

Scottish Squash Anti-Doping Activity Report 2020 – 2021 Squash Season

It has been a busy season for Scottish Squash, ensuring that the organisation is 100% compliant and that we are doing all that we can to support athletes and athlete support staff in relation to anti-doping.

The following report provides an overview of the anti-doping activity being delivered by Scottish Squash.

- We have developed a strong relationship with sportscotland where Kevin Ferguson is the sportscotland Governing Body lead for anti-doping. Here we have also benefitted from the skills and experience of Sarah Gandon, anti-doping advisor and trainer. Sarah has led the training for athletes and support staff and supported the subsequent development of an education strategy and alignment to the anti-doping assurance framework.
- Scottish Squash has developed a strong partnership with UKAD. Here the team has
 been excellent in raising the awareness of the Board and the Executive Team in
 aligning to the assurance framework, providing resources and training, guidance and
 mentoring and placing the sport in the best possible position to meet our antidoping outcomes and be a clean sport.
- In July 2021 the performance team at Scottish Squash delivered anti-doping education and training to the athletes on the performance pathway. The training was interactive and was delivered by Sarah Gandon. It involved support staff from the performance team.
- The squash performance staff shared communications from UKAD and from WSF around anti-doping education and training, lists of banned substances, TUEs, testing protocols and other key topics.
- In September 2021, Maggie Still became the overall anti-doping lead and attended the UKAD virtual training. Paul Bell will remain the UKAD implementation lead in relation to working with the players and support staff and Garry McKay will be the UKAD lead in relation to policies, procedures, risk management and general communication.
- In December 2021, Jennifer McCartney became the Scottish Squash Board Lead for anti-doping. Jennifer attended the UKAD Board lead training along with Maggie.
- Athlete and athlete support personnel contracts where updated to ensure compliance with anti-doping. They were aligned to athlete and coach Codes of Conduct. Anti-doping policies and procedures were reviewed and aligned to the sports' disciplinary and grievance procedures.
- Scottish Squash produced an Education Strategy and implementation plan which has been reviewed favourably, with comments by UKAD and ready for implementation from 1st April 2022. Maggie linked with UKAD and other sports and attending training and support sessions to develop a 'best fit' plan for the sport of squash.
- Paul Bell has completed the UKAD Information Gathering for testing. No out of competition testing was delivered to Scottish Squash athletes in 2021.
- Scottish Squash are completing the work required to align to the UKAD Assurance framework to ensure that the sport is in the best possible position to support the

players and support staff into the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games and beyond. Maggie Still CEO Scottish Squash December 2021