

# Sporting Activities and National Governing Bodies Recognised by the Sports Councils

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SPORT	DISCIPLINES	NORTHERN IRELAND	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	WALES	UK/GB
<b>AIKIDO</b>			British Aikido Board	British Aikido Board	British Aikido Board	British Aikido Board
<b>AIR SPORTS</b>	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
<b>AMERICAN FOOTBALL</b>		American Football Ireland	British American Football Association	British American Football Association	British American Football Association	British American Football Association
<b>ANGLING</b>	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			
<b>ARCHERY</b>	Field Target	Archery NI	Scottish Archery Association	Archery GB	Welsh Archery Association	Archery GB
<b>ARM WRESTLING</b>						
<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Cross Country Mountain/Fell Road Track and Field	Athletics NI	Scottishathletics	England Athletics	Welsh Athletics	UK Athletics

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 Irish Bowling Association Irish Women's Bowling Association	British Crown Green Bowling Association	British Crown Green Bowling Association	Bowls Wales	British Crown Green Bowling Association
	Federation	Association of Irish Indoor Bowls	Bowls Scotland	English Bowling Federation & English		British Isles Bowls Council

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

<b>CANOEING</b>	Freestyle Marathon Open Canoeing Polo Sea Kayaking Slalom Sprint Surf Kayak Wild Water Racing SUP	Paddle Northern Ireland <i>formerly known as</i> Canoe Association of NI	Paddle Scotland <i>formerly known as</i> Scottish Canoe Association	Paddle UK <i>formerly known as</i> British Canoeing	Canoe Wales	Paddle UK <i>formerly known as</i> British Canoeing
<b>CAVING</b>	Cave Diving Pot Holing Mine Exploration	Speleological Union of Ireland	British Caving Association	British Caving Association	Cambrian Caving Council	British Caving Association
<b>CHEERLEADING</b>			SportCheer Scotland		SportCheer Wales	
<b>CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS</b>	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

<b>CRICKET</b>		Cricket Ireland	Cricket Scotland Limited	England and Wales Cricket Board	Cricket Wales	
<b>CROQUET</b>			Scottish Croquet Association	The Croquet Association		
<b>CURLING</b>			Scottish Curling <i>formerly known as</i> Royal Caledonian Curling Club	English Curling Association	Welsh Curling Association	British Curling Ltd
<b>CYCLING</b>	Road Track BMX Downhill Mountain Biking Cyclo Cross Cycle Speedway	Cycling Ulster <i>(Cycling Ireland)</i>	Scottish Cycling	British Cycling	Welsh Cycling	British Cycling
<b>DANCE</b>	Ballroom Latin		Dance Sport Scotland	English Amateur Dancesport Association	Dancesport Wales	
	Highland Dance		Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing			
	Scottish Country		Royal Scottish Dance Society			
	Folk Dance			English Folk Dance & Song Society		
<b>DARTS</b>		Northern Ireland Darts Organisation				
<b>DISABILITY SPORT</b> See end table						

<b>DODGEBALL</b>						
<b>DRAGON BOAT RACING</b>			British Dragon Boat Racing Association	British Dragon Boat Racing Association	British Dragon Boat Racing Association	British Dragon Boat Racing Association
<b>EQUESTRIAN</b>	Horse and Pony Riding Dressage Carriage Driving Endurance Vaulting Show Jumping Harness Racing Polocrosse Eventing Reigning Mounted Games Horseball	Horse Sport Ireland	Horse Scotland	British Equestrian Federation	British Equestrian Federation	British Equestrian Federation
	Horse Racing		British Horse Racing Authority	British Horse Racing Authority	British Horse Racing Authority	British Horse Racing Authority
<b>EXERCISE AND FITNESS</b>	Keep Fit			Fitness League Keep Fit Association		
	Laban Movement			Laban Guild		
	Medau			Medau		
	Margaret Morris Movement			Margaret Morris Movement		
<b>FENCING</b>		NI Fencing Ltd	Scottish Fencing	British Fencing	Welsh Fencing	British Fencing

<b>FIVES</b>	Eton			Eton Fives Association		Eton Fives Association
	Rugby			Rugby Fives Association		Rugby Fives Association
<b>FLOORBALL</b>						
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	Futsal	Irish Football Association	Scottish Football Association	The Football Association	Football Association of Wales	
<b>GAELIC GAMES</b>	Handball (non-Olympic) Football Hurling	Ulster Council GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association)				
<b>GOALBALL</b>	Goalball	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK
<b>GOLF</b>		Golf Ireland	Scottish Golf	England Golf	Wales Golf	
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>	Artistic Rhythmic Team Gym Acrobatics Aerobic Trampoline & DMT Tumbling	Gymnastics NI	Scottish Gymnastics	British Gymnastics	Welsh Gymnastics	British Gymnastics
<b>HANDBALL</b>	Olympic	Irish Olympic Handball Association	Scottish Handball Association	England Handball	British Handball	British Handball
<b>HOCKEY</b>		Ulster Hockey (Hockey Ireland)	Scottish Hockey Union	England Hockey	Hockey Wales	



<b>HOVERCRAFT RACING</b>			Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Limited
<b>ICE HOCKEY</b>		Ice Hockey UK	Ice Hockey UK	English Ice Hockey Association	Ice Hockey UK	Ice Hockey UK
<b>ICE SKATING</b>	Short Track Figure Synchronised		British Ice Skating ( <i>Scottish Ice Skating committee</i> )	British Ice Skating	Ice Skate Wales	British Ice Skating
<b>JUDO</b>		NI Judo Federation	Judo Scotland	British Judo Association	Welsh Judo Association	British Judo Association
<b>JU-JITSU</b>		NI Ju Jitsu Association		British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body	British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body	British Ju Jitsu Association Governing Body
<b>KABBADI</b>			Kabaddi Scotland			
<b>KARATE</b>		NI Karate Board	Karate Scotland formally known as Scottish Karate Governing Body		Welsh Karate Governing Body	British Karate Federation
<b>KENDO</b>	Iaido Jodo		British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association
<b>KICK BOXING</b>		Kickboxing Ireland	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)	Kickboxing GB (formally WAKO GB)
<b>KITE SURFING</b>			British Kite Sports Association	British Kite Sports Association	British Kite Sports Association	British Kite Sports Association

<b>KORFBALL</b>				England Korfball	Welsh Korfball Association (conditional)	
<b>LACROSSE</b>			Lacrosse Scotland	English Lacrosse Association	Wales Lacrosse	
<b>LIFE SAVING</b>			Royal Life Saving Society UK	Royal Life Saving Society UK	Royal Life Saving Society UK	Royal Life Saving Society UK
<b>LUGE</b>			Great Britain Luge Association	Great Britain Luge Association	Great Britain Luge Association	Great Britain Luge Association
<b>MODERN PENTATHLON</b>			Scottish Pentathlon	Pentathlon GB	Pentathlon GB	Pentathlon GB
<b>MOTOR CYCLING</b>	Road Racing Trials Enduro Motocross Track Racing Super Moto Drag / Sprint Speedway Rallying Sidecar Racing  Hill Climbing	2 + 4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd  Motorcycle Union of Ireland (Ulster Centre) - <i>(Road Racing, Track Racing, Drag / Sprint, and Sidecar Racing only)</i>  <i>Note: 2 + 4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd. is the Federation over all disciplines for Motor Cycling. MCUI (Ulster Centre) is an affiliate of 2 + 4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd.</i>	Scottish Auto Cycle Union <i>(Road Racing, Trials, Enduro, Motocross, Quads only)</i>	Auto-Cycle Union	Welsh Motorcycle Federation	Auto-Cycle Union

<b>MOTOR SPORTS</b>	Autotests Autosolo Autocross Circuit Racing Drag Racing Cross Country Hill Climbing Karting Rallycross Rallying Sprints Time Attack Trials	2 + 4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd	Motorsport UK	Motorsport UK	Welsh Association of Motor Clubs ( <i>MSA regional association</i> )	Motorsport UK
<b>MOUNTAINEERING</b>	Indoor Climbing Outdoor Climbing Hill Walking Mountaineering	Mountaineering Ireland	Mountaineering Scotland	British Mountaineering Council	British Mountaineering Council	British Mountaineering Council
<b>NETBALL</b>		Netball NI	Netball Scotland	England Netball	Welsh Netball	
<b>OCTOPUSH (Underwater Hockey)</b>						
<b>ORIENTEERING</b>		NI Orienteering	Scottish Orienteering Association	British Orienteering	Welsh Orienteering Association	British Orienteering
<b>PARKOUR</b>		Parkour UK	Parkour UK	Parkour UK	Parkour UK	Parkour UK

<b>PETANQUE</b>			Scottish Petanque Association	Petanque England		
<b>PICKLEBALL</b>			Pickleball Scotland	Pickleball England		
<b>POLO</b>			Hurlingham Polo Association	Hurlingham Polo Association	Hurlingham Polo Association	Hurlingham Polo Association
<b>POOL</b>		Northern Ireland Pool Association		English Pool Association	Welsh Pool Association	
<b>QUOITS</b>						
<b>POWERLIFTING</b>		British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting	British Powerlifting
<b>RAMBLING</b>		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
<b>REAL TENNIS</b>	Real Tennis Rackets			Tennis & Rackets Association		Tennis & Rackets Association
<b>ROLLER SPORTS</b>	Speed Inline Hockey Artistic Skater Hockey Freestyle Roller Hockey Roller Derby	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation	British Roller Sports Federation

<b>ROUNDERS</b>				Rounders England		
<b>ROWING</b>		Rowing Ireland Ulster Branch <i>(Rowing Ireland)</i>	Scottish Rowing	British Rowing	Welsh Rowing	British Rowing
<b>RUGBY LEAGUE</b>	Touch	Rugby League Ireland	Scotland Rugby League	Rugby Football League	Wales Rugby League	Rugby Football League
<b>RUGBY UNION</b>	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 (Irish Rugby Football Union)				
<b>SAILING</b>	Sailing Windsurfing Inland boating Personal Watercraft* Motor cruising* Sportsboats* Powerboating*	Royal Yachting Association NI	RYA Scotland	Royal Yachting Association	RYA Cymru Wales	Royal Yachting Association

	<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>					
<b>SAND&amp;LAND YACHTING</b>						
<b>SHINTY</b>			The Camanachd Association			
<b>SHOOTING</b>	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					
<b>SKATEBOARDING</b>			Skateboard Scotland			
<b>SKELETON</b>			British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association

<b>SKIPPING</b>						
<b>SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS</b>		NI Billiards and Snooker Association	Caledonian Snooker	English Partnership for Snooker and Billiards	Welsh Billiards and Snooker Association	
<b>SNOWSPORT</b>	Skiing  Snowboarding  Telemark		Snowsport Scotland	Snowsport England	Snowsport Cymru Wales	
<b>SOFTBALL</b>			British Softball Federation	British Softball Federation	British Softball Federation	British Softball Federation
<b>SOMBO</b>			British Sombo Federation	British Sombo Federation	British Sombo Federation	British Sombo Federation
<b>SQUASH</b>	Squash	Ulster Squash <i>(Irish Squash)</i>	Scottish Squash	England Squash	Wales Squash and Racketball	
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<b>STOOLBALL</b>				Stoolball England		
<b>SUB AQUA</b>			Scottish Sub Aqua Club	British Sub-Aqua Club		British Sub Aqua Club
<b>SURFING</b>	Short board Kneeboard Long board Body board	Irish Surfing Association	Scottish Surfing Federation	Surfing England	Welsh Surfing Federation	

	Skim board Body Surf SUP					
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING</b>			Surf Life Saving GB	Surf Life Saving GB	Surf Life Saving Association Wales	Surf Life Saving GB
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Swimming Diving Artisitc Swimming Water Polo Open Water	Swim Ulster <i>(Swim Ireland)</i>	Scottish Swimming	Swim England	Swim Wales	Aquatics GB
	Long Distance					British Long Distance Swimming Association
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>		Ulster Branch Irish Table Tennis Association <i>(Table Tennis Ireland)</i>	Table Tennis Scotland	Table Tennis England	Table Tennis Wales	
<b>TAEKWONDO</b>	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
<b>TANG SOO DO</b>			United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation	United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation
<b>TENNIS</b>	Tennis	Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland <i>(Tennis Ireland)</i>	Tennis Scotland	Lawn Tennis Association	Tennis Wales	Lawn Tennis Association



	Padel Tennis					
<b>TENPIN BOWLING</b>		NI Ten Pin Bowling Federation	Scottish Ten Pin Bowling Association	British Tenpin Bowling Association	Tenpin Bowling Association of Wales	
<b>TOUCH RUGBY</b>		Rugby League Ireland Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union <i>(Irish Rugby Football Union)</i>	Scotland Rugby League Scottish Rugby Union	Rugby Football League Rugby Football Union England Touch	Wales Rugby League Welsh Rugby Union	
<b>TRIATHLON</b>		Triathlon Ireland	Triathlon Scotland	British Triathlon	Welsh Triathlon	British Triathlon
<b>TUG OF WAR</b>		NI Tug of War Association	Scottish Tug of War Association	Tug-of-War Association	Welsh Tug of War Association	
<b>ULTIMATE</b>		UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate	UK Ultimate
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>		NI Volleyball Association	Scottish Volleyball Association	Volleyball England	Volleyball Wales	British Volleyball Federation
<b>WATER SKIING</b>	Barefoot Cable Ski Kneeboard Racing Tournament Wakeboarding	Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation	Waterski and Wakeboard Scotland	British Water Ski & Wakeboard	Welsh Water Ski Association	British Water Ski & Wakeboard
<b>WEIGHTLIFTING</b>	Weightlifting	British Weightlifting	Weightlifting Scotland	British Weightlifting	Weightlifting Wales	British Weightlifting
	Olympic para Powerlifting		British Weightlifting			

<b>WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL</b>		British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball
<b>WHEELCHAIR RUGBY</b>			Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby	Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby
<b>WRESTLING</b>	Olympic Freestyle		Scottish Wrestling Association	British Wrestling Association	Welsh Wrestling Association	British Wrestling Association
<b>YOGA</b>	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	UK/GB
<b>DISABILITY SPORT</b>		Disability Sport NI	Scottish Disability Sport	Activity Alliance	Disability Sport Wales	British Blind Sport
		Special Olympics Ireland				Cerebral Palsy Sport
						UK Deaf Sport
						United Kingdom Sports Association for People with Learning Disability
						British Amputee and Les Autres Sports Association

							British Paralympic Association
							WheelPower