

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 Target	Archery NI	Scottish Archery Association	Archery GB	Welsh Archery Association	Archery GB
ARM WRESTLING						
ATHLETICS	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 Irish Women's Indoor Bowling Association	Bowls Scotland	English Bowling Federation & English Women's Bowling Federation Bowls England English Indoor Bowling Association English Women's Indoor Bowling Association		British Isles Bowls Council 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		
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>	Gaelic Games Council of Britain <i>(as a discipline of Gaelic Games)</i>	Gaelic Games Council of Britain <i>(as a discipline of Gaelic Games)</i>	Gaelic Games Council of Britain <i>(as a discipline of Gaelic Games)</i>	Gaelic Games Council of Britain <i>(as a discipline of Gaelic Games)</i>
CANOEING	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
CAVING	Cave Diving Pot Holing Mine Exploration	Speleological Union of Ireland	British Caving Association	British Caving Association	Cambrian Caving Council	British Caving Association
CHEERLEADING			SportCheer Scotland	SportCheer England	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 Track BMX Downhill Mountain Biking Cyclo Cross Cycle Speedway	Cycling Ireland <i>(Cycling Ulster)</i>	Scottish Cycling	British Cycling	Welsh Cycling	British Cycling
DANCE	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		
DARTS		Northern Ireland Darts Organisation				
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 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
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	Camogie	Ulster Camogie Council (<i>The Camogie Association</i>)	Gaelic Games Council of Britain	Gaelic Games Council of Britain	Gaelic Games Council of Britain	Gaelic Games Council of Britain
	Handball (non-Olympic) Football Hurling	Ulster Council GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association)				
GOALBALL	Goalball	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK	Goalball UK
GOLF		Golf Ireland	Scottish Golf	England Golf	Wales Golf	
GYMNASTICS	Artistic Rhythmic Team Gym Acrobatics Aerobic Trampoline & DMT Tumbling	Gymnastics NI	Scottish Gymnastics	British Gymnastics	Welsh Gymnastics	British Gymnastics
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 Figure Synchronised		British Ice Skating (<i>Scottish Ice Skating committee</i>)	British Ice Skating	Ice Skate Wales	British Ice Skating
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 Jodo		British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association	British Kendo Association
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 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) - (Road Racing, Track Racing, Drag / Sprint, and Sidecar Racing only) <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 (Road Racing, Trials, Enduro, Motocross, Quads only)	Auto-Cycle Union	Welsh Auto Cycle Union	Auto-Cycle Union
MOTOR SPORTS	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 (MSA regional association)	Motorsport UK
MOUNTAINEERING	Indoor Climbing Outdoor Climbing Hill Walking Mountaineering	Mountaineering Ireland	Mountaineering Scotland	British Mountaineering Council	British Mountaineering Council	British Mountaineering Council
NETBALL		Netball NI	Netball Scotland	England Netball	Welsh Netball	
OBSTACLE SPORTS	Obstacle Course Racing Ninja	British Obstacle Sports	British Obstacle Sports	British Obstacle Sports	British Obstacle Sports	British Obstacle Sports
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 Rackets			Tennis & Rackets Association		Tennis & Rackets Association
ROLLER SPORTS	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
ROUNDERS				Rounders England		
ROWING		Rowing Ireland	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 Windsurfing					

SAILING	Inland boating Personal Watercraft* 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>	Royal Yachting Association NI	RYA Scotland	Royal Yachting Association	RYA Cymru Wales	Royal Yachting Association
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 (Irish Squash)	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 Kneeboard Long board Body board Skim board Body Surf SUP	Irish Surfing Association	Scottish Surfing Federation	Surfing England	Welsh Surfing Federation	
SURF LIFE SAVING			Surf Life Saving GB	Surf Life Saving GB	Surf Life Saving Association Wales	Surf Life Saving GB
SWIMMING	Swimming Diving Artistic Swimming Water Polo Open Water	Swim Ulster (Swim Ireland)	Scottish Swimming	Swim England	Swim Wales	Aquatics GB
	Long Distance					British Long Distance Swimming Association
TABLE TENNIS		Ulster Branch Irish Table Tennis Association (Table Tennis Ireland)	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 (Tennis Ireland)	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 (Irish Rugby Football Union)	Scotland Rugby League Scottish Rugby Union	Rugby Football League Rugby Football Union England Touch	Wales Rugby League Welsh Rugby Union	
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 Cable Ski Kneeboard Racing	Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation	Waterski and Wakeboard Scotland	British Water Ski & Wakeboard	Welsh Water Ski Association	British Water Ski & Wakeboard

	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	UK/GB
DISABILITY SPORT		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