



SACU ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Chair's Opening Remarks

The year has been another positive one for the SACU with a steady retention in membership numbers (up to 1471) and full licenses (1298) issued to riders across each of the disciplines.

Thanks to all our clubs and members for their hard work in engaging with their communities in providing opportunities for engagement and participation in our sport through competitions, events and officials training.

My thanks too to the SACU Staff, Board and members of the Discipline Committees who continue to work hard to represent riders and clubs in growing the sport and opportunities for participation.

In particular, our thanks go to Dougie Paton for his support to the Trials Committee and for his last 2 years as chair during which he has worked very hard on behalf of both the discipline and encouraging more volunteers to formally qualify as coaches.

Governance

Income is up and we are grateful to **sportscotland** for their continuing investment which supports our development and education activities, supporting clubs and increasing capacity in our coaching and officials workforce.

From a governance perspective we have been working on a review of our structure at both Board and committee level and will bring forward proposals to the AGM in 2027. This will include improvements to the skills matrix and make-up of the Board, for instance to recruit Directors with specific skills and experience relevant to the needs of our sport.

We will share these proposals, together with any impacts and changes required to the Memorandum and Articles (the Constitution) with the membership in advance of the AGM.

Education and Development

In the areas of Education and Development the SACU sets long term and annual targets with **sportscotland** and it is pleasing to report that we have met or exceeded these targets:

- Delivered to a further 9 candidates (11 in 2024) in Level 2 coaching, with 5 progressing to completing their "Train the Trainers" course to support local delivery to support clubs



- A further 20 officials completed their training course and in 2026 we will retrain a minimum of 115 officials
- With our approval, Knockhill has taken over the development plan for the Road Race Development Academy
- Delivered the STEM Schools Programme in 9 schools, two of which are in SIMD 5, two in area 6 and one in area 7, with more schools targeted in 2026 with interest from schools in Perth, Fife and Angus etc as well as sports clubs.
- The SACU has continued our progress and work with the Inclusion in Sport Framework with a focus currently on one of the 5 pillars of the new Framework around “engagement” with Girls and Young Women
- Retained interest in female riders with 59 current riders registered on the membership system
- Retained the number of youth riders at 247 on the membership system

The SACU with the help of our clubs continues to stage and promote a wide range of events across all our disciplines. This year the Road Race committee successfully reintroduced the Celtic Match, which I am pleased to report was won by Scotland at East Fortune!

At the AGM last year I announced that the SACU Board had approved a new reserves policy to support clubs with investment in partnership with local funding for improvement to facilities, increased training and education for riders and officials and engaging with local communities to increase opportunities for participation.

The roll out of the policy stalled but I am pleased to advise that the funding, under the banner of a “Club Development Fund” will be re-launched in the spring through our education and development work with clubs.

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