



EVENTS, LEAGUES & COMPETITIONS



**SCOTTISH HANDBALL
ASSOCIATION**

**SCOTTISH
STUDENT SPORT**



What's Covered

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LEAGUES & FIXTURES

Introduction

SSS (Scottish Student Sport) plays a key part in mapping out the sporting landscape in Scotland and partners with sports governing bodies (SGBs) and other national governing bodies such as Sportscotland.

SSS works directly with BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) to structure the BUCS leagues and several different competitions and events.

Most sports teams compete in a BUCS League, with fixtures played on Wednesday afternoons or at the weekend depending on the sport. For those team sports who don't compete in BUCS, most compete in a SSS league instead.

Alongside regular BUCS & SSS leagues fixtures, there's also the league knockout competition (National Championship, Trophy, or Plate) culminating in a finals day at either Big BUCS Wednesday or SS Conference Cup Finals in March.



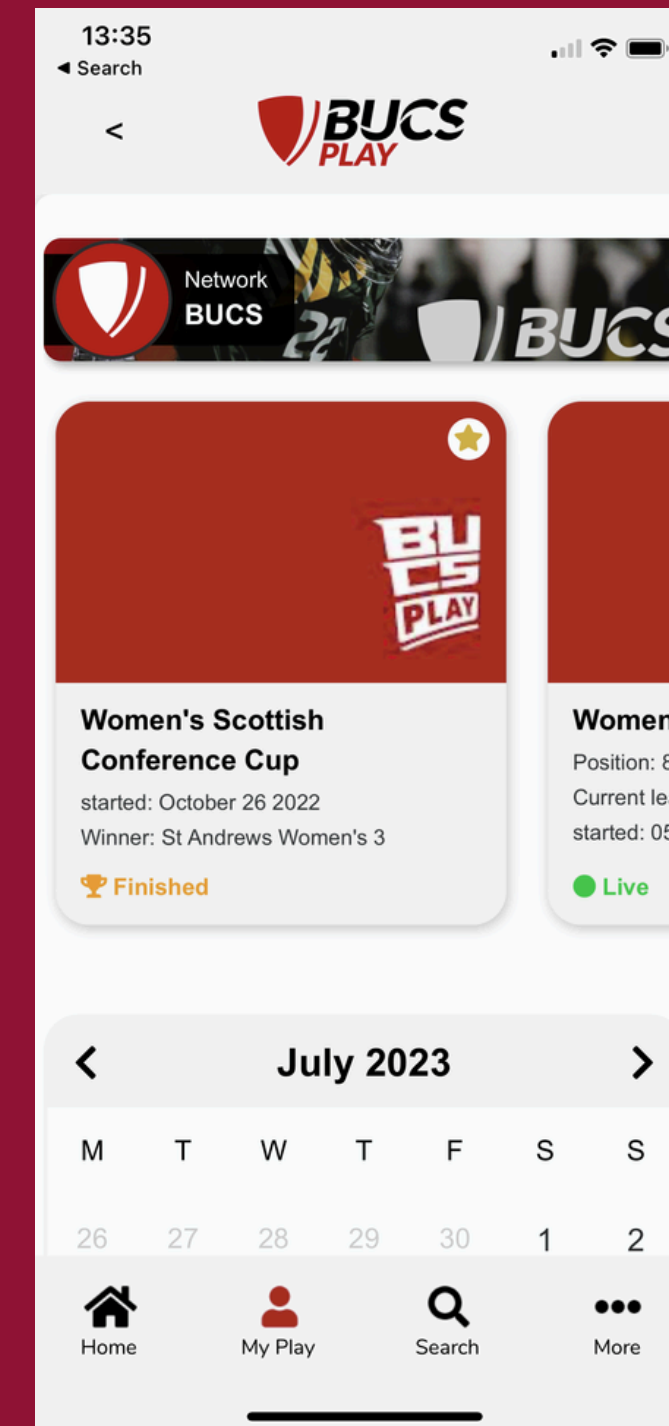
Leagues & Knockout Comps

We have 57 teams who compete in BUCS leagues & knockouts and 11 teams who compete in SSS.

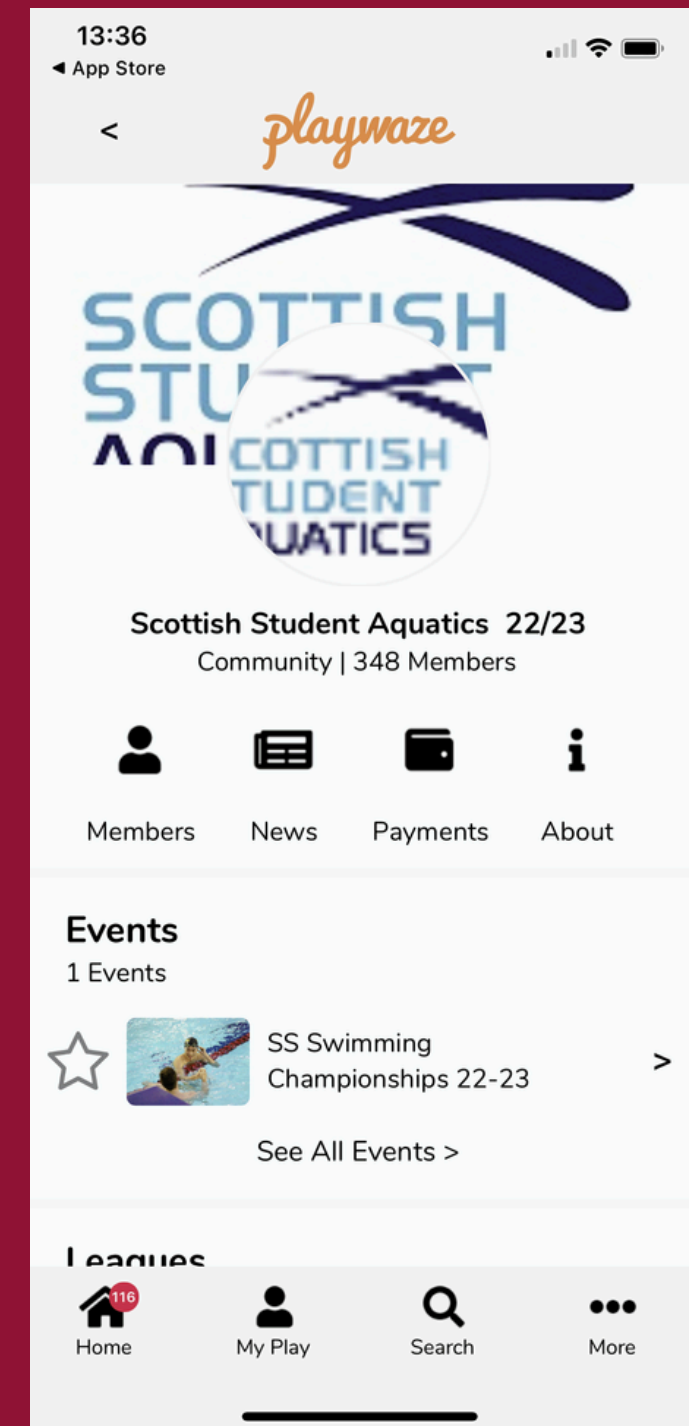
BUCS Leagues - use BUCS Play app for fixture captain administration

SSS Leagues - use SSS Playwaze app for fixture captain administration

Structure?	Tiered system (Premier - Tier 8)
Format?	Around 5-9 teams in a league
Timeline?	Leagues run from September - March



BUCS Play App



SSS Playwaze App

League Knockout Competitions

League knockout competitions are fixtures in addition to your normal league fixtures. These are one-off fixtures with the chance for your team to play against teams nation wide with each round being a knockout format. There are stricter sanctions for knockout competition fixtures, see below:

COMPETITION	WALOVER/FORFEIT
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & NATIONAL VASE	An automatic <u>£750</u> fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.
NATIONAL TROPHY	An automatic <u>£500</u> fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.
CONFERENCE CUP/ TROPHY/SHIELD	An automatic <u>£250</u> fine and loss of all BUCS Points allocated to the knockout competition.

Resources to know

All resources listed can be found on the BUCS website. Go to: rules & regulations → general regulations → scroll down to appendices

BUCS Website:

- Team Sheets (Appendix 7)
- Playing under protest form (Appendix 8)
- League & Knockout calendar (Appendix 2a)
- Match officials requirements (Appendix 5)
- League promotion & relegation structure (Appendix 10)
- Sport Specific Affiliation document



Before the Season Begins...

Captains & clubs should consider the following when preparing for league fixtures

Logistics

- When and where are fixtures being played? Check BUCS Play or SSS Playwaze for date, time and location.
- Officials – The 'home' team are responsible for booking officials, this is the club's responsibility, not the Sports Union/BUCS/SSS.
- Transport – does the club need transport, if so, is there budget for it? Try and budget for the whole year and per semester, not just week by week. Does your club have drivers to hire mini buses?

Sport Affiliation

- Most clubs participating in BUCS & SSS leagues, need to be affiliated to their National Governing Body. A list can be found in the 'resource' section of this course.
- E.g. Hockey must be affiliated with Scottish Hockey
- This is a regulations from BUCS & SSS so if clubs do not affiliate with their Governing body properly or in time, it could lead to fines or disqualification

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Captains & clubs should consider the following when preparing for league fixtures

Rules & Regs

All BUCS and SSS captains must complete the training course 'BUCS Rules & Regs' which can be found in the BUCS Captains Training course. It includes information on:

- Player Movement
- Results
- Fines
- Knockout competition formats
- Officials
- Fixture timings & details
- Court & pitch requirements
- Player Eligibility
- Sport specific rules

Results

- All team captains must submit results for BUCS/SSS fixtures via the app, this must be done asap after the fixture.
- BUCS fixtures are on the BUCS Play app, for SSS fixtures, use the SSS Playwaze app.
- All results must be text to the fixtures phone as well as submitted on the app - 07754134039.
- There are sanctions in place for late result submissions so please make sure you submit and text results asap after your fixture!

EVENTS

BUCS Events



BUCS Events - use BUCS Play to enter

Entry Deadlines - always a Tuesday 23:59

Main BUCS Events

BUCS Nationals - February

BIG BUCS Wednesday - March

Sports Specific Events

**Go to BUCS website for
the calendar of events**

**Payments - an invoice will be sent to the SU from BUCS after
the event has taken place**

SSS Events



SSS Events - use SSS Playwaze app to enter
Entry Deadlines - vary depending on event

Main Events

SSS Conference Cup Finals - March

SS Football Finals Day - April

Sports Specific Events - on SSS website

Payments - can be made individually on app

Top Tip
Download app
and join your sport
community,
enable
notifications and
you'll get event
notifications

Sports Union Events

Glasgow Taxis Cup

Scotland's largest varsity competition. This event takes place annually in March, pitting University of Strathclyde student teams against city counterparts from the University of Glasgow and Glasgow Caledonian University.

Rugby Varsity

Is an annual rugby showcase between Glasgow's biggest university rivals, Strathclyde and Glasgow. The men's and women's fixtures take place in one evening at Scotstoun Stadium in March.



Non BUCS/SSS/SU Competitions

Since the Sports Union works directly with BUCS and SSS, we rarely know about other sporting competitions out with these organisations.

So if your team(s) or individuals compete out with BUCS & SSS competitions, please let us know so we can record and celebrate your success!

email ann.taylor@strath.ac.uk and tag us on social media!



**SSS NATIONAL
SQUADS**

What are SSS National Squads?

Scottish Student Sport National Squads are made up of the best student athletes for your sport, usually competing every two years in a home National Tournament. Information about trials will be communicated by the Sports Union.

How do we apply for trials?

The SU will receive a weekly email from SSS highlighting any upcoming events or national squad trials, which will be passed on to the relevant clubs, so ensure you regularly check your inbox. Individuals can apply for trials through the SSS Playwaze app.



How do we cover costs of national squads?

Clubs are required to apply for funding in advance, normally via the annual budget request. Any lack in funding is up to the club and individual to cover costs. We suggest the club makes this clear with individuals nominated. As it isn't something that benefits the whole club, often individuals have to cover costs themselves. The SU has a representatives fund which can support players financially, but this will vary each year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Club Social Media

Promote the progress and success of your teams/individuals by tagging the SU in your posts so we can share & celebrate your achievements!

Alumni Fund - if your club has any kind of funding from the Alumni Fund, then please make sure you tag them on social media where applicable
@unistrathclydealumni
Ae.g. BUCS premier league team fixtures

Instagram - @strathsports



Twitter - @StrathSportSU



Facebook - @strathsports



#webleedmaroon

Expectations

Courage

Integrity

Respect

Fairness

Fair Play

Honesty

Sportsmanship

Excellence

Inclusion

BUCS & SSS Team Captains Training

Wed 24th September 2025

2-3:30pm

Mandela room, level 1

Students Union



Office Contacts

If you have any questions regarding anything BUCS or SSS, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff or the Sports Executive:



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