



**basketballscotland**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022/23**



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# CEO'S INTRODUCTION

KEVIN PRINGLE

The 2022-23 season was, thankfully, our first un-interrupted season for several years and it was great to see clubs and players playing and competing every weekend.

Our major focus as a governing body was to develop the support available for clubs to enhance the experience of young players as they enter the game. Our Jr.NBA programme provided support to over 30 clubs in this area and we have developed an exciting partnership with I Coach Kids to support coaches which we hope will help coaches working with young players to create an engaging and positive environment while developing skills.

A major development was the transition of Caledonia Pride out of **basketballscotland's** ownership and into Caledonia Gladiators. The resource that the Gladiators have and are continuing to invest into our sport has the potential to positively impact the basketball landscape in Scotland. We believe this presents a huge opportunity for the sport and particularly athletes with the aspiration to reach the professional level. We are committed to working with the Gladiators to ensure the approach is right for the sport.

On a less glamorous note, the financial position of **basketballscotland** is in the strongest position it has ever been. With long term committed investment secured from **sportscotland**, CashBack for Communities and, recently, additional UK Government investment through Glasgow City Council for an ambitious project to reopen Easterhouse Sports Centre, there are opportunities ahead!

That said, there are no doubt areas where we are not getting things right. We know it is going to take some time to recover from the impact COVID has had on refereeing and recruitment continues to be a focus. Alongside that, our off-season focus will be in two areas: (i) adjustments to the competition and Regional Academy structure based on feedback from clubs and learning from the experiences of the past two years and (ii) improving how we communicate with clubs and players to not only provide better and earlier information but also to help us to listen and hear views from clubs and, importantly, players.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our sport over the past year. The sport relies on the people throughout the country who give up time every week to coach, administer, officiate and help the sport function. We are incredibly grateful for the support!

Kevin Pringle

Chief Executive Officer, **basketballscotland**

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**5559**  
Members

  
Gender Split  
**1,461/4,098**  
Female / Male

  
**89** Clubs across Scotland

  
**303** athletes and **33** coaches got involved in the 2022/23 National Academy.

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- Stephen Ferguson, Chair

  
384 new coaching qualifications were achieved during 2022/23, of which 132 were female.

**35**  
Wheelchair Academy Players 

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- Kevin Pringle, CEO

basketballscotland's website recorded over 166,017 website sessions over the last 12 months.

**166,017**

**+15%**  
Social Growth



basketballscotland had **1,091** registered officials\* in 2021/22



**429** new officials qualified over the last 12 months.

\*Officials = floor and table

# THE LAST 12 MONTHS

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# CHAIR REVIEW

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## STEPHEN FERGUSON

This has been an important year in the journey towards our sport beginning to achieve its full potential.

We have long wanted to see a Scottish pro franchise across both male and female pathways that embraced working with the governing body, and member clubs, to improve and grow our game. We passed our ownership of Caledonia Pride to Gladiators with an agreed remit to create a franchise for all of Scotland – they have made great strides towards this goal, including taking over the male pro team. Their performances on the court have been hugely successful, establishing Gladiators as a genuine force in British basketball in just one season.

Our draft strategy for basketball has been out for consultation for the best part of 2023, and we're grateful to those clubs who have fed back and reached out to talk to us. We have called the strategy 'Changing the Game', as achieving the next level for Scottish basketball will require a shift in approach: more focus on the quality of the basketball experience for everyone, more collaboration off the court, and more clubs considering decisions in the context of the good of the whole game.

Allied to this, we've been working with clubs to find a league structure that will allow clubs to find more readily their appropriate level of competition each season, and to ensure that there is continued opportunities for improvement within that structure. We're getting there!

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Also, relations with GB basketball have improved significantly under the new BBF Board. All parties have been working hard to build a solid culture of collaboration, and that is now paying dividends. We're only at the early days of building a robust GB structure, but signs are very positive indeed.

But what of the year ahead? The year will see increased focus on encouraging greater collaboration, bridging the gap between grassroots and elite basketball, and, as ever, looking to put a positive culture at the foundation of everything we do as we look to improve the quality of the basketball experience for young and old.

We're hopeful in the year ahead that members and clubs will open their minds, and the doors to their clubs, to working with us to change the game positively for all.

Stephen Ferguson  
Chair, **basketball**scotland

# MEMBERSHIP

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-4.8%

## GENDER SPLIT



FEMALE/MALE

## CLUB AFFILIATION



-8

## MEMBER CATEGORY BREAKDOWN\*

**SENIOR: 2262**  
581(F) | 1681(M)

**UNDER 12: 616**  
177(F) | 439(M)

**SCHOOL: 8**  
1(F) | 7(M)

**UNDER 18: 481**  
124(F) | 357(M)

**UNDER 10: 429**  
102(F) | 327(M)

**LEARNING DISABILITY: 3**  
1(F) | 2(M)

**UNDER 16: 635**  
135(F) | 500(M)

**WHEELCHAIR: 33**  
10(F) | 23(M)

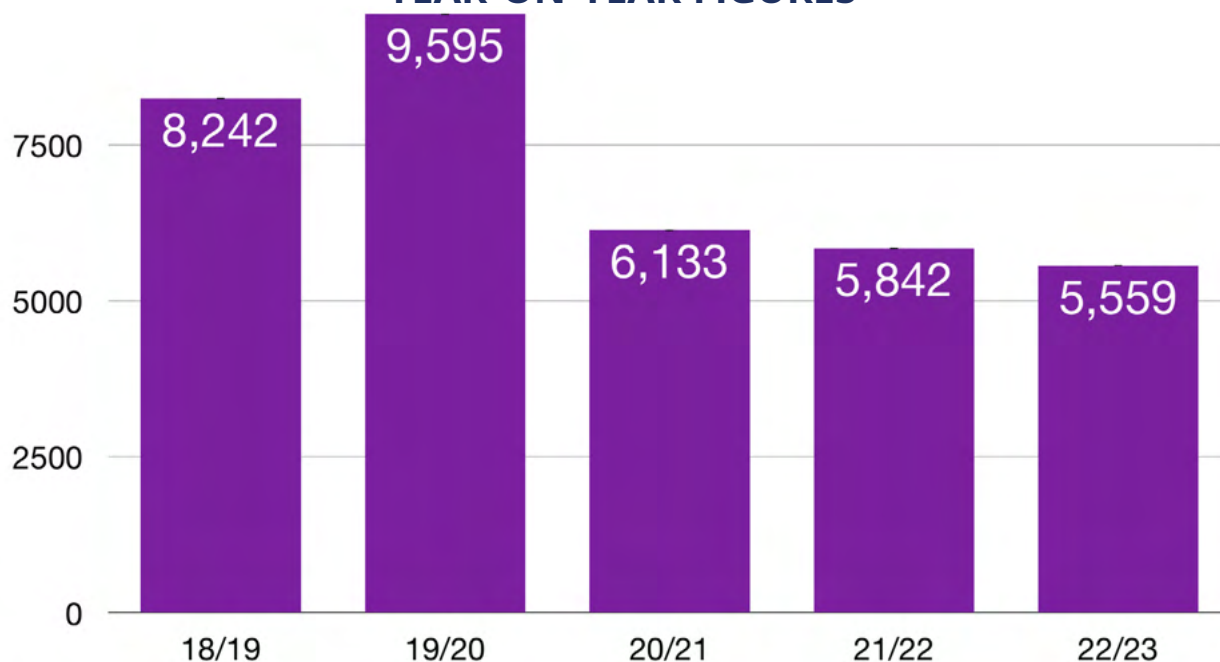
**OTHER: 219**  
51(F) | 168(M)

**UNDER 14: 604**  
152(F) | 452(M)

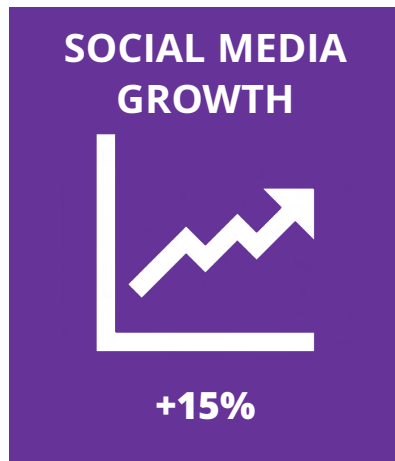
**VOLUNTEER: 269**  
127(F) | 142(M)

\*Reporting on **basketballscotland** membership only.

## YEAR-ON-YEAR FIGURES

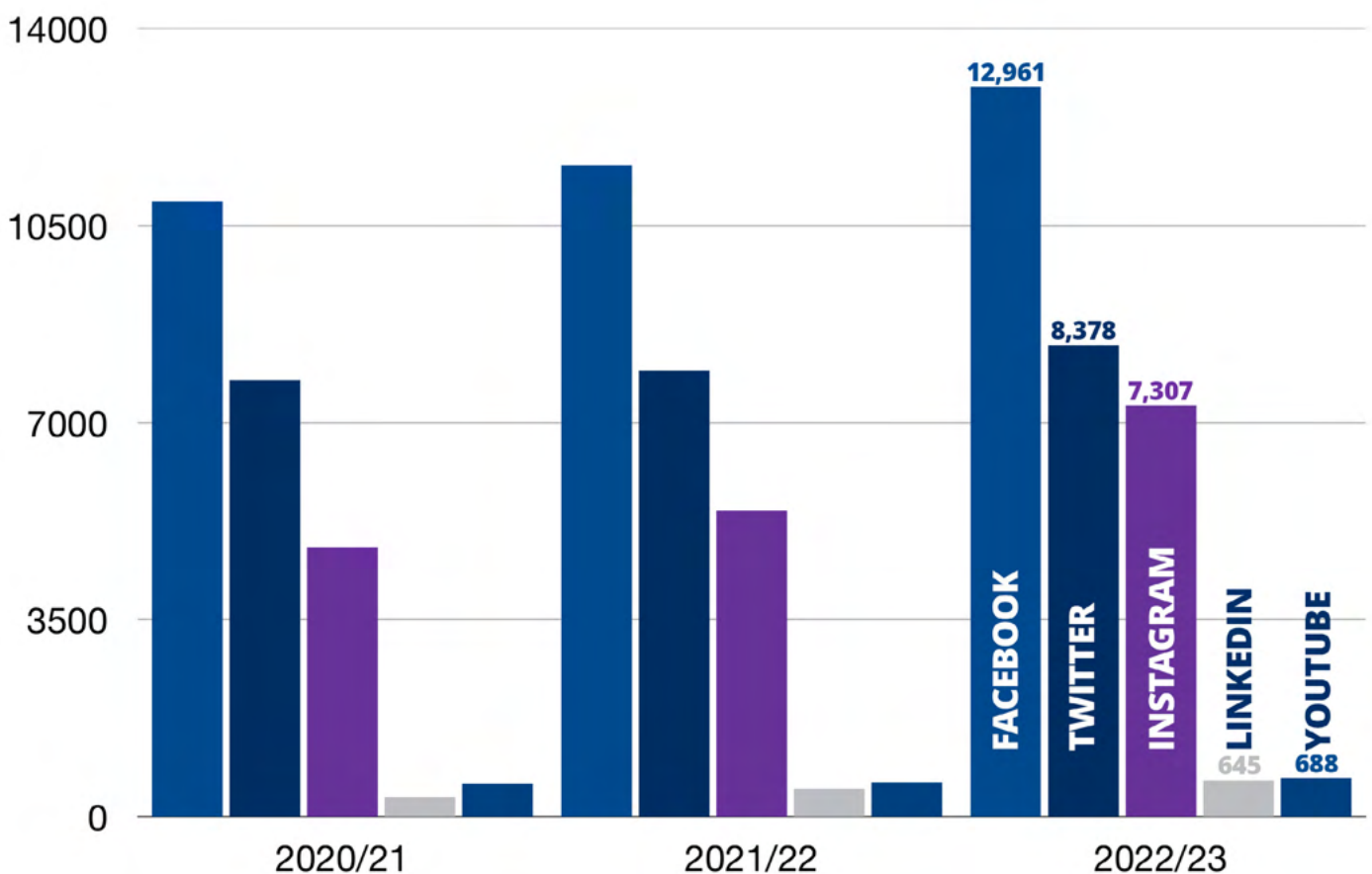


# DIGITAL



In late 2022, we launched the **basketball**scotland Development Instagram page, which aims to support U14 coaches and players by sharing relevant content. As the U14 age group is a key focus for us, we're committed to providing coaches and players with easy access to drills and practices they can use during their sessions or at home.

We acknowledge the power of social media as a platform for coaches and players to find simple yet effective drills for their training sessions. This is why we are excited to introduce our first-ever **basketball**scotland Development Instagram page, dedicated solely to sharing drills and practices for U14 players and coaches.



# ERASMUS+ TRIP

Over four weeks in the summer of 2022, 117 players from the **basketballscotland** National Academy, covering multiple age groups from both the running and wheelchair game, travelled to Barcelona, Spain, to gain a better understanding of the game and how it is played worldwide.

Funded by Erasmus+ – the EU’s programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe – the trips gave our players and coaches an opportunity to experience an overseas professional basketball environment, which included plenty of learning, games and cultural activities.

Going into the trips, all players had multiple outcomes to work towards. They were:

- Improved technical and tactical basketball skills.
- A better understanding of the game and how it is played worldwide.
- Experience of playing under a much higher level of pressure.
- Increased understanding of the level of play out with the UK and what is required to compete effectively.
- Enhanced understanding of what it takes to train and compete in the professional environment
- Experiencing living abroad and the challenges that being a professional in another country might pose.
- Creating opportunities for future careers as professional players.
- Developing the ability to live independently and experience being away from home.

In addition to the above, wheelchair athletes would also benefit from:

- Gaining experience of being away from primary carer for extended period of time.
- Improved self-confidence and ability to cope with the challenge of overseas travel.

Once players had returned, a player survey run by **basketballscotland** regarding the learning outcomes saw 98% of players state that they had ‘improved in’ and ‘learned more about’ all of the outcomes above during their time on the Erasmus trip.

For many of our players, this was their first experience travelling abroad in a high-performance sporting environment, a moment everyone was very excited for. The trip also provided players with the challenge of living independently and being responsible for themselves, while experiencing being away from home.





During their time in Spain, all players got the opportunity to learn from multiple basketball professionals. From coaches and referees to strength and conditioning instructors, 3x3 specialists and even professional players. Our players were able to experience developing their skills from the best.



As much as the on-court time was a principal element of our players day-to-day to give them a heightened understanding of what it takes to train and compete in the professional environment, it was also important for them to experience the culture and lifestyle of living away from home.

The trips were packed with cultural activities. With players visiting a local school to learn traditional Spanish dancing, taste traditional Spanish food and help students study for upcoming exams. Historical landmark visits, to places such as La Sagrada Familia, were also on the agenda for everyone.

The school visit was not the only time that players were able to experience the local cuisine, with lunch and dinner often giving them the opportunity to try something new and learn about what food would fuel their body for exercise in the Spanish heat.



Although a bit more than anyone expected, players also had to learn how to deal with the challenges of international travel. From lost luggage and cancelled flights, leaving players and staff stranded halfway through their homewards journey, to the more simpler travel challenges of getting to and from venues. Our players did well learning how to adapt to new and difficult situations, while still representing Scotland to their absolute best.

It was not just new basketball knowledge that participants came home with, as they all successfully achieved a SCQF level 5 accreditation in Goal Setting during classroom sessions.

**basketball**scotland staff and coaches also got the opportunity to take a lot of learnings from the trip which will help us to work on and improve on the broader priority objectives of the trip. Those where:

- Increased grassroots participation at a younger age by helping clubs to introduce Spanish initiatives and mobility outcomes into their community engagement processes and assist them to enhance existing school community programmes.
- Reduce gender imbalance between male and female participation in playing, competing, and coaching, with the introduction of key initiatives that have been used so successfully in Spain to attract more women and girls at all levels of the sport.



- Increased numbers of quality coaches to support the game – from quality playing experiences at local level to developing elite players to participate at the highest level.

# COACHING

We have implemented our new coaching pathway where our courses are more relevant to the needs of the coach specific to the environment that they are in. This year we have delivered over 30 Skills Coach Courses for those who will be coaching in U14 sessions.

384

**SKILLS COACH**

252 male, 132 female

## ICOACHKids Partnership

Our courses provide a foundation of knowledge but encourage and signpost other learning and development opportunities that will help coaches continue to improve. As part of this we have developed a partnership with ICOACHKids. This partnership has been formed as they can provide extensive knowledge and collective experiences of coaching youth basketball, whilst having the capacity to educate and support basketball coaches in the UK. ICOACHKids have delivered six workshops throughout Scotland and have now developed resources which will be rolled out to clubs and coaches in the coming months.



# JR.NBA

This year has provided us with an exciting expansion of the Jr.NBA programme as we have been able to introduce the first ever Jr. WNBA programme across our clubs. The Jr. WNBA programme has been rolled out to a select number of clubs in the hope to support and develop their female club pathway. This programme has helped to introduce and engage over 700 young girls across the country with basketball and the WNBA brand.

We have continued to grow our numbers within the Jr.NBA programme, with over 2000 active participants currently involved in Jr.NBA sessions. These players are often involved in weekly skill sessions as well as club organised tournaments and game days. We continue to run the only Jr.NBA wheelchair division in the world which continues to be a success and strong method of collaboration for our Wheelchair clubs.

This year we have introduced our first ever Jr.NBA Camp and Finals Day. Over 200 participants from across all our Jr.NBA clubs will be partaking in our 4-week camp supported by our U12 Coach Development Team. Following completion of the camp we are then due to host our first ever Jr.NBA finals event which will include, competitive games, skills games, and a visit from a Jr.NBA Ambassador.



# OFFICIATING

## NEWLY QUALIFIED IN 22/23



### REFEREES

15 female, 55 male

429



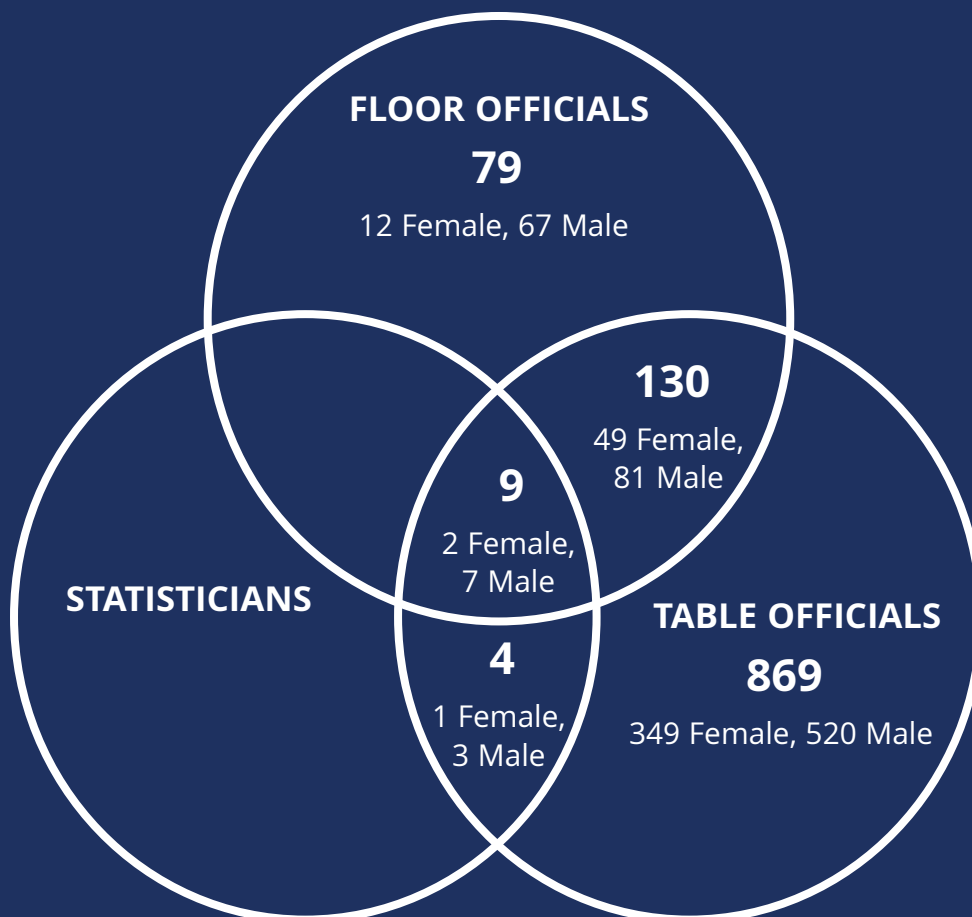
### TABLE OFFICIALS

133 female, 226 male

## TOTAL QUALIFIED AT END OF 22/23

1,091

413 Female, 678 Male



Graphic depicts where individuals are multi-skilled.

# SBC COMPETITION

NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED

**830+ GAMES**



NUMBER OF TEAMS

**223 ENTRIES**



NATIONAL  
LEAGUE



SCOTTISH &  
CHAIR'S CUP

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## SENIOR WOMEN D1



**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH



**CUP CHAMPIONS**  
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH



**PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**  
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH



## U18 WOMEN D1

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
CALEDONIA GLADIATORS



**CUP CHAMPIONS**  
CALEDONIA GLADIATORS



## U16 WOMEN D1

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
WEST LOTHIAN WOLVES



**CUP CHAMPIONS**  
WEST LOTHIAN WOLVES

## SENIOR WOMEN D2



**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
EDINBURGH LIONS



## U18 WOMEN D2

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
CITY OF EDINBURGH



## U16 WOMEN D2

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
HIGHLAND BEARS

## WOMEN'S CHAIR'S CUP



**CHAMPIONS**  
CITY OF EDINBURGH



## U18 WOMEN D3

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
INVERNESS LIONS



# ROLL OF HONOUR

## SENIOR MEN D1

 **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
BOROUGHMUIR BLAZE

 **CUP CHAMPIONS**  
BOROUGHMUIR BLAZE

 **PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**  
BOROUGHMUIR BLAZE

## U18 MEN D1

 **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
WEST LOTHIAN WOLVES

 **CUP CHAMPIONS**  
WEST LOTHIAN WOLVES

 **PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**  
SONY CENTRE FURY

## U16 MEN D1

 **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
SONY CENTRE FURY

 **CUP CHAMPIONS**  
STIRLING KNIGHTS

 **PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**  
STIRLING KNIGHTS

## SENIOR MEN D2

 **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
GLASGOW DEVILS

 **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
DUNDEE MADSONS

 **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**  
INVERNESS LIONS

 **PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**  
DUNDEE MADSONS

 **PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**  
INVERNESS LIONS

## MEN'S CHAIR'S CUP

 **CHAMPIONS**  
GLASGOW FEVER



Scotland's youth wheelchair basketball teams had a successful year with the U14 and U18 athletes and coaches competing in national and international championships. The U14 team achieved an impressive 3rd place at the British Wheelchair Basketball's National Junior Championships, while the U18s finished in 4th place. At the 3x3 Championships held at Loughborough University for the UK School Games, Scotland was represented by two teams, finishing in 5th and 7th place respectively. In addition, 10 Academy athletes earned their Skills Coach Award and L1 Refereeing, further demonstrating Scotland's commitment

### **RGK Regional Junior Festival and Development Programme**

We successfully partnered with RGK Wheelchairs to support a junior development programme, which included school visits and participation in Scottish Disability Sport's Regional Parasport Festivals. The programme provided inclusive opportunities to over 400 young people, with more than 50 young players from Dundee Dragons, Perth Eagles, Grampian Flyers, Lothian Phoenix and Glasgow Rollin Rocks participating in club-based sessions. These sessions concluded in the RGK Regional Junior Festival for U14s and U18s, providing a platform for young players to showcase their skills and compete against their peers.

### **Jr.NBA**

U14 players from Dundee Dragons, Perth Eagles, Grampian Flyers and Lothian Phoenix participated in the Jr.NBA wheelchair Division. The festivals consisted of skills coaching from previous Jr.NBA graduates in Scotland's U18 Wheelchair National Academy, as well as small-sided tournaments. The programme had over 35 young participants and coaches.

### **Erasmus+**

During a recent training camp in Barcelona, funded by Erasmus+, 19 athletes and 5 staff members from our U18 and U23 National Academies had the incredible opportunity to learn from Coach Oscar Trigo-Diez, who serves as both the Head Coach of FC Barcelona and the Portuguese Men's National Squad. The athletes were able to benefit from Trigo-Diez's top-level coaching while also competing against some of the best squads in the region, including the Catalunya Promesas U23 team and FC Barcelona's Premier Division squad.

The experience was particularly rewarding for Ben Leitch, who was offered a contract to play for FC Barcelona during the 2022/23 season following his outstanding performance at the training camp.





# REGIONAL ACADEMY

111

## U14 PLAYERS

53 female, 58 male

In the 2022/23 Regional Academy, **basketballscotland** continues to develop coaches and players in U14-U18 age groups.

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.

84

## U16 PLAYERS

34 female, 50 male

This year the Regional Academy programme impacted on more than 300 players and 33 coaches.

75

## U18 PLAYERS

38 female, 37 male

33

## COACHES

9 female, 24 male



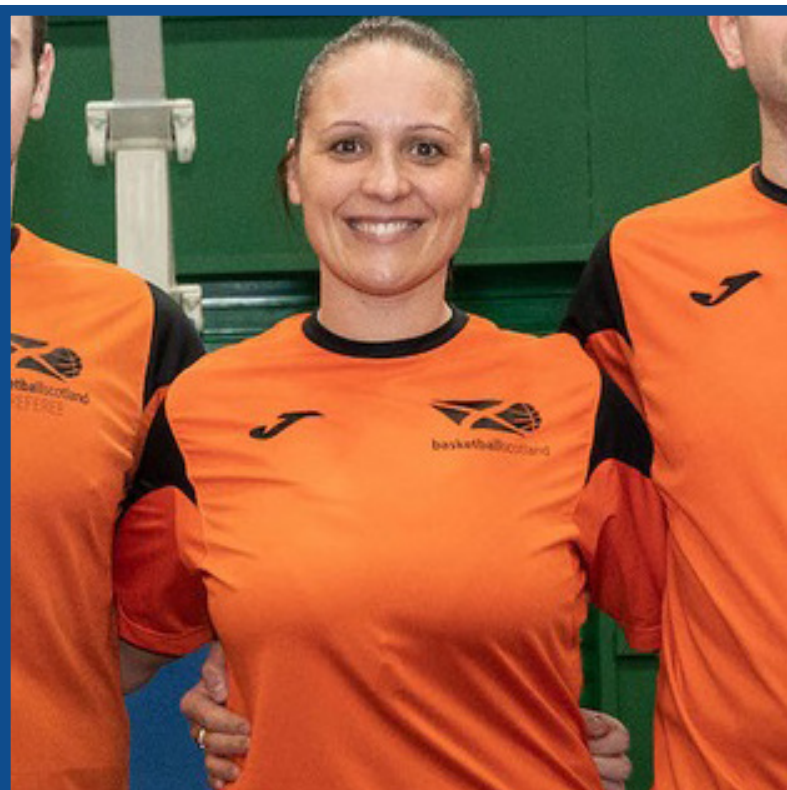
# OFFICIALS AT THE GAMES

Scottish Officials Mariann Dodds-Miklosik and Carolyn Wilson were selected to referee the 3x3 running and wheelchair basketball games, respectively, at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Dodds-Miklosik's journey as a 3x3 official started when she was given the opportunity to officiate at the Commonwealth Games Qualifying Tournament. After discovering a passion for the new and exciting format, Dodds-Miklosik was invited to the next 3x3 FIBA clinic in Tel Aviv, Israel, an opportunity she enthusiastically embraced. She rose to the challenge, obtained a FIBA 3x3 C Licence, and became Great Britain's first-ever 3x3 FIBA referee.

Wilson is a well-respected referee in the British Wheelchair Basketball League and a regular face in **basketballscotland's** SBC running and wheelchair Leagues. After several years of successful officiating in the wheelchair game, Wilson travelled to Italy in 2019 to obtain her International Wheelchair Basketball Federation zonal licence. Wilson was no stranger to the 3x3 format, having previously officiated in domestic 3x3 tournaments and BWB's 4 Nations.

Both officials demonstrated great passion, skill and dedication to their craft, which was evident in their selection to officiate at the Commonwealth Games. It was a great achievement for Scotland to have not only players but also officials on the court representing the country at the international level.



# SCOTTISH SCHOOLS CUP

This year, our schools competition aimed to build upon the success of the shortened school calendar from the previous year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our primary objective was to increase accessibility to school competitions and further promote the growth of basketball within local authorities. With over 100 schools participating across all age groups, the success of the regional Scottish cup rounds demonstrates the continued expansion of basketball in Scotland.

Similar to last year, **basketballscotland** ran three tournaments for boys and girls during the 2022/23 school year: S1, U15, and Open, which led up to the highly anticipated Scottish Schools Final 4's event. These Finals were held for the second year in a row at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee in March 2023.

Over the course of three days, 24 school teams from across the country battled it out for the Championship title. The Finals provided a fantastic opportunity for players to showcase their skills in an exciting atmosphere, where the presence of experienced officials also added to the quality of the games. Spectators were not left disappointed with lots of excitement and even a couple of nail-biting games that kept everyone on the edge of their seats!



## WINNERS

<b>S1 GIRLS</b>	<b>MARY ERSKINE</b>
<b>S1 BOYS</b>	<b>GRAEME HIGH SCHOOL</b>
<b>U15 GIRLS</b>	<b>CULLODEN ACADEMY</b>
<b>U15 BOYS</b>	<b>FALKIRK HIGH SCHOOL</b>
<b>OPEN GIRLS</b>	<b>FALKIRK HIGH SCHOOL</b>
<b>OPEN BOYS</b>	<b>HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL</b>

# GOVERNANCE REPORT

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It has been an action-packed year on the court and off.

In April we hosted a successful Commonwealth Games qualification tournament. The quality of the event was matched by the performance of the teams on the court. A sudden death defeat denied Scotland a clean sweep of male and female teams in the basketball and wheelchair basketball tournaments. See Commonwealth Games Report for further details.

Alongside planning, preparing and delivering three teams at the Commonwealth Games, the summer was busy with a fantastic educational excursion to Spain as part of the Erasmus+ programme. In addition, the Scottish Basketball Hall of Fame was launched at the **basketballscotland** 75th Anniversary Dinner in June. For those attending, it was a great chance to enjoy the company of others with a real passion for the game of basketball.

The Covid pandemic necessitated a phased approach to our Changing the Game strategy. Our current focus is the very grassroots of the game, and a positive first experience of basketball for those aged under 14. Consequently, we have seen some staffing changes to help us maximise this impact. Daniel Garcia has joined us from the Real Madrid Academy. His knowledge is complemented by the enthusiasm and understanding of the Scottish basketball landscape by Jake Sirrell. Adding further support to our clubs is Matt Hoffman.

Strategically we are focused on increasing opportunity to participate in basketball. Consequently, Karla Fletcher and Reece Barbour have joined us to provide youth work support to those in areas of high deprivation in the East End of Glasgow.

With so many new employees, there were some inevitable farewells too. Sincere thanks to Adam Szymoszowskyj, Dave Evans, Josh Manson and Kieran Lynch for their efforts and we wish them all well in their new careers.

Further thanks to Guy Richardson for his time and effort as he moves on from the Board. We would like to welcome Jude Deacons to the Board and look forward to her contribution, in particular in her fields of expertise around equality, diversion and inclusion, and, mental wellbeing.

With renewed focus on positive experiences for under 14s, and in line with our strategic commitment to transition ownership of Caledonia Pride, we embarked on a tender process. The successful bid was spearheaded by Lady Rocks Basketball Club. Ambitious plans have resulted in the purchase of Glasgow Rocks and the creation of the Caledonia Gladiators Basketball Club. Currently competing in the WBBL and BBL, the exciting project has intention to compete in Europe and develop a purpose-built basketball arena.

The year has seen further exciting developments in the facilities for basketball space. A partnership between **basketballscotland**, the **basketballscotland** Foundation and Easterhouse Community Centre has successfully applied to Glasgow Council to take ownership of the Easterhouse Leisure Centre.

# WEARING THE THISTLE

## SCOTLAND REPRESENTATION

Scotland's Senior Men and Women, including both running and wheelchair teams, participated in the 2022 Commonwealth Games Qualifiers, which were held in Scotland. Both the Men's and Women's running teams performed exceptionally well, securing 3 victories each, resulting in their qualification for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Our Wheelchair Women's team also exhibited an outstanding performance and qualified for the Games with flying colours. However, our Wheelchair Men's team couldn't match Ireland's performance in a thrilling final game, which went into overtime. Although Scotland didn't win any medals at the Games, our teams' performances were commendable. The Games marked the first time that Scotland had a Women's running team and a Women's Wheelchair team participating.

Our U18 Men and Women travelled to Wales to compete against Wales, Ireland and England in their Home Nations tournament. These games provided our players with a valuable experience of representing their country, as they fought hard in a couple of nail-biting matches that kept everyone on the edge of their seats until the very end!

Scotland's U16 Men and Women had the home court advantage for their Home Nations as they competed at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee alongside teams from Wales, England and Ireland. The weekend was a success for Scotland, with our teams clinching several impressive victories.

The U14 Tri-Nations saw Scotland's young players take on Wales and England at their home court. Despite tough competition, Scotland put up a great fight. In a nail-biting game, Scotland secured a 1-point victory over England in the final seconds, leaving the entire hall on the edge of their seats.

Scotland's youth wheelchair basketball teams made their way to Loughborough University for the 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball UK School Games Finals. Among the seven competing teams, Scotland had two U18 Men teams, who gave it their all and finished in the 5th and 7th positions. The experience was a great opportunity for the players to showcase their skills and compete at a high level.

\*No youth programmes due to the coronavirus pandemic.



# **GB REPRESENTATION**

Scottish players who represented Great Britain throughout  
2022/23

## **PLAYERS**

**KIRSTY BROWN**  
**AYMEN KRARIA**  
**KENNEDY LEONARD**  
**AOIFE LOFTUS**  
**RAZA MAJID**  
**ALIX MCINTOSH**  
**HANNAH ROBB**  
**ZOE SHARPE**

## **COACHES**

**DONNIE MACDONALD**  
**GARETH MURRAY**  
**CRAIG NICOL**  
**DARRYL WOOD**



# GREAT BRITAIN REPORT

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Great Britain U16 Women had a heavy Scottish influence. Zoe Sharpe and Alix McIntosh took to the floor for the FIBA European Championship 'B' Division in August 2022. They were coached by Donnie MacDonald who was assisted by Darryl Wood. A 3-4 record is commendable and, after a tight win over Iceland, the team placed 11th.

At Senior level, Hannah Robb, Kennedy Leonard and Kirsty Brown were consistently selected throughout the year. After a big win against Portugal in their final qualifying, the team are looking forward to the EuroBasket Finals where they play Germany, France and Slovenia.

For the Men, Gareth Murray's transition from player to coach with Caledonia Gladiators was mirrored with GB. He assisted Marc Steutel throughout a successful year that saw GB reach the second qualifying phase of FIBA World Cup qualifying for the very first time.

Craig Nicol continued as the U18 Men's Head Coach. A tough European Championship 'A' Division ended with a 2-5 record and a 15th place finish. The U16 Men were slightly more successful in their 'B' Division campaign, finishing in 9th place. Aymen Kraria was the proud Scot.

Our final GB representation for the year was in the U17 3x3 where Aoife Loftus competed for the Women and Raza Majid for the Men.

# HALL OF FAME



On Saturday, June 18th, the first 11 people were inducted into the Scottish Basketball Hall of Fame. On a night of celebration, these incredible individuals were recognised during **basketballscotland's** 75th anniversary dinner.

Throughout the decades, Scots have been successful in basketball across the world. Performing in the NBA, the Olympics and Paralympics. The Hall of Fame recognises the achievement and effort of those at the highest levels of the game.

During the summer of 2021, the basketball community sent in many nominations on who they thought should be inducted into the Scottish Basketball Hall of Fame. A select group of Scottish basketball experts were then selected to discuss, debate and determine who was worthy of a place in the Hall of Fame.

## 2022 INDUCTEES

Rose Anderson

Bobby Archibald

Robert Archibald

Willie Cameron

Gary Davidson

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# FINANCE

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## 2022-23 **basketballscotland** Financial Statements

2022-23 has been another challenging financial year. A cost of living crisis has placed additional pressures on us all. Our aim has been to support people to continue their involvement in basketball. An approach we will look to maintain.

Whilst we live in such uncertainty we continue to practise pragmatism, taking responsibility to support our clubs and members where necessary. Whilst not committing to excessive discretionary spend, the hard work of the previous few years has afforded us the position to invest in opportunities we believe will change the game.

Credit is due to our clubs again, who continue to deliver a high volume of basketball despite the financial landscape. Reports of increasing facility costs will continue to test resilience and we will work with, and support, clubs wherever possible.

During the pandemic we worked hard to replenish our reserves, with a focus on longer term survival. The past year was about consolidating our position whilst supporting a return to more “normal” levels of basketball.

We continue to promote a collaborative approach, with clubs and our stakeholders and value these partnerships. The strength of these relationships is evidenced by news at the end of the financial year that we will receive increased funding from 2 of our biggest supporters. Two years ago we took the brave decision to overhaul our CashBack for Communities programme. Instead of a nationwide approach, we concentrated our resource in the East End of Glasgow. Narrowing our focus has increased the impact we are having. This has been recognised with additional funding for the next three years.

In addition, a request to **sportscotland** for supplementary funding aligned to the development of outdoor basketball and 3x3 was successful. This is an exciting outcome as we continue to improve the opportunity to play and enjoy positive experiences through basketball.

This year’s accounts are inflated by significant additional income and expenditure during the year due to the Erasmus+ programme, which was initially planned to be delivered over a period of 24 months, but due to COVID, had to be consolidated into one summer. It was a richly rewarding experience for the players and coaches who attended. We are hopeful an application for the UK Government’s replacement programme, the Turing scheme, will afford a similar opportunity for our community in 2024.

### **The 2022-23 Financial Statements:**

To view **basketballscotland**’s Financial Statements, for 2022-23, please click [here](#).

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

# ANTI-DOPING

## 2022/23 ANTI-DOPING PROGRESS REPORT

As part of our commitment to Clean Sport, we have increased our focus in the following areas during 2022/23.

- **basketball**scotland remain compliant with UKAD.
- Delivered against our Assurance Framework, ensuring our top professional players and coaches, plus our Academy Players and Staff are informed of the latest testing and compliance.
- Completed our Information Gathering Survey for Testing.
- Submitted our annual report.
- Promote updates as provided via UKAD over our social media channels.

# REMEMBRANCE

## IAN TASKER



Ian was an important figure in the development of basketball in Scotland. From 1965 to 1973, Ian was Chair of the North of Scotland Basketball Association. During this time, he was a founding member of the Inverness Basketball Club and was a fundamental figure in forming the Inverness Ladies Basketball club. In 1968, Ian was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Amateur Basketball Association of Scotland (known today as **basketballscotland**).

Outside of his basketball duties, Ian worked for the Inverness Courier, where he regularly wrote articles about basketball in the Highlands, helping to ensure that the game and its successes were known by many.

## IAIN RAE

Iain was a key figure in establishing wheelchair basketball in Scotland. Iain was a Paralympian in basketball, shooting, and athletics – the latter seeing him earn a world record in the 100m sprint. Throughout his life, Iain continued to contribute to wheelchair basketball as an international and club-level official. Additionally, he co-founded the West of Scotland Wheelchair Sports Club and Team Thistle, leaving an enduring impact on the sport.



## PETER MOORE

'Pistol' Pete Moore was an all-round talented sportsman who competed in a range of wheelchair sports including tennis, rugby union and basketball - representing Scotland at the Wheelchair Basketball Invitational Challenge against UK Invictus Games and Scotland U23 squads.

Pete worked tirelessly behind the scenes at the West of Scotland Wheelchair Sports Club as a committee member and coached a range of sports from novice to experienced athletes. He was instrumental in the WOS successes within the British Wheelchair Basketball leagues and also internationally through the European club competition and Spitfire tournament in Toronto, Canada.





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