



Annual Report 2025-2026

*Together for squash in
Scotland*



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Our Ambitions

In our 2023-2027 strategy document, we set out our ambitions linked to the three strategic pillars of Clubs, Performance Pathway and Leadership, underpinned by four-year long-term outcomes.

There is a regional approach to local club support and investment into clubs for coaching and marketing tools to increase and sustain participation in club squash, and to support players progress along the player pathway, at local and regional level.

Inclusive



We will work together as Squash in Scotland to embrace everyone and provide equal opportunity to access and achieve within the sport.

Empowering



We will empower squash people as leaders, through increased awareness and understanding of each other's needs increased self-responsibility and personal accountability, leading to positive change and the achievement of shared goals.

Collaborative



We will value the input of all stakeholders, unifying as partners to drive a shared vision through agreed goals and actions.

Transparent



We will aim to listen to the needs of everyone by seeking feedback, observing, and evaluating our work and openly communicating any changes.

Welcome

As we move into the final year of our strategic plan, *Together for Squash in Scotland*, we continue our aim of creating a culture where everyone is working together for the development of squash across the country. In this annual report, we highlight and celebrate the achievements of the many individuals, clubs and teams who have contributed to the sport throughout the 2025–2026 season, including the outstanding efforts of players, coaches, referees, volunteers and everyone who helps deliver squash across Scotland.

The organisation has seen significant change in its leadership over the past 12 months, with a new executive team now in place: Paul Macari (CEO), Jennifer Barsby (Head of Development) and Paul Bell (Head of Performance & Pathway). Supported by a wider staff team of seven, they continue to drive forward the four-year outcomes and aspirations set out in our strategy. Despite ongoing challenges for our sport, including rising club costs, increasingly complex regulation for volunteers, and an ageing demographic, the past season delivered many positives that have continued the positive momentum for growing squash and racketball in Scotland.

The focus on supporting clubs to host new competitions produced a 9% growth in tournaments, 51 new coaches achieved their Level 1 qualification, our regions reported growth in league teams, and clubs reported a 2% overall increase in membership. RASTA racketball ran 10 tournaments across the country with a 26% growth in entrants from the previous season. Scotland were well represented throughout Europe, with 22 national teams across all age groups performing and playing with pride, whilst individuals from Junior, Senior and Masters categories won multiple national and European titles.

Growing women & girls participation remains one of our key objectives and the introduction of “Girls Play Squash” introduced 79 new players across the country, whilst WISPS continues to grow with 150 participants across 9 events. Our coaching network was boosted with 17 new female coaches and the newly formed Women & Girls coaching network ran three events with 27 attendees. Across Scottish schools, 205 pupils achieved their Squash Leaders Award and in clubs, junior tournaments increased by 9.

As always, we are enormously grateful to our lead investor, sportscotland, for their guidance and financial support. With the recent increase in funding from the Scottish Government, we are confident this investment will provide a lifeline to some of our clubs across the country, bringing increased coaching programmes, reduced volunteer administration and membership growth.

We are also indebted to our partners and commercial sponsors, without whom none of this would be possible. Our referees, coaches, volunteers, clubs and players have all contributed to so many fantastic achievements in the past season that means so much to our sport, and of which we should all be extremely proud.



Read our
strategy
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Hakim Din
SSL President



Paul Macari
SSL CEO

Development Highlights

Schoolsquash & Squash Leaders

The Schoolsquash and Squash Leaders Award programmes continued to thrive throughout the season, maintaining a strong emphasis on building meaningful links between local schools and squash clubs.

- **205 pupils** achieved their **Squash Leaders Award** (65/35 gender split)
- **875+ pupils** introduced through **Schoolsquash initiative**



Club Support Forum

The club support forum has grown in strength during this season with clubs sharing best practice on key themes including “Organising Sanctioned Competitions” and “How to Grow Women & Girls Squash”

Local Authority Squash

New relationships were developed between Scottish Squash and Local Authorities, including Active Stirling, Active Clacks, Renfrewshire, Scottish Borders, Edinburgh Leisure, Active Dundee and Fife Sport and Leisure Trust. Through a more joined up approach, this better supports local clubs and squash sessions while growing the workforce to allow more Squash to be delivered

Club Support Fund

Following a new investment by sportscotland to help strengthen the club sports network in Scotland, 7 host squash clubs and 10 feeder clubs were successful in benefitting from the support. This will add circa 90 hours of coaching and development support per week across squash clubs in each region of the country.

Women and Girls

Two new targeted programmes were introduced during the season

- Girls Play Squash launched with 79 girls playing across 3 events
- Beginner sessions for ELREC run in Edinburgh & the Lothians

27 Members
of the W&G
Coaching
Network

10 new
H//T
activators

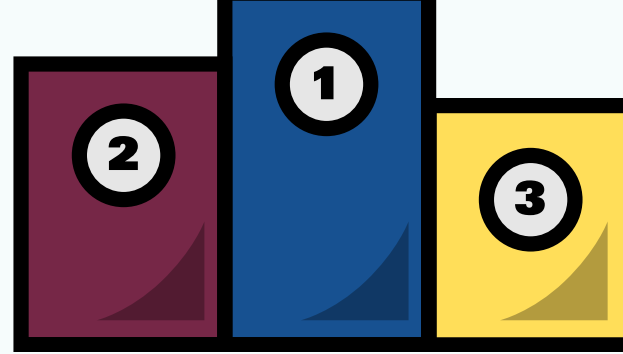
150
participants
at WISPS



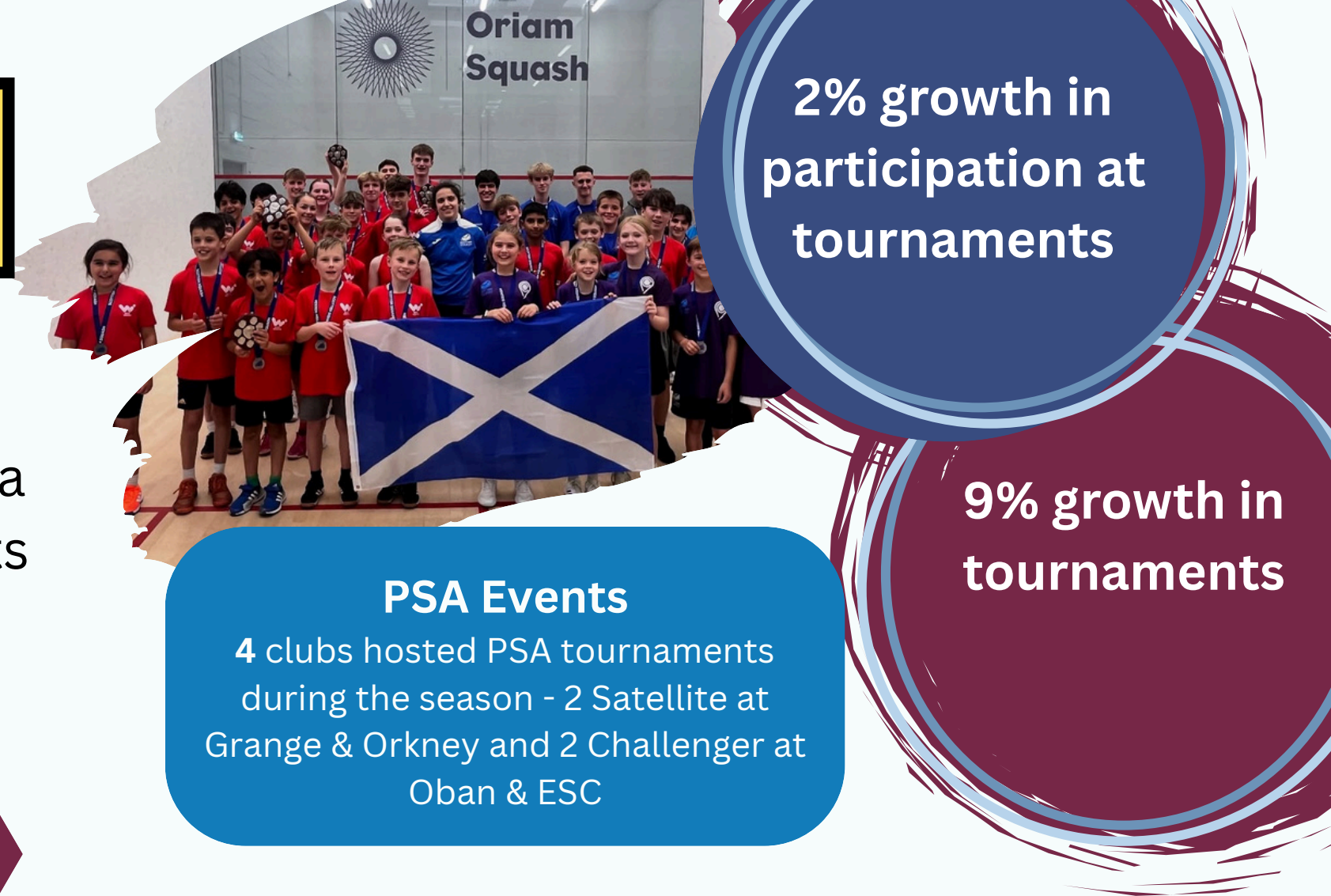
The new Squashmark accreditation scheme was piloted in Central region and will be introduced to all clubs for the 26/27 season



Competitions



The focus from Scottish Squash for the 25-26 season was to encourage more clubs to host their own competitions and during the season, five clubs hosted new tournaments. In total there was a 9% increase in competitions including 11 more junior tournaments in the season



2% growth in participation at tournaments

9% growth in tournaments

PSA Events

4 clubs hosted PSA tournaments during the season - 2 Satellite at Grange & Orkney and 2 Challenger at Oban & ESC

Some highlights from around the country.

- Introduction of the popular Girls Play Squash series, bringing together junior girls for a fun day of coaching and competition. Three events in 2025-26.
- Junior entry levels increased by 48%, in line with the number of sanctioned junior events which nearly doubled
- 5 new host clubs: Tyne District, Wick, Aberfeldy, Kinross and Whitecraigs
- Inaugural Scottish Squash Cup hosted with 19 Men's teams and 6 Women's



Junior

27 Bronze events
3 Silver events
2 Gold events



Masters

5 regional events & the National Championships



Senior

21 Bronze events
4 Silver events
2 Gold events



RASTA

10 events across the country
26% growth in competition entrants



Growing our Workforce

Empowering squash people as leaders

50 new
Level 1
coaches

18 new
Level 2
coaches

Tutor Workforce

The tutor workforce trebled last season to support with delivery of coaching courses

35% women
& girls

137 coaches
now on a
Coach
License

ELEVATE

Our Next Gen Coach Academy supporting the development of six young coaches from across Scotland

Referees

Four new referees were appointed to Platinum Events throughout the season

11% woman
& girls

Women & Girls

A new Women and Girls Coaching Network was launched with over 20 attendees from across Scotland

Referee
Champions
identified in each
region

Club Referees

Our “Calling the Shots” markers awareness courses were held at clubs across Scotland with over 80 participants taking part





Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all those that achieved their goals during the season!

League Champions

West Women's Div 1	Newlands
West Div 1 Open	Hamilton
East Women's Div 1	Grange/Dean
East Open Div 1	ESC 2
Grampian Div 1	Pecten 1
Grampian Vets	GPC Ellon Vets
Crieff & District League	Dollar
Tayside & Fife Ladies Div 1	St Andrews Univ
Tayside & Five Open	Forthill 1
HISA Premier	Elgin A
Womens Scottish Cup	Bridge of Allan
Mens Scottish Cup	Watsonians

Annual Awards

Club of the Year	Aberdeen SRC
Coach of the Year	Joe Ewen (ASRC)
Volunteer of the Year	Katy Temple (BoA)
Referee of the Year	Adriana Aida
Senior Player of the Year	Georgia Adderley (ESC)
Team of the Year	Orkney Island Games Team
Junior Player of the Year	Sophie Ballentyne (Newlands)
Masters Player of the Year	Pauline Douglas (Dunblane & BoA)
Services to Squash	Jim Hay

Junior Inter-Regionals

U11	West
U13	West
U15	West
U17	West
U19	West

National Champions



Congratulations to 31 players who were crowned national champions last season. The Dynamik Senior National Championships were hosted at Newlands this season, with the Masters being held at Aberdeen SRC, the Junior Nationals at Newlands LTC and the Racketball Nationals at Watsonian SRC.



Masters

Men's O75	Ian Ross
Men's O70	David Irvine
Women's O65	Pauline Douglas
Men's O65	Robin Ridley
Women's O60	Sue Strachan
Men's O60	James Wells
Men's O55	Paul Jenkins
Women's O55	Donna Cruickshank
Men's O50	Simon Boughton
Women's O45	Maggie Farrell
Men's O45	Barry Masson
Men's O40	Richard North
Women's O35+40	Lizzie Little
Men's O35	Kevin Moran

Senior & Junior

Women's Senior	Georgia Adderley
Men's senior	Rory Stewart
Girls U19	Ella Bannister
Boys U19	Murdo MacKenzie
Girls U17	Rebecca Little
Boys U17	Thomas Myers
Girls U15	Sophie Ballentyne
Boys U15	Omar Farag
Girls U13	Sophie Ballentyne
Boys U13	Flynn MacDonald
Girls U11	Eilidh Temple
Boys U11	Sebastian Gordon

Racketball

Men's Open	Matt Bedwell
Men's O35	Joseph Ewen
Men's O40	Paul Sweeney
Men's O50	Todd Rutherford
Men's O55	Jason Broadberry
Men's O60	Keith Murray
Men's O65	Keith Murray
Men's O70	Joe Hely

Success Around the World

Scottish teams representing their country with pride



Worlds, Europeans & 5 Nations

Team	Place
U13 Junior 5 Nations	4th
U15 Junior 5 Nations	4th
U17 European Team Championships	13th
U19 European Team Championships	10th
World Junior Team Championships 2026 (Boys)	18th
Senior Women's European Team Championships 2026	4th
Senior Men's European Team Championships 2026	8th

Masters Home Internationals

Team	Place	Men's Over 55	2nd
Men's Over 35	4th	Women's Over 55	1st
Women's Over 35/40	4th	Men's Over 60	3rd
Men's Over 40	4th	Women's Over 60	1st
Women's Over 45	2nd	Women's Over 65	3rd
Men's Over 45	4th	Men's Over 65	3rd
Women's Over 50	3rd	Men's Over 70	1st
Men's Over 50	3rd	Men's Over 75	2nd



Performance Pathway



12 PSA Titles

2 Tour Level Titles

AGAINST OUR TARGETS

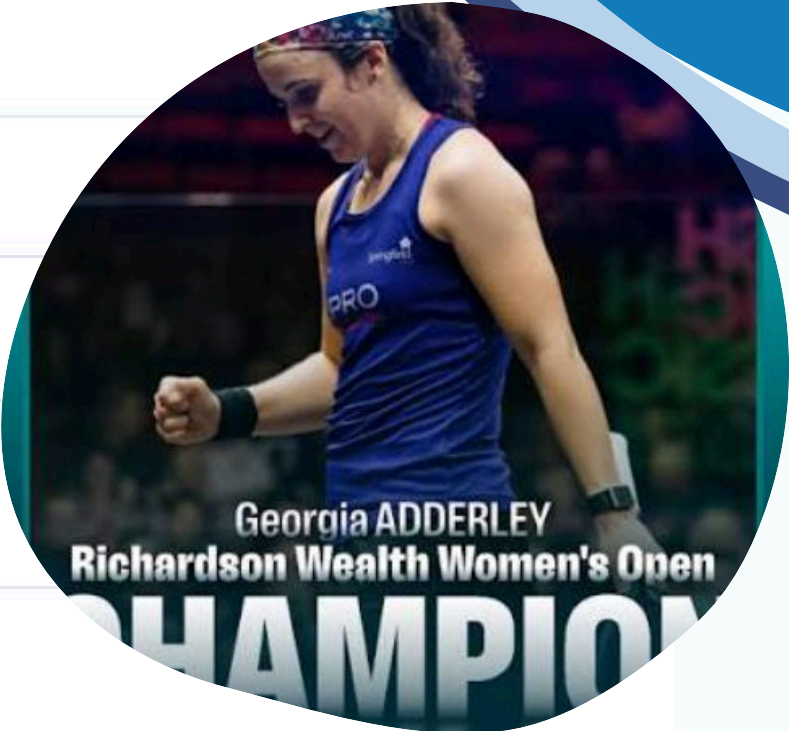
Delivering on the sportscotland performance commitments.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES (2023-27) — DELIVERED EARLY

- ✓ **A world top-20 player.** Greg Lobban reached #16 this cycle; Georgia Adderley #22.
- ✓ **8+ under-21 players exposed to the PSA Tour.** Pathway-depth target met.
- ✓ **Performance pathway re-energised.** New player development model designed and in use.

THIS SEASON'S ANNUAL TARGETS (2025-26)

- **Under-21 wins a PSA Satellite title**
Achieved — Rory Richmond, Torneo Città d'Italia
- **Three pathway priorities identified, with plan**
Achieved — planning, physical prep & coach development
- **A new world top-20 player this year**
Just short — Georgia #22, Greg #16 in-cycle
- **Two under-25s in the world top 100**
1 of 2 — Robyn & Ellie climbing toward it



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The results rest on measurable, coached improvement.

8/9

continuing players improved their overall profile

+17

performance behaviours — the squad's biggest gain

+15

movement — second-largest area of development

+11

top movers: Richmond, McAlpine & Mackenzie

Priorities delivered: where a player set a development priority, that is where the profile moved — Ellie Jones gained **+0.8 in movement** (her stated priority) and Robyn McAlpine **+0.7 in the tactical domain** (hers). Evidence the development model is working as designed.

A gold medal with a blue ribbon. The medal is circular with a laurel wreath border. The ribbon is blue and forms a V-shape at the top.

**12 PSA
Titles
Won**



**Two British
Open
Masters**

A blue circular badge with a white border. The text "Scottish Junior Open Champion" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within the circle.

A collage of circular images showing various squash players and teams celebrating victories, holding trophies, and posing for group photos. The images include individuals, pairs, and a large team in orange shirts, all in squash court settings with various trophies and medals.

Governance & Leadership

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for board
information

Commitment to Clean Sport

All athletes have the right to compete in sport knowing they and their competitors are clean. Scottish Squash remain fully compliant with the UKAD Assurance Framework.



6 Board
Working
Groups

12 Board
Members
with 6 regions
represented



Wellbeing and Safe Sport

Scottish Squash is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment throughout the Squash in Scotland community. We remain 100% compliant in Children 1st Standards in Sport.



Finance



Underlying Performance

Scottish Squash had a very strong financial performance with a reported surplus for the year of £7k on a turnover of £665k. This surplus boosts our reserves to £109,684.

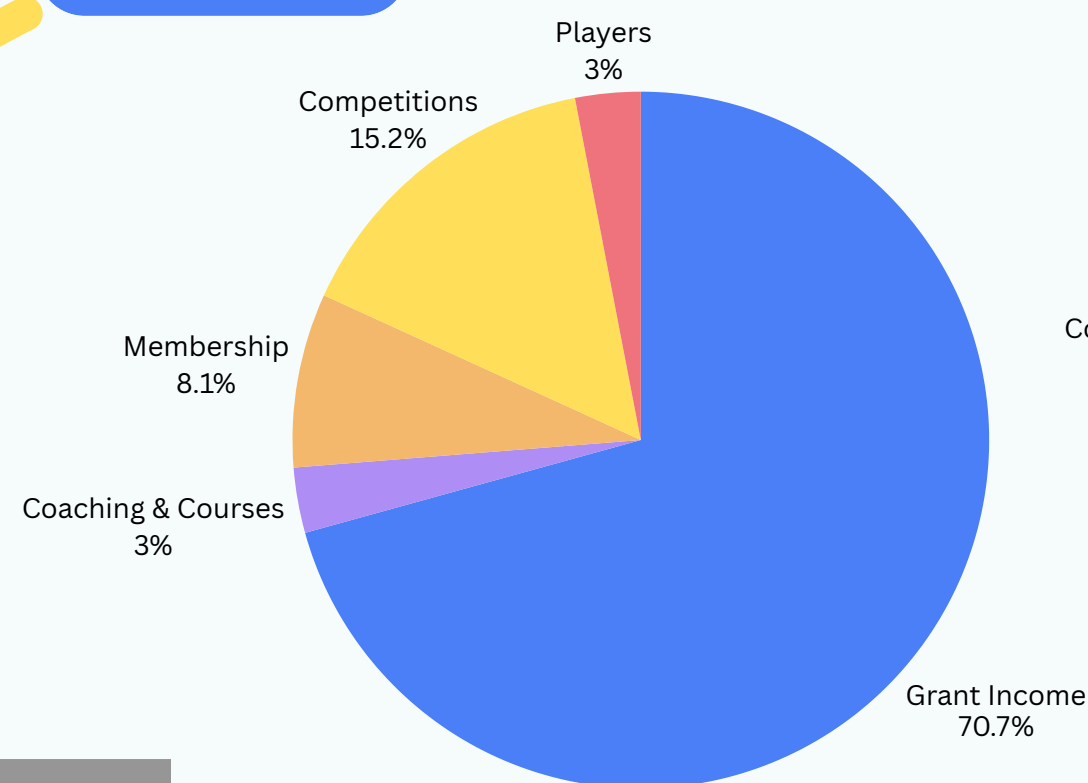


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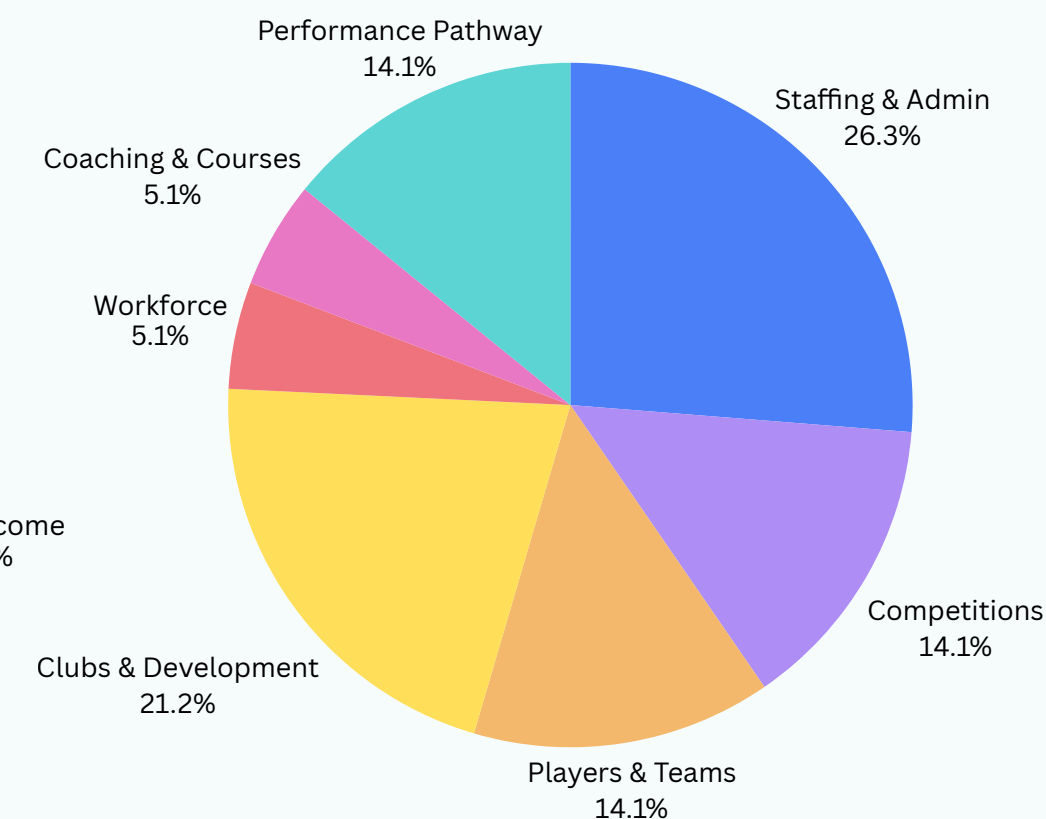


	2020	2021
Operations		
Income	664,921	644,892
Operating expenditure	(199,035)	(225,752)
Gross surplus	465,886	419,140
Administration		
Administrative expenses	(461,889)	(418,604)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	3,997	536
Other income		
Interest receivable and similar expenses	4,167	158
Surplus/(deficit) before taxation	8,163	694
Taxation and adjustments		
Tax on surplus/(deficit)	(792)	-
Exceptional Items		
Exceptional P&L Charge	-	(21,202)
Total Exceptional Items	-	(21,202)
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	7,372	(20,508)

Income



Expenditure



OUR PARTNERS

Scottish Squash extend their sincere gratitude to investors, partners and suppliers for their ongoing support and contributions to squash in Scotland.



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Our high performance facilities partner



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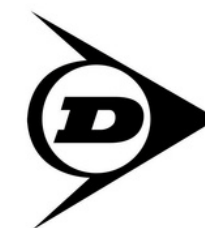
Our lead investor for performance, pathway and development



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