

Summary Sheet – This sheet presents the summary findings of the Audit of Sports Provision in the Higher Education Sector in Scotland: 2008. Some comparisons with audit findings of 2007 are presented.

Athletic Union Sports Programmes

44% of institutions organise competitive leagues/intra-mural sports programmes. The most popular sport being football followed by rugby and hockey.

Activities

71 sports/activities are covered by affiliated clubs (1 less overall than 2007, 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

The total funding for the 16 Sports/Athletic Unions in 2007/08 was c.£2m (An increase of £0.4m 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 £126,745 (range £2,500-£487,050).

Sports Scholarship/Bursary Students

75% of institutions provide students with sports scholarships/ bursaries. In total, 419 students were in receipt of a sports scholarship/ bursary – up from 397 in 2007.

Spending on support services to elite athletes in 2007-08 was £245,537. (Data missing from two institutions).

Club membership

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

- 2,226 – Snowsports
- 1,287 - Football
- 1,145 - Hockey
- 857 - Rugby
- 755 – Badminton

Top male sports: snowsports, rugby, football, hockey

Top female sports: snowsports, hockey, netball, football

(These are slightly different to last year)

Athletic Union – Clubs and Members

516 – Total number of affiliated clubs

21,532 – Total number of Athletic Union members

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

Volunteers

Institutions benefit from the services of around 4,000 volunteers. It is expected that this is an underestimated figure.

Coaches

Institutions benefit from the services of 428 coaches. (Data missing from one institution).

Audit Response

16 HE institutions were included in the audit:

- There was a 100% response rate to the questionnaires

Student Population

- c.220,000 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.43,400 were students.

These figures demonstrate an overall increase in membership of over 6,000 and an increase in student membership of 3,400 since 2007.

Sport and Exercise Facility Throughput

It is estimated that around **2.5m** visits were made to institution sports facilities in 2007/08, an increase of over c300,000.

c.335,000 visits were to organised exercise and physical activity classes (up by 35,000 compared to last year) – the most popular classes being circuit training (60,617 visits), aerobics (48,992) and body conditioning (38,788).

Sport Department Budgets

- Total revenue budgets for 16 institutions was **£12.8m**. This budget was obtained from:

- 58% Income generated (est. £7.4m)
- 39% Internal funding (est. £5m)
- 3% External sources (est. £0.4m)

This shows a total decrease of c.£0.5m over the last year, including a decrease in internal funding.

Academic and Vocational Courses

In 2007/08, there were 2,386 students enrolled in sports related undergraduate degree courses. With 153 students on sports related postgraduate degree courses. (Showing an increase since last year's study).

(Three institutions did not provide numbers for students on sport/exercise/ physical activity related courses at undergraduate level).

564 students obtained coach education awards in 2007/08 and 273 obtained vocational qualifications. This indicates an increase in coach education but a decrease in those obtaining vocational qualifications.

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