

Sporting Activities and National Governing Bodies Recognised by the Sports Councils

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SPORT	DISCIPLINES	NORTHERN IRELAND	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	WALES	UK/GB
AIKIDO			British Aikido Board	British Aikido Board	British Aikido Board	British Aikido Board
AIR SPORTS	Flying	Ulster Flying Club	Royal Aero Club of the UK	Royal Aero Club of the UK	Royal Aero Club of the UK	Royal Aero Club of the UK
	Aerobatic flying	British Aerobatic Association	British Aerobatic Association	British Aerobatic Association	British Aerobatic Association	British Aerobatic Association
	Aero model Flying	NI Association of Aeromodellers	Scottish Aeromodelling Association	British Model Flying Association	British Model Flying Association	British Model Flying Association
	Ballooning		British Balloon and Airship Club	British Balloon and Airship Club	British Balloon and Airship Club	British Balloon and Airship Club
	Gliding	Ulster Gliding Club	British Gliding Association	British Gliding Association	British Gliding Association	British Gliding Association
	Hang/					

	Paragliding	Ulster Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club	Scottish Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association	British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association	British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association	British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
	Microlight		British Microlight Aircraft Association	British Microlight Aircraft Association	British Microlight Aircraft Association	British Microlight Aircraft Association
	Parachuting		British Skydiving	British Skydiving	British Skydiving	British Skydiving
	Popular Flying		Light Aircraft Association	Light Aircraft Association	Light Aircraft Association	Light Aircraft Association
AMERICAN FOOTBALL		American Football Ireland	British American Football Association	British American Football Association	British American Football Association	British American Football Association
ANGLING	Federation			The Angling Trust	Angling Cymru	
	Coarse	National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland	Scottish Federation of Coarse Anglers			
	Game	Ulster Angling Federation Ltd	Scottish Anglers National Association			
	Sea	Irish Federation of Sea Anglers	Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers			
ARCHERY	Field	Archery NI		Archery GB		Archery GB

	Target		Scottish Archery Association		Welsh Archery Association		
ARM WRESTLING							
ATHLETICS	Cross Country	Athletics NI	Scottishathletics	England Athletics	Welsh Athletics	UK Athletics	
	Mountain/Fell						
	Road						
	Track and Field						
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL							
BADMINTON		Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland <i>(Badminton Ireland)</i>	Badminton Scotland	Badminton England	Badminton Wales		
BASEBALL			British Baseball Federation	British Baseball Federation	Welsh Baseball Union	British Baseball Federation	
BASKETBALL		Basketball NI <i>(Basketball Ireland)</i>	Basketball Scotland	Basketball England	Basketball Wales	British Basketball Federation	
BATON TWIRLING							
BIATHLON			British Biathlon Union	British Biathlon Union	British Biathlon Union	British Biathlon Union	

BOBSLEIGH			British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	
BOCCIA		Boccia UK	Scotland Disability Sport	Boccia England	Boccia UK	Boccia UK	
BOWLS	Crown	Irish Bowls Federation	British Crown Green Bowling Association	British Crown Green Bowling Association	Bowls Wales	British Crown Green Bowling Association	
		Irish Bowling Association					
		Irish Women's Bowling Association					
	Federation	Association of Irish Indoor Bowls	Bowls Scotland	English Bowling Federation & English Women's Bowling Federation		British Isles Bowls Council	
		Irish Women's Indoor Bowling Association		Bowls England		British Isles Women's Bowls Council	
				English Indoor Bowling Association		British Isles Women's Indoor Bowls Council	

				English Women's Indoor Bowling Association		British Isles Indoor Bowls Council	
	Short Mat	Irish Indoor Bowling Association		English Short Mat Bowling Association			
BOXING		Ulster Provincial Boxing Council <i>(Irish Athletic Boxing Association)</i>	Boxing Scotland	England Boxing	Welsh Boxing	GB Boxing	
BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU	Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association	UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association	UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association	UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association	UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association	
CAMOGIE		Ulster Camogie Council <i>(The Camogie Association)</i>					

CANOEING	Freestyle Marathon Open Canoeing Polo Sea Kayaking Slalom Sprint Surf Kayak Wild Water Racing SUP	Paddle Northern Ireland <i>formerly known as Canoe Association of NI</i>	Paddle Scotland <i>formerly known as Scottish Canoe Association</i>	Paddle UK <i>formerly known as British Canoeing</i>	Canoe Wales	Paddle UK <i>formerly known as British Canoeing</i>	
CAVING	Cave Diving	Speleological Union of Ireland	British Caving Association	British Caving Association	Cambrian Caving Council	British Caving Association	
	Pot Holing						
	Mine Exploration						
CHEERLEADING			SportCheer Scotland		SportCheer Wales		
CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS	Bagua, Chinese Boxing, Eagle Claw, Freestyle, Hsing Yi, Kung Fu, Lau Gar, Lion Dance, Modern Wushu, Praying Mantis, Qigong, Qingda, Sanshou, Shaolin (Northern/Southern), Tai Chi, Taijiquan, Tiger Crane, Traditional Wushu, White Crane, Wing Chun.		British Council for Chinese Martial Arts	British Council for Chinese Martial Arts	British Council for Chinese Martial Arts	British Council for Chinese Martial Arts	
CRICKET		Cricket Ireland	Cricket Scotland Limited	England and Wales Cricket Board	Cricket Wales		

CROQUET			Scottish Croquet Association	The Croquet Association			
CURLING			Scottish Curling <i>formerly known as</i> Royal Caledonian Curling Club	English Curling Association	Welsh Curling Association	British Curling Ltd	
CYCLING	Road	Cycling Ulster (<i>Cycling Ireland</i>)	Scottish Cycling	British Cycling	Welsh Cycling	British Cycling	
	Track						
	BMX						
	Downhill						
	Mountain Biking						
	Cyclo Cross						
	Cycle Speedway						
DANCE	Ballroom		Dance Sport Scotland	English Amateur Dancesport Association	Dancesport Wales		
	Latin						
	Highland Dance		Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing				
	Scottish Country		Royal Scottish Dance Society				

	Folk Dance			English Folk Dance & Song Society			
DARTS							
DISABILITY SPORT See end table							
DODGEBALL							
DRAGON BOAT RACING			British Dragon Boat Racing Association	British Dragon Boat Racing Association	British Dragon Boat Racing Association	British Dragon Boat Racing Association	
EQUESTRIAN	Horse and Pony Riding	Horse Sport Ireland	Horse Scotland	British Equestrian Federation	British Equestrian Federation	British Equestrian Federation	
	Dressage						
	Carriage Driving						
	Endurance						
	Vaulting						
	Show Jumping						
	Harness Racing						
	Polocrosse						
	Eventing						
	Reigning						
	Mounted Games						
	Horseball						
	Horse Racing		British Horse Racing Authority	British Horse Racing Authority	British Horse Racing Authority	British Horse Racing Authority	

EXERCISE AND FITNESS	Keep Fit			Fitness League			
				Keep Fit Association			
	Laban Movement			Laban Guild			
	Medau			Medau			
	Margaret Morris Movement			Margaret Morris Movement			
FENCING		NI Fencing Ltd	Scottish Fencing	British Fencing	Welsh Fencing	British Fencing	
FIVES	Eton			Eton Fives Association		Eton Fives Association	
	Rugby			Rugby Fives Association		Rugby Fives Association	
FLOORBALL							
FOOTBALL	Futsal	Irish Football Association	Scottish Football Association	The Football Association	Football Association of Wales		
GAELIC GAMES	Handball (non-Olympic)	Ulster Council GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association)					
	Football						
	Hurling						
GOALBALL	Goalball	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	

GOLF		Golf Ireland	Scottish Golf	England Golf	Wales Golf		
GYMNASTICS	Artistic	Gymnastics NI	Scottish Gymnastics	British Gymnastics	Welsh Gymnastics	British Gymnastics	
	Rhythmic						
	Team Gym						
	Acrobatics						
	Aerobic						
	Trampoline & DMT						
	Tumbling						
HANDBALL	Olympic	Irish Olympic Handball Association	Scottish Handball Association	England Handball	British Handball	British Handball	
HOCKEY		Ulster Hockey (<i>Hockey Ireland</i>)	Scottish Hockey Union	England Hockey	Hockey Wales		
HOVERCRAFT RACING			Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	
ICE HOCKEY		Ice Hockey UK	Ice Hockey UK	English Ice Hockey Association	Ice Hockey UK	Ice Hockey UK	
ICE SKATING	Short Track		British Ice Skating (<i>Scottish Ice Skating committee</i>)	British Ice Skating	Ice Skate Wales	British Ice Skating	
	Figure						
	Synchronised						

JUDO		NI Judo Federation	Judo Scotland	British Judo Association	Welsh Judo Association	British Judo Association	
JU-JITSU		NI Ju Jitsu Association		British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body	British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body	British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body	
KABBADI			Kabaddi Scotland				
KARATE		NI Karate Board	Karate Scotland formally known as Scottish Karate Governing Body		Welsh Karate Governing Body	British Karate Federation	
KENDO	Iaido		British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	
	Jodo						
KICK BOXING		Kickboxing Ireland	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	
KITE SURFING			British Kite Sports Association	British Kite Sports Association	British Kite Sports Association	British Kite Sports Association	
KORFBALL				England Korfball	Welsh Korfball Association (conditional)		

LACROSSE			Lacrosse Scotland	English Lacrosse Association	Wales Lacrosse		
LIFE SAVING			Royal Life Saving Society UK	Royal Life Saving Society UK	Royal Life Saving Society UK	Royal Life Saving Society UK	
LUGE			Great Britain Luge Association	Great Britain Luge Association	Great Britain Luge Association	Great Britain Luge Association	
MODERN PENTATHLON			Scottish Pentathlon	Pentathlon GB	Pentathlon GB	Pentathlon GB	
MOTOR CYCLING	Road Racing	2 + 4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd		Auto-Cycle Union	Welsh Motorcycle Federation	Auto-Cycle Union	
	Trials						
	Enduro						
	Motocross						
	Track Racing		Scottish Auto Cycle Union				
	Super Moto		(Road Racing, Trials, Enduro, Motocross, Quads only)				
	Drag / Sprint						
	Speedway						
	Rallying						
	Sidecar Racing						
	Hill Climbing						
MOTOR SPORTS	Autotests	2 + 4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd	Motorsport UK	Motorsport UK	Welsh Association of Motor	Motorsport UK	
	Autosolo						
	Autocross						

	Circuit Racing				Clubs (<i>MSA regional association</i>)		
	Drag Racing						
	Cross Country						
	Hill Climbing						
	Karting						
	Rallycross						
	Rallying						
	Sprints						
	Time Attack						
	Trials						
MOUNTAINEERING	Indoor Climbing	Mountaineering Ireland	Mountaineering Scotland	British Mountaineering Council	British Mountaineering Council	British Mountaineering Council	
	Outdoor Climbing						
	Hill Walking						
	Mountaineering						
NETBALL		Netball NI	Netball Scotland	England Netball	Welsh Netball		
OCTOPUSH (Underwater Hockey)							
ORIENTEERING		NI Orienteering	Scottish Orienteering Association	British Orienteering	Welsh Orienteering Association	British Orienteering	
PARKOUR		Parkour UK	Parkour UK	Parkour UK	Parkour UK	Parkour UK	
PETANQUE			Scottish Petanque Association	Petanque England			

PICKLEBALL			Pickleball Scotland	Pickleball England			
POLO			Hurlingham Polo Association	Hurlingham Polo Association	Hurlingham Polo Association	Hurlingham Polo Association	
POOL		Northern Ireland Pool Association		English Pool Association	Welsh Pool Association		
QUOITS							
POWERLIFTING		British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	
RAMBLING		Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs	Ramblers - Ramblers Scotland	Ramblers	Ramblers	Ramblers	
	Long Distance Walking		Long Distance Walkers Association	Long Distance Walkers Association	Long Distance Walkers Association	Long Distance Walkers Association	
REAL TENNIS	Real Tennis			Tennis & Rackets Association		Tennis & Rackets Association	
	Rackets						
ROLLER SPORTS	Speed	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	
	Inline Hockey						
	Artistic						
	Skater Hockey						
	Freestyle						

	Roller Hockey						
	Roller Derby						
ROUNDERS				Rounders England			
ROWING		Rowing Ireland Ulster Branch	Scottish Rowing	British Rowing	Welsh Rowing	British Rowing	
RUGBY LEAGUE	Touch	Rugby League Ireland	Scotland Rugby League	Rugby Football League	Wales Rugby League	Rugby Football League	
RUGBY UNION	Tag	Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union <i>(Irish Rugby Football Union)</i>	Scottish Rugby Union	Rugby Football Union	Welsh Rugby Union		
	Sevens						
	Touch	Rugby League Ireland Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union <i>(Irish Rugby Football Union)</i>					
SAILING	Sailing	Royal Yachting	RYA Scotland	Royal Yachting Association	RYA Cymru Wales	Royal Yachting Association	
	Windsurfing						
	Inland boating						

	Personal Watercraft*	Association NI					
	Motor cruising*						
	Sportsboats*						
	Powerboating*						
	<i>*RYA is not the NGB for competitive racing of powerboats, sports boats, personal watercraft or motor cruisers, but does govern recreational use of these types of watercraft.</i>						
SAND&LAND YACHTING							
SHINTY			The Camanachd Association				
SHOOTING	Federation		Scottish Target Shooting	English Target Shooting Federation	Welsh Target Shooting Federation	British Shooting	
	Clay Target	Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting Association		Clay Pigeon Shooting Association			
	Pistol	NI Small-bore Shooting Association		National Small-bore Rifle Association			
	Small-bore Rifle	Ulster Rifle Association		National Rifle Association			

	Rifle						
	Muzzle Loaders						
SKATEBOARDING			Skateboard Scotland				
SKELETON			British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	
SKIPPING							
SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS		NI Billiards and Snooker Association	Caledonian Snooker	English Partnership for Snooker and Billiards	Welsh Billiards and Snooker Association		
SNOWSPORT	Skiing		Snowsport Scotland	Snowsport England	Snowsport Cymru Wales		
	Snowboarding						
	Telemark						
SOFTBALL			British Softball Federation	British Softball Federation	British Softball Federation	British Softball Federation	
SOMBO			British Sombo Federation	British Sombo Federation	British Sombo Federation	British Sombo Federation	

SQUASH	Squash	Ulster Squash(<i>Irish Squash</i>)	Scottish Squash	England Squash	Wales Squash and Racketball		
	Squash57						
STOOLBALL				Stoolball England			
SUB AQUA			Scottish Sub Aqua Club	British Sub-Aqua Club		British Sub Aqua Club	
SURFING	Short board	Irish Surfing Association	Scottish Surfing Federation	Surfing England	Welsh Surfing Federation		
	Kneeboard						
	Long board						
	Body board						
	Skim board						
	Body Surf						
	SUP						
SURF LIFE SAVING			Surf Life Saving GB	Surf Life Saving GB	Surf Life Saving Association Wales	Surf Life Saving GB	
SWIMMING	Swimming	Swim Ulster (<i>Swim Ireland</i>)	Scottish Swimming	Swim England	Swim Wales	Aquatics GB	
	Diving						
	Artisitc Swimming						
	Water Polo						
	Open Water						
	Long Distance					British Long Distance Swimming Association	

TABLE TENNIS		Ulster Branch Irish Table Tennis Association (<i>Table Tennis Ireland</i>)	Table Tennis Scotland	Table Tennis England	Table Tennis Wales		
TAEKWONDO	Olympic style	British Taekwondo	British Taekwondo	British Taekwondo	British Taekwondo	British Taekwondo	
	Non-Olympic style		Scottish Council of Taekwondo	British Taekwondo Council	British Taekwondo Council	British Taekwondo Council	
TANG SOO DO			United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	
TENNIS	Tennis	Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland (<i>Tennis Ireland</i>)	Tennis Scotland	Lawn Tennis Association	Tennis Wales	Lawn Tennis Association	
	Padel Tennis						
TENPIN BOWLING		NI Ten Pin Bowling Federation	Scottish Ten Pin Bowling Association	British Tenpin Bowling Association	Tenpin Bowling Association of Wales		
TOUCH RUGBY		Rugby League Ireland Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union	Scotland Rugby League Scottish Rugby Union	Rugby Football League Rugby Football	Wales Rugby League Welsh Rugby Union		

		<i>(Irish Rugby Football Union)</i>		Union Engand Touch			
TRIATHLON		Triathlon Ireland	Triathlon Scotland	British Triathlon	Welsh Triathlon	British Triathlon	
TUG OF WAR		NI Tug of War Association	Scottish Tug of War Association	Tug-of-War Association	Welsh Tug of War Association		
ULTIMATE		UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	
VOLLEYBALL		NI Volleyball Association	Scottish Volleyball Association	Volleyball England	Volleyball Wales	British Volleyball Federation	
WATER SKIING	Barefoot	Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation	Waterski and Wakeboard Scotland	British Water Ski & Wakeboard	Welsh Water Ski Association	British Water Ski & Wakeboard	
	Cable Ski						
	Kneeboard						
	Racing						
	Tournament						
	Wakeboarding						
WEIGHTLIFTING	Weightlifting	British Weightlifting	Weightlifting Scotland	British Weightlifting	Weightlifting Wales	British Weightlifting	
	Olympic para Powerlifting		British Weightlifting				
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL		British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY			Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	

WRESTLING	Olympic Freestyle		Scottish Wrestling Association	British Wrestling Association	Welsh Wrestling Association	British Wrestling Association
YOGA	Yoga	Yoga Fellowship of Northern Ireland	Yoga Scotland	British Wheel of Yoga	British Wheel of Yoga	British Wheel of Yoga

Pan Disability Organisations

SPORT	DISCIPLINE	NORTHERN IRELAND	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	WALES	GB/UK
DISABILITY SPORT		Disability Sport NI	Scottish Disability Sport	Activity Alliance	Disability Sport Wales	British Blind Sport
						Cerebral Palsy Sport
						UK Deaf Sport
		Special Olympics Ireland				United Kingdom Sports Association for People with Learning Disability
						British Amputee and Les Autres Sports Association
						British Paralympic Association
						WheelPower

