

Summary Sheet – This sheet presents the summary findings of the Audit of Sports Provision in the Higher Education Sector in Scotland: 2009. Some comparisons with audit findings of 2008 are presented.

Athletic Union Sports Programmes

53% of institutions organise competitive leagues/intra-mural sports programmes. The most popular sport being football followed by hockey and cricket.

Activities

70 sports/activities are covered by affiliated clubs (1 less overall than 2008, however some activities no longer have clubs this year and new activities are being covered).

Football is the most widely available sport (in 15 out of 16 institutions).

Athletic Union – Budgets

Total funding for the 14 Sports/Athletic Unions in 2008/09 was **£2.2m**. (An increase of c.£0.2m on last year) This has not been an across the sector increase as some AU's have seen their budgets cut this year.

The average budget is £148,806 (range £3,000:£485,316).

Sports Scholarship/Bursary Students

71% of institutions provide students with sport scholarships/bursaries. In total, 423 students were in receipt of a sports scholarship/ bursary – more than double the number found in the 2003 audit.

Spending on support services to elite athletes (for the 11 participating institutions) in 2008-09 was £289,479.

Club membership

The clubs with the highest number of members (football and hockey have altered position from last year):

1,725 – Snowsports
1,284 - Hockey
1,263 - Football
969 - Rugby
844 – Badminton

Top male sports: football, snowsports, rugby, hockey and badminton.

Top female sports: snowsports, hockey, equestrian/riding, netball and dance.

(These are slightly different to last year)

Athletic Union – Clubs and Members

510 – Total number of affiliated clubs

22,161 – Total number of Athletic Union members

The number of clubs has decreased but the numbers of AU members has increased over the year.

Volunteers

Institutions benefit from the services of around 3,500 volunteers. It is expected that this is an underestimated figure.

Coaches

Institutions benefit from the services of 642 coaches. (Thought to be an under-estimate due to some institutions being unable to provide details regarding number of coaches in clubs).

Audit Response

16 HE institutions were included in the audit:

- There was a 100% response rate to the questionnaires

Student Population

- c.211,500 attend the 16 institutions included in the audit – (data source: Higher Education Statistics Agency)

Membership of Sport and Exercise Facilities

It is estimated there were around **66,000** members of institution sports facilities – of which c.40,000 were students.

Comparing the figures from recent audits, the number of members has remained around the same.

Sport and Exercise Facility Throughput

It is estimated that around **2.4m** visits were made to institution sports facilities in 2008/09, a slight decrease since last year.

Over 250,000 visits were made to organised exercise and physical activity classes (figure may be under-represented due to non-response) – the most popular classes being body conditioning (57,435 visits), circuit training (39,106) and learn to swim (30,191).

Sport Department Budgets

- Total revenue budgets for 13 institutions was **£13.3m**. This budget was obtained from:

- 69% Income generated (est. £9.1m)
- 29% Internal funding (est. £3.8m)
- 3% External sources (est. £0.3m)

This shows a total increase of c.£0.5m over the last year, despite the data being sourced from 3 fewer institutions.

Academic and Vocational Courses

In 2008/09, there were 3,447 students enrolled in sports related undergraduate degree courses. With 135 students on sports related postgraduate degree courses. (Showing an increase in undergraduates but a decrease in postgraduates since last year's study).

416 students obtained coach education awards in 2008/09 and 236 obtained vocational qualifications. This indicates a decrease in those obtaining both coach education and vocational qualifications compared to last year.

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