



SCOTTISH  
WRESTLING

**Annual Report 2020**

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## Governance

### 1. KPMG Audit

Scottish Wrestling has achieved the highest possible rating "**satisfactory**" in a recent audit undertaken by KPMG the chosen **sportscotland** auditor. This is a significant step forward and a marker of the continued effort from board members and staff.

### 2. Standards for child well-being and protection.

Scottish Wrestling has achieved the necessary 100% MOR requirement set out by **sportscotland** for Governing Bodies. This is an important result and helps ensure that wrestling is practised in a safe environment for all.

### 3. Articles of Association

Following a consultation with the members of SW and the legal support offered by **sportscotland** a new set of AoA have been implemented to reflect the current situation at the organisation and to allow further progress towards becoming a thriving governing body. The major change includes a transition from individual voting to club voting.

### 4. Board Members

SW has recently undergone a recruitment process and filled vacant board positions in the areas of Finance, Governance, Athlete Representation and INED's.

### 5. Strategic Consultation and Plan

In June of 2020 SW has undergone a consultation process with the membership around a new Strategy for the upcoming years. This will ensure that the opinions of our members and other stakeholders are heard and included where appropriate in the new Strategy.

# Development

## 1. COVID 19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all wrestling activity has stopped around Scotland since March 2020. This had a negative impact on all wrestling clubs and created an unprecedented situation for the sport in Scotland. Despite the negative impact on sport we firmly believe that the situation will improve and wrestling will be back on the mat. In the meantime SW is working hard on planning the way out of the pandemic to ensure that once wrestling returns the organisation will be better prepared in Governance, Development and Performance.

## 2. Phased reanimation of wrestling in Scotland plan

Together with **sport**scotland a short and clear reanimation plan has been created to ensure that wrestling can resume following a clear process as soon as the situation allows. This means that SW will continue to monitor the situation and follow government and **sport**scotland guidelines and ensure that clubs and members are up to date with the latest information.

<https://wrestling.scot/news/phased-reanimation-of-wrestling-in-scotland-plan>

## 3. Club Support Fund

To help support the clubs during the reanimation process a club support fund has been created. We hope this will be an annual project available to registered Scottish Wrestling clubs. The aim of the reanimation fund is to financially support the clubs to resume activity when guidance allows. Along with the reanimation grant a supporting pack with guidance, advice and administration support is available for our clubs.

## 4. Scottish Open 2019

In 2019 the Scottish Open Championships were held at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow with a great turnout and crowd to support the athletes. The competition has been praised by many members and clubs and has shown its importance to the wrestling community in Scotland. The Scottish Open will remain an annual tournament in the future once the situation around COVID 19 allows it to resume.

## **5. British Wrestling Association**

The BWA has undergone some significant changes in the past year and appointed a new CEO and Chair. The cooperation between our organisation has improved considerably over the last year and continues to do so. Both organisations understand the importance of cooperation to help people around Scotland and the UK to enjoy wrestling.

## **6. Roll-out Mat**

SW has purchased a new roll-out wrestling mat. It will be used for competitions, TD&P squad sessions, education courses, pathway programmes and sessions across Scotland. The mat allows ease of transportation, assembly and ensures that it can be used in more facilities around Scotland. SW will work in partnership with the clubs to develop a suitable events programme and involve as many members as possible.

## **7. New Talent Development and Pathway Programmes**

SW has introduced a new Talent Development & Performance structure which will be implemented once the situation allows to resume wrestling. The new SW Pathway Programme is at its final stage of development and will be introduced to the clubs and members when wrestling activities are resumed.

<https://wrestling.scot/news/sw-talent-development-performance-pathway-structure>

## **8. Assistant Coach Position**

SW has advertised the Assistant Coach position online and the outcome will be announced at the AGM.

## **9. SEMSA Camp**

SW has for the second time participated in the SEMSA Summer Academy and delivered wrestling activities to children of different ages. Wrestling as a sport was received by participants positively and brought plenty of fun and challenges to kids. We hope to continue the cooperation with SEMSA in the upcoming years.

## **10. Scottish Kabaddi Partnership**

SW has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Scottish Kabaddi to deliver joint activities where relevant. We hope that this partnership will strengthen both sports and deliver great activities to a wide range of participants.

# Performance

## 1. Performance Programme

The performance Programme is currently not financially supported. Our dedicated team is running it on a voluntary basis. The programme has continued throughout 2019-2020 and is planned to continue in the future. As all other activities the performance programme depends on the situation around COVID. SW has launched the online performance sessions earlier in March 2020. We had great feedback from the athletes and will continue with it until we will be back on the mat.

## 2. Performance Team

The Performance Team currently has 18 members, juniors and seniors supported by the Performance management team. Our very dedicated and hard working athletes have shown a continuous online and individual commitment to the sport and we are all looking forward to wrestling again soon.

<https://wrestling.scot/team>

## 3. Performance Results 2019-2020

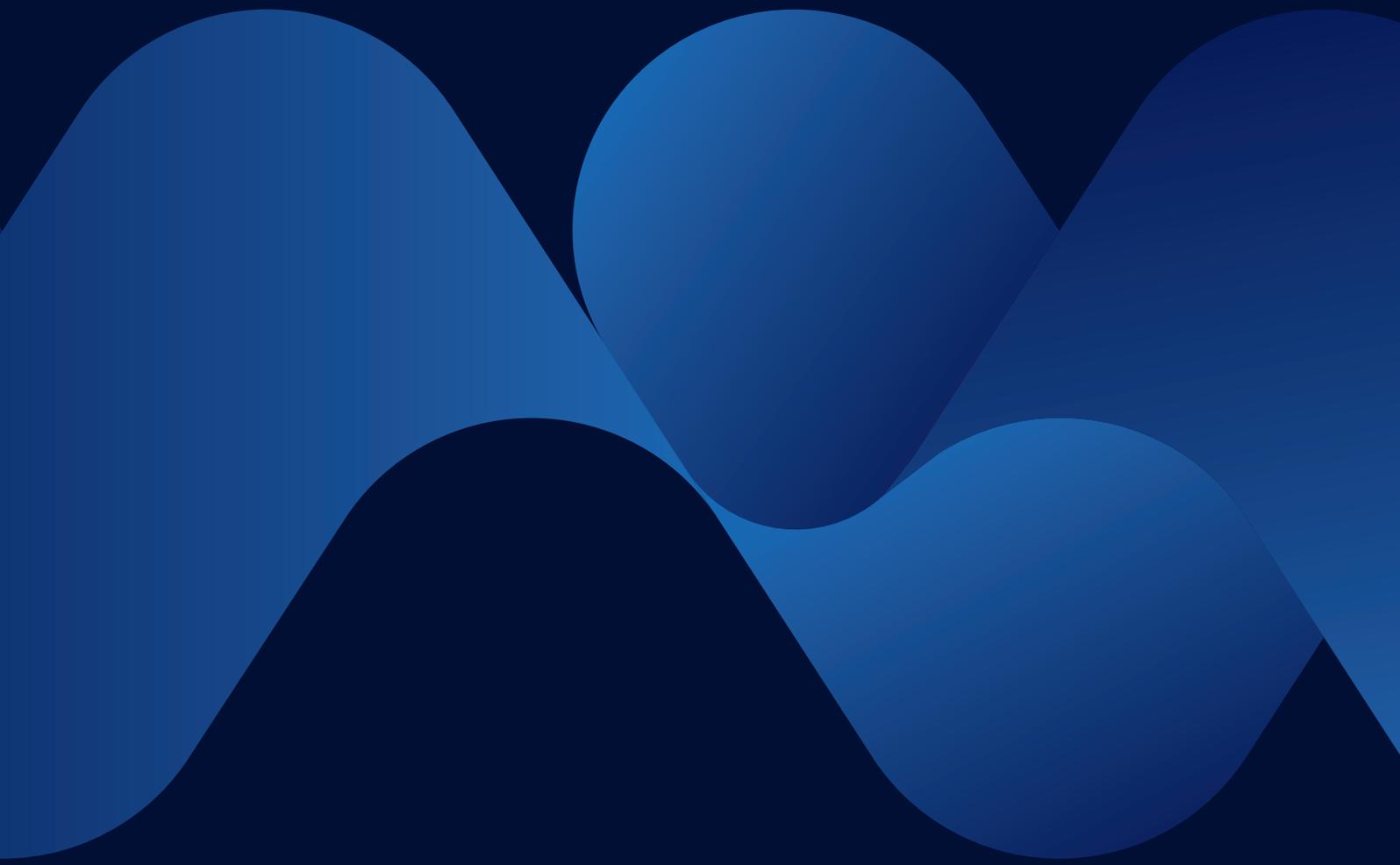
Competitions	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medals
International Competitions		2	3
National Competitions	14	11	12

## 4. Birmingham 2022

SW has developed the Selection Policy and Standards for Birmingham 2022 with Commonwealth Games Scotland. The policy will be publicly available shortly and we will open the application process for the CG2022 long list. Our performance management team has created a detailed preparation plan and a support application will be submitted to our current and potential partners. We will continue to work with the GBR Programme to ensure that we prepare the best team for the upcoming National and International competitions. To find out more about the Team Manager appointment please see link.

<https://wrestling.scot/news/vasile-jornea-appointed-team-scotland-wrestling-manager>





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