

NOMINATION FOR SSS COMMITTEE ELECTION 2020-21

Committee: Competitions Committee

Position: Sports Chair

Name: Yubo Zhou Rasmussen

Institution: The University of Edinburgh

Seconded by: Ross Simpson

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

I am currently serving my third year as Scottish Student Table Tennis Chair and have really enjoyed working with the SSS team throughout my term.

During my time at Edinburgh University I have served the Table Tennis Club as Captain, President and, most recently, Honorary President and Club Coach. I would like to believe that my time at EUTTC has made me an invaluable member, where I was able to help grow the club both personally as a Coach, and using my strong networks, establish the presence of Edinburgh University in Scottish National League Competitions.

In addition to my commitment to table tennis, I was also elected to sit on the Sports Union Finance Committee with a group of former, current, and future Club Presidents. Our biweekly meetings have really shown me a wider landscape of our Sports Union, and I believe that joining the SSS Competitions Committee will be an excellent opportunity for me to explore with SSS. I strongly believe that with my experience of organising competitions and interest in sport, that I can effectively contribute to the Competitions Committee. Perhaps I can even help with the development of a National Squad as a committee member.



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Committee: [SSS Executive Council]  
Position: [Chair]  
Name: [Pete Burgon]  
Institution: [University of Stirling]  
Seconded by: [Strathclyde University]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

[I seek re-election to the position of Chair of SSS in the hope that the combination of my knowledge and experience of the business, it's members, staff and volunteers will support the navigation of the current challenges towards a brighter future. I hope to be an effective sounding-board for senior colleagues, especially the COO, providing support, opinion and challenge. I hope too that my perspective as an external to the sector, but with a number of years of experience of, particularly, University Sport offers a neutral, objective dynamic, which may be of benefit to the business.]

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Committee: Competitions Committee  
Position: Student Member  
Name: Eilidh Sneddon  
Institution: University of Strathclyde  
Seconded by: Robert Gordon University, Kieran Matthews

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

I recognise that this year the competitions committee will face some challenging decisions, in a year like no other. I would ensure that, safety permitting, students are provided an opportunity to compete as I know how important it is for SSS to facilitate competing as the highlight of the student experience.

This year provides the unique opportunity to assess the diary of competitions as it stands and be critical. I would take this chance to evaluate feedback and make changes to improve the SSS Sports programmes. Seeing how Scottish Student Games have developed over the last 4 years, there is so much potential to what can be achieved.

As Awards Officer, over the last year I have been critical of Strathclyde Sports Union's awards system and constitution, showing myself to look for areas of improvement and amend regulations which would be a beneficial approach to the role within competitions. Reviewing and producing standardised rules and regs for all sports in a similar way in which I have implemented awards criteria for all sports.

Above all else I think working with the SSS competitions committee would be a lot of fun and I would really put all I could into it.

Working Groups

*Interested in the Equality Steering Group and Women in Sport Working Group with experience working with both Women in Engineering campaigns as well as work with LGBT+ in Civil Engineering.*

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Committee: [competitions committee]  
Position: [student member]  
Name: [Nikhil Reddy Reddem]  
Institution: [Edinburgh Napier University]  
Seconded by: [ Glasgow University ]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

[Having been a sports person right from my childhood, I have taken part in a variety of sports and I know how important it is to deliver sports in a fair and transparent way. Coming to this role, firstly, this role is apt for someone like me who have a good lateral thinking and the one who could solve a very complicated problem in a cool and practical way. The role of the person in competitions committee is to oversee delivery of all regional and national student sport competitions, including sanctioning of sports and events, coordination of events calendars, appointment of key volunteers and management of rules and regulations, all of which isn't a big deal for a person of my dedication and calibre. I'm pretty sure that I could handle all the activities that are part of the competitions committee. so , I feel my contribution to the SSS competitions committee would be really effective.]



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Committee: Competitions Committee

Position: Student Member

Name: Sophie Tyler

Institution: University of St Andrews

Seconded by: Stirling University

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

Hi, I'm Sophie and I'm the incoming Athletic Union President for St Andrews. I have taken part in SSS Trampolining for the past four years. They have made competitions such a fun and welcoming atmosphere which really helped me remain involved in sport. Knowing people on the SSS Trampoline committee has helped me learn how the Competitions Committee works and helps them do their work. I therefore want to be on this Committee to help facilitate these experiences for others.

As the President of a Trampoline and Gymnastics Club over the past two years a big part of my role was working on club and competition development. In doing so I was focused on gathering feedback from different club stakeholders. I analysed this data to create a structured programme for club to follow in order to improve their performance.

Furthermore, through my summer job I have been involved in planning and coordinating events for a theatre festival. As part of this job I was involved in making the financial decisions to ensure that good quality events could happen.

I think these experiences would make me a valuable addition to the Competitions Committee.



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Committee: Development  
Position: Sports Union President  
Name: Amber Chloe Taylor  
Institution: Heriot-Watt University  
Seconded by: Katie MacDonald, Edinburgh University

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

Being heavily involved with the Sports Union at Heriot-Watt and having worked for Oriam, I have been exposed to their relationships with several SGBS which gives myself other initiatives to engage hard to reach areas of the community, which I can bring to the Development Committee. Inclusivity has been an ongoing development I have brought to the SU and my own clubs. I was nominated the Equality and Diversity Executive Officer where I focused on the inclusivity of the Sports Union, in particularly encouraging international students to have more engagement with the SU. I would hope to have the opportunity to draw from these experiences and contribute positively to the wider community of Scottish Student Sport.

Our SU handles club development through our Watt Mark accreditation system which I am familiar with through my time as a Club President this year. This has given me a great insight into the structure of a successful development framework within student sport, an insight that can be shared throughout the sector. My role on the executive committee has exposed me to the formal meeting structure in which I can confidently contribute to bring my

own experiences to the development committee and learn from other members so I can bring their ideas into my own institution.

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Committee: [.....Development Committee.....]

Position: [.....Student Member.....]

Name: [.....Edward Keeler.....]

Institution: [.....The University of Stirling.....]

Seconded by: [.....Leah Allcock - St. Andrews.....]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

I am a firm believer that sport should be for all, an open and inclusive environment that actively encourages participation for everyone, as such I feel that I would be able to positively contribute to the development committee. When running for office my three running points were: further support for mental health, increasing the accessibility and inclusion of sport and development of sport at Stirling.

My passion for inclusion in sport started when I volunteered with the Dance inclusion program with local disabled young adults at the dance school I attended. This opened my eyes to the benefits that all people can gain from the world of sport. This interest in helping others was cemented when I did work experience at the royal blind society's Bradbury hotel. I would love the opportunity to develop and enhance the inclusiveness of sport across the sector as it is a passion I have carried with me and can invest my energies.

I have had an incredible time in student sport and I would love to help with the delivery of equal sport for all members. Given the opportunity I would be an active, passionate, and engaged member of the development committee.



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Committee: Development Committee  
Position: Student Representative  
Name: Joe Gilfillan  
Institution: University of the West of Scotland  
Seconded by: Georgia Moran, Edinburgh Napier, G.Moran@napier.ac.uk

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

As a Sports Sabbatical going in to my second term at a growing University, I have developed many skills and a vast amount of experience not only working on projects at my home university, but within the sector, through SSS engagement, as well as the network built through fellow Sabbaticals. I am incredibly passionate about the power of sport and the opportunities that can arise from it, and representing and empowering those who can reap the benefits of this.

I believe that through my past year experience, and beyond, that I can contribute to this group by bringing a fresh approach whilst representing a smaller institution. My year in post has also allowed me to gain insight into the challenges faced by many students through-out my time within Student Sport directly, and I believe this puts me in a strong position to ensure that any future projects are best placed to see optimal results for students across the country.

Additionally, having attended SSS and BUCS events and conferences over the past year, this has ensured that I have a thorough understanding of processes and procedures, and will help me provide a balanced outlook and contribution

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Committee: Executive Council.....  
Position: Member.....  
Name: Ciaran O'Brien.....  
Institution: UWS.....  
Seconded by: Edinburgh.....

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

Having served on Executive Council for 3 years I am keen to contribute to the work of this group for a further year. 2021-2022 was always going to be an exciting year as it will involve the creation of a new strategy for SSS. With all of the disruption we are currently facing we can now also see that it will be a unique and challenging year for student sport and for our sector in general. With the benefit of my experience to date I feel that I am have the potential to make a positive contribution for a further year, and help ensure that SSS emerges a strong and focused organisation and community.

In terms of my contribution I bring my insight as Head of Sport at a University which is working to improve all aspects of its Sports offer. In addition I bring past experience working in National Governing Body, Leisure Trust, and Performance Sport Programme environments. I would address the challenge of the coming year with a constructive approach, a critical eye and an unwavering belief in the value of Scottish Student Sport.

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Committee: Executive Council  
Position: Staff Member  
Name: Jonny Pearson  
Institution: Edinburgh College  
Seconded by: Robin McGregor (NESCOL)

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

Having had the honour and privilege of being part of the SSS family for a number of years I firmly believe that now, more than ever, SSS has a massive role to play within Scotland's Tertiary Education sector. As Vice Principal at Edinburgh College I feel I am ideally placed to actively promote the outstanding work done by SSS, both within the College sector and with strategic partners such as SFC, CDN, College's Scotland and Scottish Government. I feel that there is still a great deal of work to be done within the College sector and I would relish the opportunity to finish what we have started and actually increase the engagement with Colleges. As a PE teacher by trade, a former College Head of Sport and Fitness and still extremely talented (if somewhat laboured) footballer I passionately believe in the value of sport and would be delighted to offer my services to the SSS Executive Committee for AY 2020/21.

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Committee: [.....Executive Council .....] ]

Position: [.....Staff Member.....] ]

Name: [.....Neil Brown .....] ]

Institution: [.....Strathclyde.....] ]

Seconded by: [.....Robert Gordon University.....] ]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

Having sat on the committee for the last four years I would like to continue to provide support and input to the strategic direction of SSS. My experiences of providing leadership to a department going through significant changes to restructure and establish a new service in Strathclyde Sport, has given me a breadth of knowledge that I would welcome the opportunity to continue using to help shape SSS. I also believe that to support SSS through these unprecedented times that being elected again will provide the Council some continuity during these challenging times.

I have extensive experience in performance sport, sport development, volunteering, operational management and service delivery to student clubs that again allows me to help inform several key business areas of SSS.



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Committee: SSS Executive Committee

Position: Student Member

Name: Andrew White, VP Sports & Societies

Institution: Queen Margaret University

Seconded by: Georgia Moran VP Sports & Societies, Edinburgh Napier University

**Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:**

I have been immensely fortunate to have been able to work with and for Scottish Student Sport in a wide variety of roles over the last four years. While still studying, I undertook a communications internship, as well as volunteering at three Conference Cup Finals events. More recently, as Queen Margaret University's sabbatical officer, I have been an active member of the Development Committee, and South-East Regional Forum.

These opportunities and experiences have given me a well-rounded view of the SSS as an organisation; its strengths, challenges and opportunities included, and as I move into my second sabbatical year at QMU I feel I am well placed to be able to continue to contribute to the work of the organisation, through a role on the Executive Committee. Of particular interest to me are the conversations and work which will take place in the coming year regarding the development of the Strategy 2021, and the response and work SSS should be undertaking to assist institutions in recovery from COVID-19 and related issues.



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Committee: Executive Council  
Position: Student Member  
Name: Jordan Moore  
Institution: Robert Gordon University  
Seconded by: Queen Margaret University

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

The opportunity to shape student sport beyond my home institution is extremely motivating. As RGU Vice President of Sport, I have worked closely with SSS and gained a strong understanding of their operations and priorities. Alongside this, I have engaged responsibility in planning, decision making and delivering a manifesto, demonstrating my focus and drive to improve and develop student sport wherever possible.

Over my two years as netball president, I led the club to growth in membership, recreational activity and BUCS performance alongside maintaining financial sustainability of the club, with efforts recognised through award of Club of the Year 19/20. In this role, I believe that I have developed key relationships and skill set in the above areas which would allow me to effectively contribute to Executive Council.

In 2019 I was selected to volunteer at the Vitality Netball World Cup. During my role in sponsorship servicing, I was responsible for working closely with

both title and event sponsors. As a nutrition graduate, this was a completely new area demonstrating my adaptability and ability to work with multitude of partners and individuals, further key skills which I feel I could utilise and contribute to the Executive Council and project work.

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Committee: [.....Executive Council.....]  
Position: [.....Student Member.....]  
Name: [.....Katie Macdonald.....]  
Institution: [.....University of Edinburgh.....]  
Seconded by: [.....University of Glasgow, Heriot Watt University.....]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

[Having grown up largely overseas due to my father's employment, I was able to travel to many countries at a young age. This exposed me to a variety of cultures and assisted my ability to empathise and communicate effectively with a diverse demographic.

Through my experiences as Edinburgh University Women's Association Football Club (EUW AFC) President and Edinburgh University Sports Union Vice President, I have engaged in strategic development on both a club and institutional level over the past 2 years. In my role as EUW AFC President, I worked to maintain relations with current Club sponsors and was successful in securing a new partnership during my one-year term. In addition, in 2019-20, I led the Women in Sport agenda at the University of Edinburgh, discovering my passion for advocacy work in the sporting world. Moreover, competing in the 2018 SSS Women's Football Cup final offers a unique perspective into SSS activity. Lastly, my undergraduate training in biomedical sciences has afforded me significant experience in data interpretation and extracting meaningful conclusions.

From these experiences, combined with my enthusiastic and detail-oriented personality, I believe I would make a significant contribution to SSS's work on improving our sporting offering, at the highest level.]



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Committee: [Executive Committee]  
Position: [Student Member]  
Name: [Shereif Kholeif]  
Institution: [University of Edinburgh]  
Seconded by: [Edinburgh Napier University]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

I have been involved in many committees at university which have allowed me to develop my group management and organisational skills. As a lover of the task-lists approach, I have been able to successfully balance being the president of Muay Thai and sitting on the GUSA council, whilst completing my medical degree. I regularly chaired meetings as both the captain of the Muay Thai club and President of my year club, effectively managing committees of 13 people. Throughout this time, the club saw a membership increase of 150% taking our total to 450 members. I am a great believer in sharing best practise and maintain that every opinion in the room should be heard, I will consciously try to facilitate the discussion and work with all members of the group. I am firm believer that we are all cogs in a larger machine of SSS/BUCS, and that if we can work together to allow each institution/governing body to thrive, then we all thrive! I have also had to opportunity to develop my group project management having been the Vice-President of GUSA before stepping into the role of president this year. I look forward to working with our SSS community!



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Committee: Regional Chair  
Position: Highlands and Islands  
Name: Emma Robson  
Institution: UHI  
Seconded by: Graeme Kirkpatrick

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

UHI have recently had their Sports Strategy passed for the next three years, which was driven by myself and the Deane of students, which means it is an incredibly exciting time for development in the Highlands and Islands. On top of this, HISA have recruited some sports ambassadors, currently looking into opportunities to ensure students are more active. As the Activities and events manager of the student association, I feel my contributions to this committee will bring regular updates from Highlands and Islands, with some best sharing practice regarding the complexity of multi-campus sports as well as experience in working towards the college sport award. The UHI is incredibly unique with both larger colleges and smaller colleges with plenty of barriers to exercise - however, my knowledge of overcoming some of these barriers should contribute to the regional chairs and development committee and provide a helping hand for others.

With a passion for sports development, I would like to share ideas and also share support with other members of the regional committee, and plan events

with other regions where possible. It has been a delight to be part of the committee in the past, and since we are still in the beginning of the sporting journey at UHI, I feel the committee would benefit my institutional knowledge of my role thus far.

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Committee: [Regional Fora]  
Position: [South & East Regional Chair]  
Name: [Alex Prior Crespo]  
Institution: [University of Edinburgh]  
Seconded by: [Heriot Watt]

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

[University sport has undeniably supported me during my student years, this is something I strive to recreate for others whenever possible.

As a new member of the Scottish Student Sport world I have been amazed by the level of collaboration across institutions. If elected, this is something I am eager to foment within the South & East Region, adding to the great work already done to ensure we share best practice and drive each other forward within the sector.

Additionally, with the unique challenges that lie ahead, there has been no better time to drive conversations between institutions in a positive manner, something which I intend to work on alongside SSS and partners so that the region can rise to the occasion.

Finally, it is clear the current lockdown has demonstrated the capacity of online tools to facilitate these discussions, an area which I believe can be developed to improve the accessibility of the regional forums in hopes of encompassing a wider range of institutions all with something different to bring to the table.

My application is wholeheartedly backed by my institution and trust in my capacity to carry out the role.]

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Committee: West Region  
Position: Chair  
Name: Abby Irvine  
Institution: University of Strathclyde  
Seconded by: University of Glasgow

Please explain in 200 words how you feel you could effectively contribute to this committee:

I'm nominating myself for the West Region Chair position to continue to challenge myself, and expand on my knowledge and experiences.

Having been at Strathclyde for two years, I have thoroughly enjoyed the West Region meetings. It's a perfect opportunity to network within our region, and to discuss current work as well as share best practice. Being a member within the committee during this timeframe has allowed me to create good relationships with my fellow colleagues at West institutes.

Having spent 2019/20 as the Glasgow Taxis Cup Chair, I believe I have the relevant skills and experience to take on this role. Moreover, I have recently moved in to a newly funded role at Strathclyde as the Sport Development Coordinator, leading on social and recreational sport.

As the Regional Chairs feed in to the Development Committee, I believe I will be able to strongly contribute to the work that this committee oversees such as volunteer sport, SGB partnerships, and sports development.

