

**Audit of Sports Provision in the HE Sector in Scotland: 2006 – Summary Findings**

**Club membership**

The clubs with the highest number of members:

- 1,852 - Skiing
- 1,124 - Hockey
- 1,019 - Football
- 755 - Rugby
- 614 - Badminton

For males: skiing, football, rugby

For females: skiing, hockey, dance

**Audit Response**

20 HE institutions were included in the audit:

- 17 institutions completed questionnaires
- 3 institutions do not provide sports to their students (or the response was negligible)

**Strategic Priority of Sport in HE Institutions**

- 18% - Very high
- 18% - High
- 24% - Moderate
- 35% - Low
- 6% - Very Low

**Athletic Union Sports Programmes**

63% of institutions organise competitive leagues/intra-mural sports programmes.

**Student Population**

- c.207,000 attend the 17 institution included in the audit – an increase of 12,000 over three years

**Sport Department Budgets**

• Total revenue budgets for 16 institutions was **£11.8m**. This budget was obtained from:

- 62% Income generated (est. £7.4m)
- 36% Internal funding (est. £4.2m)
- 2% External sources (est. £0.2m)

The revenue budgets for 10 institutions included in the 2003 audit increased by c.£3.5m over three years.

**Athletic Union – Clubs and Members**

491 – Total number of affiliated clubs

21,676 – Total number of Athletic Union members

**Activities**

69 sports/activities are covered by affiliated clubs.

Football is the most widely available sport (in 16 institutions)

**Athletic Union – Budgets**

The total funding for the 16 Sports/Athletic Unions in 2005/06 was c.**£1.6m**. Although the budgets ranged from £2,500-£300,000.

Clubs attracted around £70,000 worth of sponsorship in 2005/06

**Department staffing**

In 2003, sport departments formally contracted 425 full-time and part-time staff - ranging from 2 staff up to 74.

**Membership of Sports Facilities**

It is estimated there were around **58,000** members of institution sports facilities – of which c.40,000 were students.

**Sports Facilities**

Institutions manage a broad range of sports facilities. The most widely available type of facility were:

- Fixed weights rooms (available in 100% of institutions)
- Cardiovascular machine rooms (94%)
- Free weights rooms (88%)

The most numerous types of facilities were:

- Outdoor grass pitches (n=75)
- Squash courts (n=39)
- Outdoor tennis courts (n=31).

**Academic and Vocational Courses**

- 94% of institutions offer at least one sport/exercise/physical activity related course at undergraduate level.

In 2005/06, there were 2,937 students enrolled in sports related undergraduate degree courses. With 155 students on sports related postgraduate degree courses.

500 students obtained coach education awards in 2005/06

**Sports Scholarship/Bursary Students**

67% of institutions provide students with sports scholarships/ bursaries. In total, 381 students were in receipt of a sports scholarship/ bursary – up from 206 in 2003.

**Sports Facility Throughput**

It is estimated that around **2.2m** visits were made to institution sports facilities in 2005/06.

c.250,000 visits were to organised exercise and physical activity classes – the most popular classes being circuit training (71,000 visits), aerobics (42,000) and body conditioning (27,000).

**Volunteers**

Institutions benefit from the services of over 4,000 sport volunteers, although only one in five has a strategy or development plan that covers volunteering.