



Annual Report 2022



Staff Changes

Shabaz Khan, our Learning and Development Manager, left the SACU in October for pastures new.

Shabaz was an excellent team member and carried out a lot of work towards the creation of the SACU coaching qualifications. He was also instrumental in setting up working relationships with university partners and linking students up to clubs for work experience.

The SACU would like to thank Shabaz for all the work he has done over the years and wish him well in his new job at Scottish Sports Futures!



Staff Changes

In November, we welcomed Adam Paterson into the SACU as our Education and Development Officer. His role involves growing and developing the SACU's education programmes and supporting clubs with their development requirements. Adam's aim is to focus on growing the SACU as a strong governing body as well as working with all clubs and volunteers to aid in the development of the long-term strategic plan.

Adam has been involved in the sports industry since the age of 18. He first began as a volunteer coach with multiple football teams whilst completing various SFA coaching badges. He then went on to gain his BSc Hons in Sports Coaching at the University of the West of Scotland as well as a Level 3 Personal Training Qualification. During his time at university, he completed various placements with Active Schools and within his local council performing a wide range of different sporting roles such as disability coach, sports coach and development coach.

The SACU are excited to welcome Adam on board! If you or your club would like any support with your events or training requirements, please contact Adam on:

- Phone - 07470743088
- Email – adam.paterson@sacu.co.uk





Operational Progress

FORESTRY AND LAND SCOTLAND MASTER AGREEMENT

The SACU have been working closely with Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) to negotiate a new Master Agreement specific to Scotland. We are now in the final stages of development and hope to announce the new Master Agreement in early 2023. The SACU are excited about the new agreement as it is set to see our clubs receive a much fairer deal in alignment with other sport and leisure activities whilst hosting events on FLS land. Costs to event organisers will be lower than in previous years which will hopefully encourage more events to take place on FLS land.

KPMG MID-TERM AUDIT REVIEW

As a condition of our continued funding and support from sportscotland, the SACU are required to undergo a full Governance Audit every four years which is conducted by KPMG. Currently half way through a cycle, in September, the SACU underwent our mid-term review. We are pleased to announce that everything is on track for all recommendations to be completed by the end of our review cycle in 2024.

Education

SACU COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Over the last two years, we have worked with sportscotland to create a new SCC Level 1 Assistant Coach Qualification (SQA Level 5) and SCC Level 2 Lead Coach (SQA Level 6). Since it's creation in late 2021, the Level 1 qualification has been successfully delivered on 3 occasions to 31 participants. The Level 2 qualification was finalised this year and is currently being piloted. In November, 10 participants (9 from Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club and SACU Education and Development Officer, Adam Paterson) commenced the training towards their SACU Lead Coach qualification. We aim to finalise this qualification by the end of 2022 and begin delivering across the disciplines in 2023.

If you or anyone you know are interested in either qualification, please contact Adam Paterson – adam.paterson@sacu.co.uk – who will place your name on the waiting list. As soon as we have a full cohort, we will organise and deliver a course.

STEM IN MOTORCYCLE SPORT SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The SACU have created tailored educational programmes for schools with a focus on STEM subjects within a motorcycle sport context. Relating to Science (S), Technology (T) Engineering (E), and Maths (M), the programme has been built around the Scottish schools Curriculum for Excellence with topics including but not limited to mechanics, engineering, sport and activity, safety and assessing risk, first aid etc.

EDO Adam Paterson is currently in discussions with one primary school in Glasgow organising a six week programme to be delivered in early 2023 as well as a high school in West Lothian to organise a programme for a group of pupils who are disengaged from traditional classroom learning. The SACU are excited to be delivering this programme in partnership with Tim Bradshaw, the #BecauseICan team and Team MotoJoe.

Education

Internship Programme



The Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport provide a framework to help all sports organisations, clubs and groups work towards creating a positive, safer environment for children and young people. As part of our commitment towards taking children and young people's views into account and ensuring that they have opportunities to be involved in decisions affecting them, the SACU have been working with university students and school pupils to provide internships and short-term work experience opportunities.

This year, two students worked with the SACU and Galloway Motorcycle Club (GMC). Areef Khan from the University of Stirling assisted the club during the planning stages of their Drumlanrig Festival of Off Road Motorcycle Sport event to develop their online ticket sales. Alessandro Mazza from the University of Glasgow helped GMC grow the online presence of their event in an effort to boost event ticket sales. Alessandro also attended the event to take photos for social media.

The SACU have been working with the Monarch Speedway Academy (MSA), the sport development, charitable, branch of the Edinburgh Monarchs. The MSA has been set up to support grassroots speedway in an effort to develop new, young talent within the sport. The long-term objective of this programme is to have an all Scottish national team. The SACU teamed Claire Nicholson of the University of Stirling up with the MSA to assist them with their strategic development, sourcing of funding and bid applications.

For 2023, the SACU are currently in discussions with the University of Edinburgh about partnering up to carry out research into the inclusion of people with disabilities in motorcycle sport as part of our accessibility drive.

sportscotland Funding – Strategic Review

Following the dissolution of the Scottish Motor Sports programme in early 2020, the funding investment which had previously been shared between the SACU and Motorsport UK was directly invested into the SACU on an annual basis. This year, the SACU were invited to apply into the four-year investment cycle; a cycle that will provide us with longer term stability and reassurance of funding provision over a longer period of time.

In November, SACU Chairperson, Sandy Mack, and Chief Operating Officer, Gillian Sefton, presented the SACU [Strategic Plan](#) to a panel of **sportscotland** staff in a bid to secure more funding into staff and sport development projects. We will not know the outcome of this until the first quarter of 2023, however we have been reassured that sportscotland are committed towards the four-year funding as a minimum. This is a huge win for the SACU and provides reassurance that we will continue to receive lottery funding during a difficult time of financial uncertainty. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates on the progress of our application into additional funding!

For those who may be unaware, **sportscotland** invest into staff members and development projects within Scottish Governing Bodies of sport. The funding received by the SACU pays for staff and projects which help to grow and strengthen the sport. This year, funding has been utilised towards building SQA accredited coaching qualifications, negotiating a new Master Agreement for Scotland with FLS, developing the STEM schools project, updating and modernising Officials training seminars (due to be rolled out in 2023), youth rider development programmes, and the upskilling of staff, e.g. SACU staff are now qualified to deliver First Aid courses – this greatly reduces the cost of delivery for coaches and officials.



UK Anti-Doping (UKAD)

In September this year, the SACU achieved satisfactory compliance with UKAD policy and practice into Clean Sport. As part of our commitment to clean sport, the SACU have incorporated anti-doping education into all of our coaches and officials training programmes. Moving in to 2023, we will be delivering much more of this training with the aim of retraining all officials by 2025. The key elements that all athletes and athlete support personnel should be aware of are:

- [The International Standard Prohibited List](#)
- [Therapeutic Use Exemption](#) – *“There may be situations where an athlete has an illness or medical condition that requires them to use a prohibited substance or method. A Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) permits an athlete to use an otherwise prohibited substance or method, for therapeutic purposes, whilst continuing to compete in their chosen sport.”*
- [100% Me](#) – *“100% me supports the principle of strict liability, which means that athletes are solely responsible for what is found in their system, regardless of how it got there, or whether there was any intention to cheat”*

For more information, please visit the [SACU website](#) and use the links provided to navigate to the ACU, UKAD, WADA and FIM websites.

Benevolent Fund

The SACU have witnessed a significant increase in donations to the Benevolent Fund by riders in 2022. During an ever changing landscape where money is tight for many due to a number of factors relating to the cost of living crisis, this generosity is humbling. This year, SACU riders have donated **£4557.50** to the Benevolent Fund; almost double that of last year.

To those who have donated, thank you!

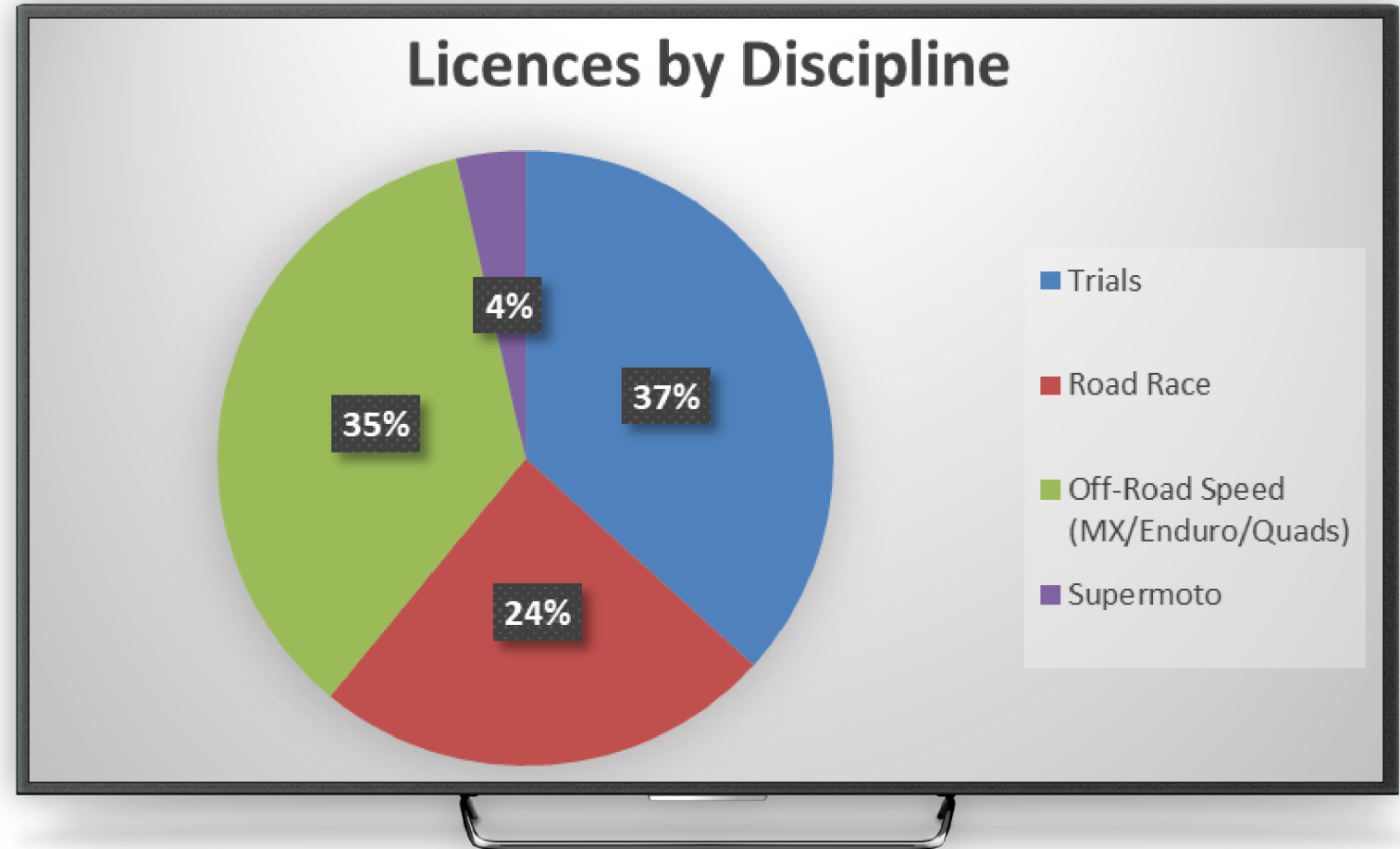


SACU Licences

Between 2020 and 2021, the SACU had a significant increase in licence numbers. During this period, licences increased by 31%.

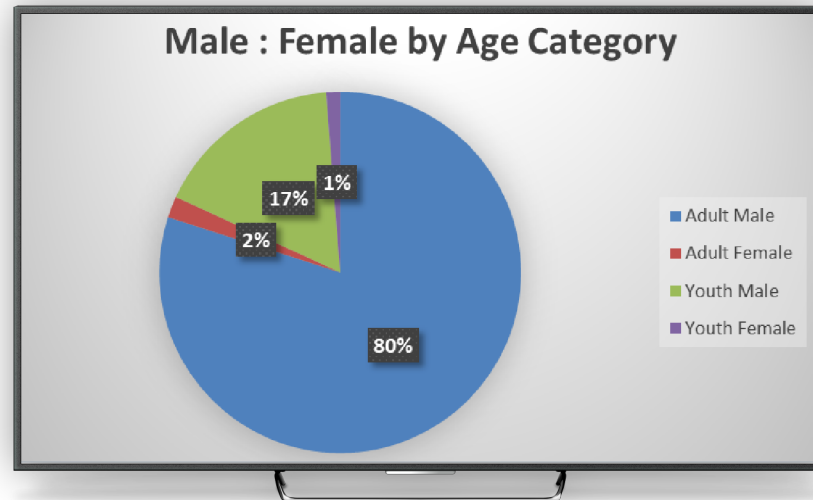
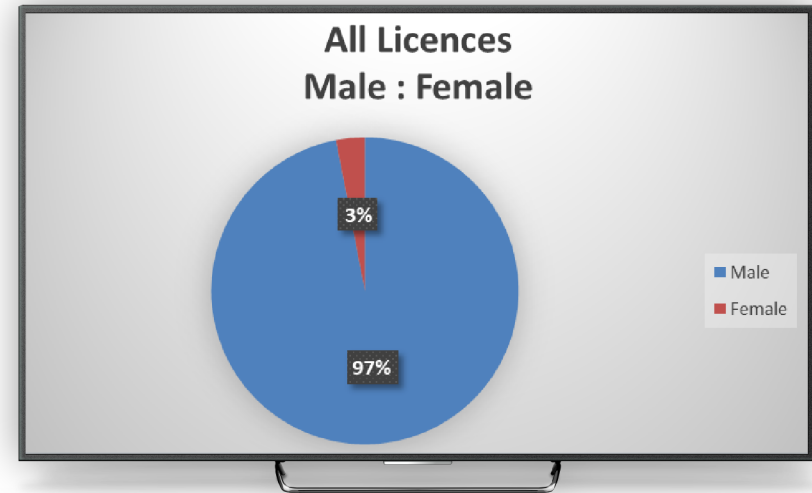
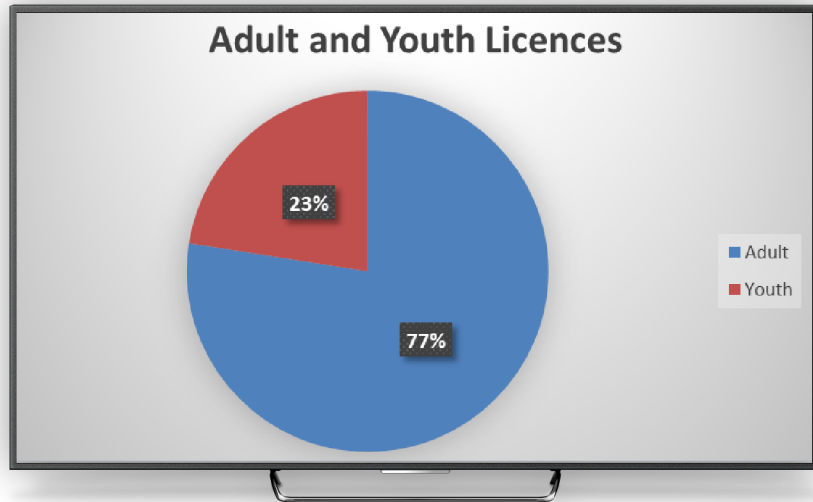
Moving into 2022, the SACU were keen to keep up this momentum and retain the growth and we are pleased to announce that this has been achieved.

The chart shows the percentage of licences by discipline category.



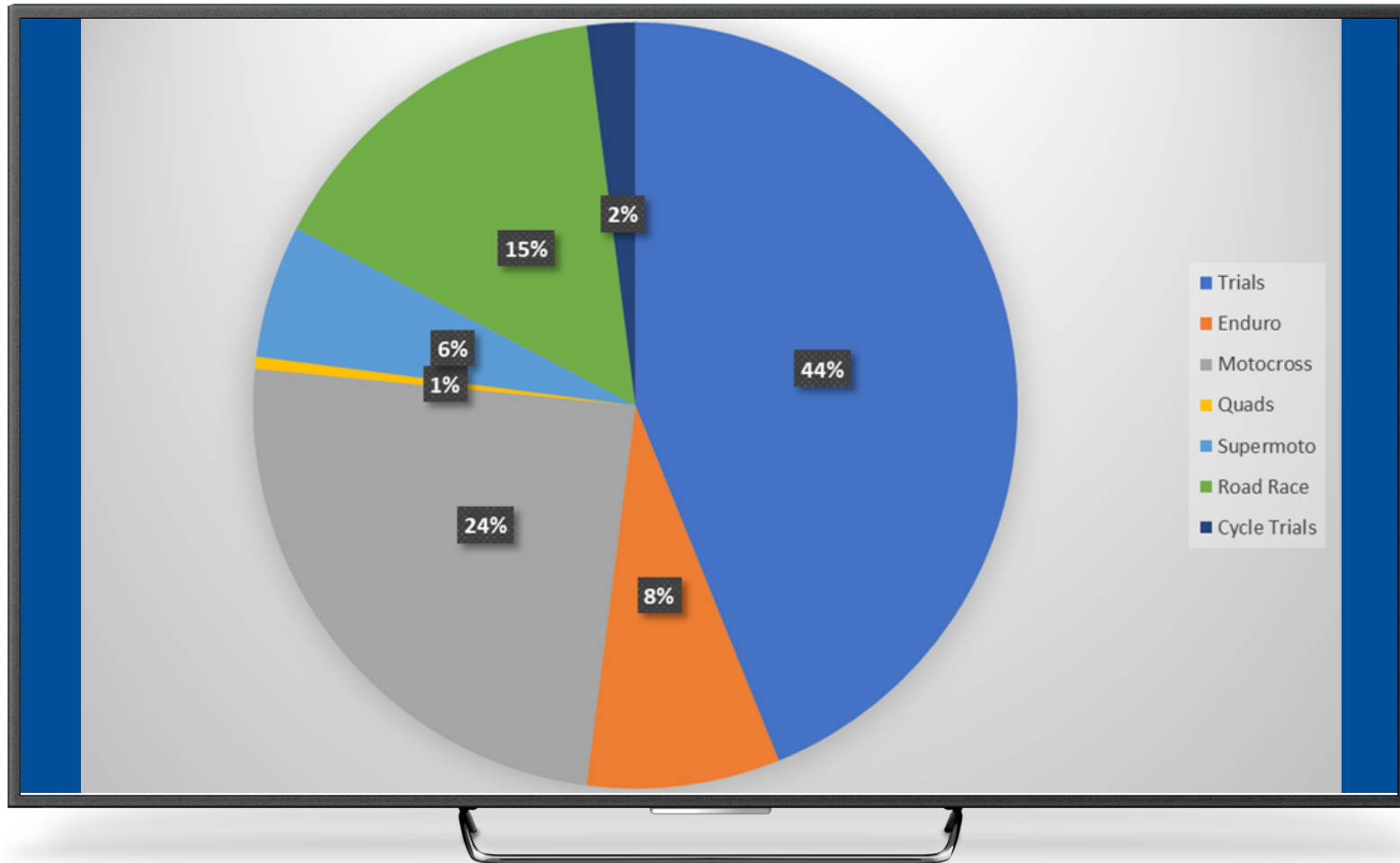
SACU Licences

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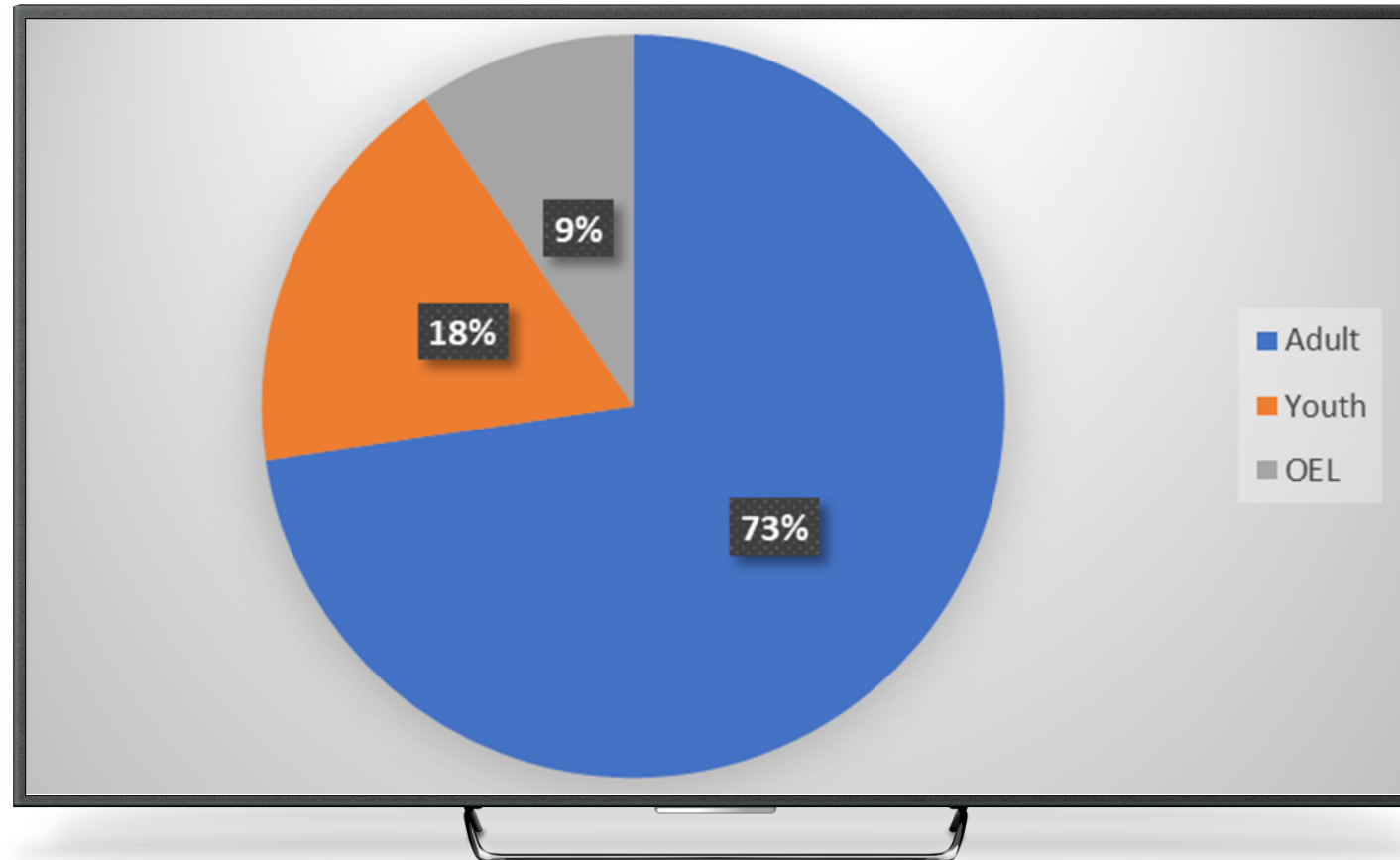
SACU Events

The SACU have had a successful year with events running every month across the country for every discipline. The table below details the percentage of events delivered by discipline:



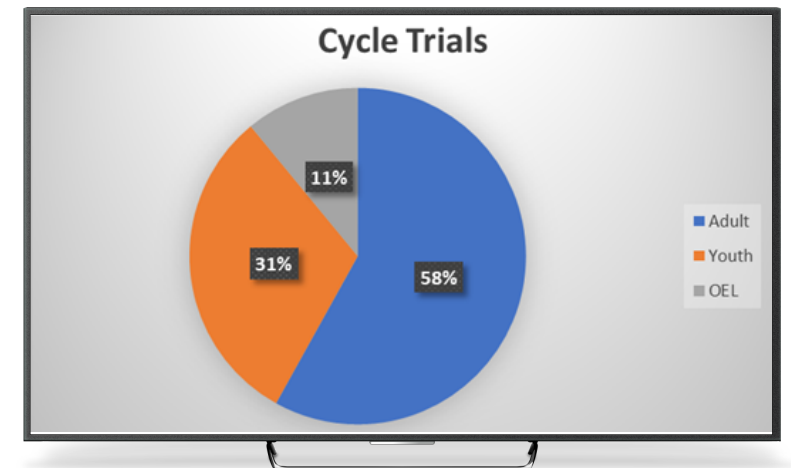
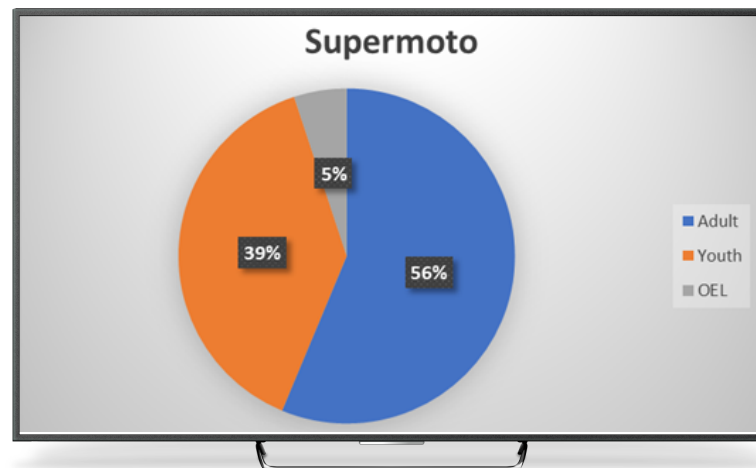
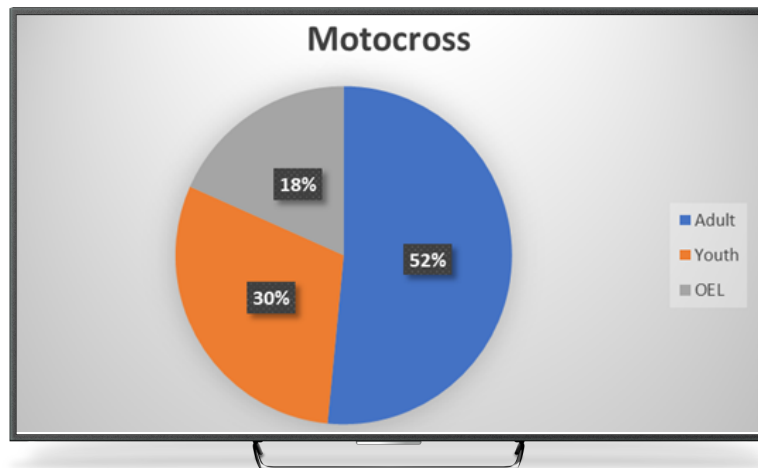
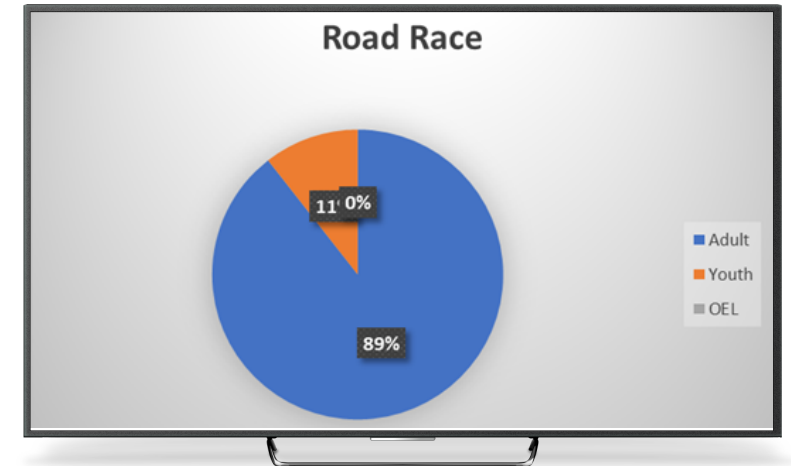
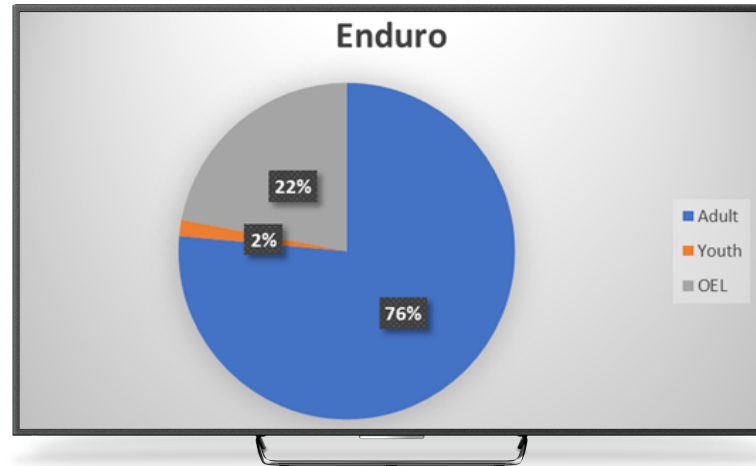
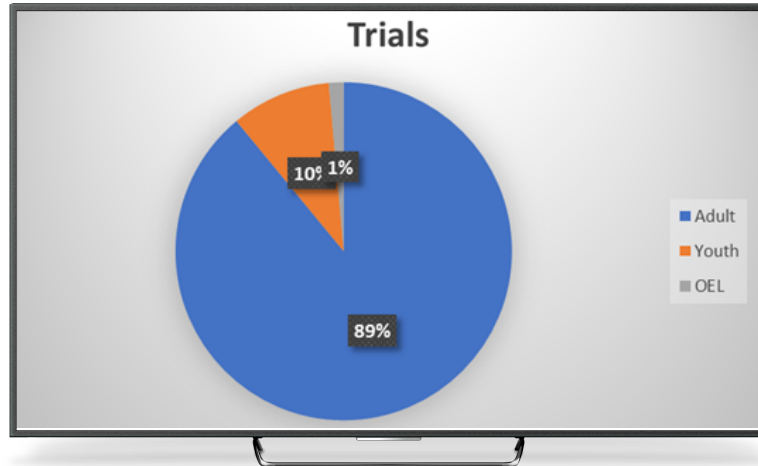
SACU Events – Total Rides

Total rides refers to the number of entries at all SACU permitted events across 2022. The table below shows the percentage breakdown between Adult, Youth and One Event Licence (OEL) entries at SACU permitted events this year.



SACU Events – Total Rides

The following charts detail the percentage breakdown between Adult, Youth and OEL entries by discipline.



SACU Events

FIM Europe

The SACU were proud to play host to Round 4 of the FIM Europe Trials Championship this year. Over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of August, Youth, Junior, Women, Men and Over 40s from across Europe contested the 10 sections set out at the Bob MacGregor Trials Academy in Dunlop. As the competition is open to everyone, keen spectators were able to watch champions and amateurs challenging the same course. The event was a great success and as a result, the SACU have been asked to host another Round of the FIM Europe Trials Championship in 2024!



SACU Motocross Championship

Former Grand Prix rider, Stuart Flockhart, resurrected the SACU Motocross Championship and delivered a fantastic year of racing for riders in 2022. The 6 round Championship delivered between March and August toured around Scotland visiting Tain, Lochgilphead, Duns, Rhynie, Doune and Clayshant. The events were well attended, often sold out and highly regarded by motocross riders across the country. The Championship saw a total of 1195 rides throughout its delivery; a great success all round! The SACU would like to thank Stuart and Louise for all of their hard work and look forward to welcoming them back in the future.

