimately, being back on court is a major achievement.

Through the challenges there have also been opportunity. The government-funded Kickstart Scheme has allowed us to work with clubs to appoint young people to a range of roles, primarily to assist with delivery of the Jr.NBA programme. There has been valuable learning and experience gained for these individuals who have come together as a team to share knowledge and continue to drive the sport forward.

The **basketball**scotland team has undergone some changes this year too. In April, Jack McLean decided on a change of career. Dom Gall also departed. After serving a modern apprenticeship with us, Keli Dick took over leading our communications. With a shift in focus within our CashBack work, Jack's post in Dundee was reassigned and Luther-Michael Mavunga was appointed as a youth worker based at St. Mungo's Academy in the East End of Glasgow.

After nearly fourteen years, the popular Graham Shaw also changed careers and left the **basketball**scotland office for the final time in September. Fortunately, the community can still enjoy his energy and enthusiasm as he continues to referee.

Graham's departure allowed us to employ a full-time resource to tackle the challenges around officiating. A familiar face to many, Ross Bain started with us in January in a referee development role.

Our final departure for the year was Fraser Hamilton. There has been no like for like replacement, with his role split amongst the team. In addition, Caledonia Pride player Maud Ranger is assisting us on a part-time basis.

Whilst this appears a high turnover of staff, there is a strong backbone to the organisation as we continue to learn and improve as a team. Special mention to Jane White who celebrated 10 years with **basketball**scotland this year.

The Board continues under the guidance of Stephen Ferguson, now appointed Chair after a successful tenure as temporary Chair. It has been a challenging few years and Stephen has been a calm, reassuring and decisive leader. Aiding and abetting Stephen, Kristine Johnson has been appointed to the Vice-Chair Role. A position she will thrive in. There was one departure as Marc Shenken stepped down from his role as Finance Advisor to the Board. Recruitment for a Finance Director is ongoing.

With youth action, senior leagues, cup finals and international competition including hosting a Commonwealth Games Qualifying Tournament, all to take place before the season concludes, the efforts and attitude of all are to be commended. Considering there was a temporary halt to senior basketball activity as recently as January, it is important to appreciate what has been achieved and build on this for the future.

GB REPRESENTATION

**Scottish players who represented Great Britain throughout
2021/22**

PLAYERS

**JUDE HAMER
ROBYN LOVE
GARETH MURRAY
HANNAH ROBB**

*No youth programmes due to the coronavirus pandemic.

GREAT BRITAIN REPORT

ON COURT:

Scotland's Gareth Murray and the GB Men are amid their FIBA 2023 World Cup European Qualifiers campaign. The side put up a good fight against Turkey and secured the win over Greece. Their campaign will continue over the summer with rematches against Greece and Turkey coming up in June and July and a couple of postponed matches against Belarus to be rescheduled.

On the women's side, Hannah Robb suited up for GB against Estonia in their FIBA 2023 EuroBasket Women Qualifiers. Whilst GB fell short to the opposition that day it was fantastic to see Robb get another GB cap under her belt. Hopefully more caps will be coming her way as GB continue their campaign this November and then next February with matches against Estonia, Greece and Portugal coming up.

Both Robyn Love and Jude Hamer competed at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games for the GB Wheelchair Women, Robyn at her 2nd and Jude at her 3rd. Unfortunately, the reigning World silver medallists didn't get the result they were hoping for, finishing 7th. However, a few months later they were able to regroup and finish the 2021 IWBF Europe European Championships with a silver medal, ensuring GB's qualification for the IWBF World Championships this November.

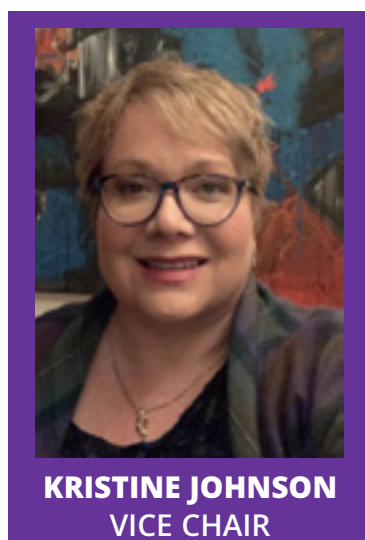
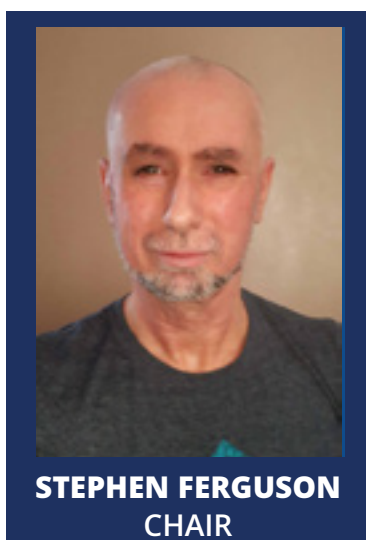
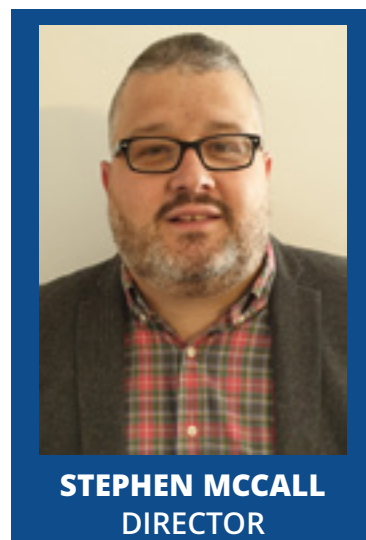
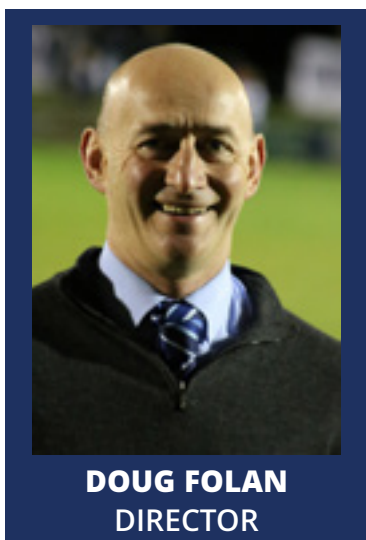
No junior tournaments took place because of the pandemic but four GB teams will compete in the FIBA European Championships this summer whilst being financially and logistically supported by the Home Countries.

OFF COURT:

basketballscotland have worked together with Basketball England and Basketball Wales to help support the British Basketball Federation (BBF) financially and logistically so that they can enter four GB teams into the FIBA European Championships 2022 this summer. These will consist of an U16 and U18 team for both men and women. The BBF's UK Sport funds can only be used to support senior teams so the Home Countries have collaborated to provide a juniors funding package that can afford to prepare and field the four teams. This will ensure that young talent get the chance to develop on the international stage whilst representing their country.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OUR STAFF

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HEAD OF OPERATIONS

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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DONNIE MACDONALD
GRAHAM SHAW
DARRYL WOOD

FINANCES

2021-22 **basketball**scotland Financial Statements

2021–22 was another year of uncertainty, beginning in a pandemic and ending with rising inflation. In this context, our financial priority has been to protect the long-term future of the sport whilst supporting our clubs.

The 2021–22 season was delayed due to Covid-19. As a result, we continued to utilise the Job Retention Fund until it was withdrawn. We appreciate the ongoing flexibility afforded to us by both **sport**scotland and the Scottish Government. The end of the Job Retention Fund, coupled with uncertainty around pressures on Scottish Government funding of public bodies, focused our attention on increasing our financial reserves to help us respond to any future financial challenges.

Such pragmatism has underpinned our financial strategy during the pandemic. The resilience of our clubs and their ability to find solutions and to maintain financial robustness must be commended. Nonetheless, with rumoured facility price increases and the cost-of-living crisis, our financial approach remains to position ourselves to be able to support clubs with any future challenges. We encourage any clubs who have, or are predicting, financial challenges to please reach out.

We have continued to strengthen relationships with our stakeholders, securing supplementary funding for the Commonwealth Games. In addition, we agreed a short-term lease for office space at a reduced rate whilst we determine what our future model of working practices will be.

Due to Covid-19, the finale to the season occurred in the current financial year. Expenditure for Cup Finals and Youth Home Nations tournaments was also carried forward to the 2022–23 financial year. Furthermore, the Commonwealth Games Qualification Tournament was postponed from December to April. Finally, our Erasmus programme had been planned in 2021–22, but was delivered in June 2022.

The Covid pandemic has had a seismic impact and we believe the full effects have yet to be felt. Further global uncertainty with the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the removal of energy bill caps, suggests a further period of financial pragmatism is wise. We need to protect the sport, and the organisation, for the long term. In addition, we need to be flexible and adaptable to find equilibrium in an increasingly tumultuous environment.

The 2021-22 Financial Statements:

To view **basketball**scotland's Financial Statements, for 2021-22, please click [here](#).

For a further explanation regarding the Income and Expenditure account, please click [here](#).

ANTI-DOPING

2021-22 ANTI-DOPING PROGRESS REPORT

As part of our commitment to Clean Sport, we have increased our focus in the following areas during 2021.

- Engaged with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and achieved the UKAD Assurance Framework.
- Engaged with Commonwealth Games Scotland on Clean Games Policy for Birmingham 2022.
- Drafted a Clean Sport Education Strategy and started consultation with UKAD and **sportscotland**.
- Appointed and trained Board Anti-Doping Lead (Doug Folan) and Staff Lead (Barry Lang).
- Reviewed and updated our Anti-Doping Policy.
- Developed a Clean Sport implementation plan.
- Delivered education to all athletes long-listed for Commonwealth Games selection.
- Updated the Clean Sport section of our website.
- With support from **sportscotland**, delivered Clean Sport Education to athletes selected for our National Academy.

REMEMBRANCE



In February 2022, basketball in Scotland mourned the loss of Robert Taft after a short battle with cancer.

Robert, who co-founded Renfrew Rocks Basketball Club, was a very familiar face in the Scottish basketball community, having previously played for many clubs, such as, Paisley club, Kilmarnock, Team Glasgow, Clydebank, to name a few. He also played for the Civil Service Scotland team for many years, as well as the full UK Civil Service team.

It wasn't just playing that Robert had a passion for, but also coaching the game to the next generation of ballers. Coaching at St. Mirren Basketball Club and Scotland's National team, before ending his basketball career as the Head Coach at Strathclyde University. He was always encouraging many young people get involved in his beloved basketball and would continue to support them as much as possible.

In recognition of all that he had done for the game in Scotland, Robert was named Scotland's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2002. He was then awarded **basketballscotland's** 25-year service award at the inaugurated National Volunteer Recognition awards in 2005.

The basketball community in Scotland will be forever grateful for his enthusiasm and love for the game, as well as the positive impression that he had on so many people. His impact on basketball in Scotland will never be forgotten.



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