



# SACU Newsletter

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# sportscotland Partnership

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The SACU's Partnership Manager at **sportscotland**, Kevin Ferguson, has now left the organisation and moved to UK Sport. The SACU would like to thank Kevin for all the guidance and support he has provided over the years and wish him well in his new role.

Following a restructure, **sportscotland** have now appointed Susan Menzies as the SACU's new Partnership Manager. Susan visited the SACU Office on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May to meet with the staff and following this attended the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone at the SACU wishes our warmest welcome to Susan and we look forward to working with her.

# Safeguarding

Every Governing Body that receives funding from sportscotland is required to undergo an annual health check with [Children 1<sup>st</sup>](#) to ensure that children and young people are effectively safeguarded within their sport. The process involved has now changed slightly and instead of having one annual checkup, this has been split into quarterly check-ins to better guide and support sports across the year.

Every sport is measured against the [Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport](#). There are eight standards in total which are split into three categories:

1. The Child
2. The Adults
3. The Organisation

Over the course of 2025, SACU Chief Operating Officer, Gillian Jewitt, will be working with our partnership manager at Children 1<sup>st</sup>, Lucie Philips, to ensure we fully comply with these standards and to update the SACU Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport policies and procedures accordingly.



# SACU Education Programmes

Over the past few months, significant progress has been made across our STEM programme, training delivery, media outreach, and development funding initiatives. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to expanding access, building capacity, and creating long-term sustainability within our programmes.

## STEM IN MOTORSPORT PROGRAMME

The STEM in Motorsport programme has now been successfully delivered in six schools, reaching a diverse range of learners and sparking strong interest in both STEM subjects and the wider world of motorsport. The feedback from pupils and staff has been overwhelmingly positive, with several schools already expressing interest in future sessions.

In parallel, we are working closely with Angus Council to create a long-term strategy for the programme. This includes planning for it to become a self-sustaining model—building in local capacity, training teaching staff, and creating adaptable resources that can be used independently. The aim is to embed the programme within the council's broader STEM education offer and ensure ongoing delivery without the requirement for ongoing external facilitation.

## MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

To further amplify outreach, SACU Education and Development Officer (EDO), Adam Paterson, recently met with representatives from STV to discuss the development of a short feature focused on women and girls in motorsport. This is an exciting opportunity for the SACU to increase visibility, challenge stereotypes, and inspire more young women to engage with motorsport. If it goes ahead, the feature will highlight personal stories and provide a platform to showcase the impact of the sport on real individuals.

## TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

As part of our strategy to expand the delivery of our education programmes, SACU EDO, Adam Paterson, facilitated two 'Train the Trainer' courses between April and June. These sessions were designed to equip new facilitators with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to deliver our coaching qualifications independently, with a consistent approach and to a high standard.

In addition to these, Adam also delivered multiple Officials Training Seminars across the disciplines of Trials, Motocross and Enduro.

If you or your club require Official's Training, please contact Adam - [adam.paterson@sacu.co.uk](mailto:adam.paterson@sacu.co.uk)



# SACU Development Fund

The SACU Development Fund is now live! This fund will be a key mechanism for supporting innovation and grassroots initiatives aligned with our mission. It will enable local projects to access resources and funding that allow them to pilot new ideas, reach underrepresented groups, and grow participation in meaningful and measurable ways.

More information can be found on the [SACU website](#) including [award criteria](#), [application forms](#) and how to apply.

For 2025-26, the Board of Directors have agreed to release 10% of SACU reserves towards the Development Fund.

We welcome applications from all affiliated clubs for our Development Fund. While all submissions will be considered, priority will be given to those that clearly meet the published award criteria.

Please note that if funding is awarded, it may be granted in full or in part. This will depend on the volume of applications received, the remaining funds available, and the specific nature of the project proposed.

# Celtic Races



We are pleased to announce the highly anticipated return of the Celtic Races; a landmark road racing event last staged in 2011. This iconic series will be reintroduced within a round of the Scottish Championship calendar, bringing renewed energy and competitive spirit to the 2025 season.

The event will take place over the weekend of 20th and 21st September, hosted by the Melville and District Motorcycle Club at the historic East Fortune Racing Circuit.

This year's Celtic Races will feature representation from Northern Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and Scotland, with each nation fielding their top riders in a unique format designed to highlight regional talent and encourage thrilling, close-fought competition.

This exciting revival promises to deliver a weekend of exceptional racing, national pride, and celebration of Celtic motorsport heritage. We invite all enthusiasts and supporters to join us for what is set to be a truly memorable occasion.

Further information regarding entries, schedules, and ticketing will be shared in the lead-up to the event by Melville Motorcycle Club. For more information, please contact the club directly and keep an eye on their [social media](#).

# Celtic Races

## RACE FORMAT

There will be two solo races, each composed of three competitive classes and one sidecar race.



### RACE 1

- o *Superbikes* – 2 riders per country
- o *Supersport* – 2 riders per country
- o *Pre-Injection 600* – 2 riders per country

**Total: 24 competitors**

### RACE 2

- o *Lightweight* – 2 riders per country
- o *CB500* – 2 riders per country
- o *Juniorsport 300* – 2 riders per country

**Total: 24 competitors**

### SIDECARS

- o 4 sidecars per country

**Total: 16 competitors**