

Scottish Disability Sport Regional Round Up

Tayside – December 2019 – March 2020



Engage and Participate

The 6th Tayside Parasport Festival took place on Wednesday 4th March at Dundee and Angus College where 67 pupils from across Tayside participated in and got to try 10 different sports with pathways into local clubs. SGB officers and local community club coaches delivered Bowls, Curling, Tennis, Badminton, Football, Powerchair Football, Athletics, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby and Boccia.

Dundee United Community Trust also delivered a Goalball session for pupils with a visual impairment which was a huge success and has led to the creation of the first goalball club session in Tayside. Participation numbers have shown a 22% increase on last year and 60% increase on two years ago showing there is real demand and appetite for inclusive sport in the region.



Progress and Perform

Through our local branches, we have seen many regional competitive events which have attracted participants from all over the region and beyond in Badminton, Boccia, Swimming, Powerchair football, Sportshall Athletics and many more creating pathways to our national events.

Regional Sports Awards have also taken place recognising sporting achievements from 2019. In Dundee, Jack Milne, Dundee City Aquatics was named Disability Sports Person of the Year, Matthew Doig, Perth Strathtay Harriers won the award in Perth & Kinross for his achievements in Racerunning and in Angus, Para-triathlete Ciara Roulston was declared the winner. Also, in Angus, Niamh Donnelly was named Coach of the Year for her work in Athletics with Special Olympics Tayside.

Education and Training

Through the Toyota Parasport Fund, our local branches in Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross delivered additional Disability Inclusion Training courses for local coaches, volunteers, teachers and education support staff.

Our action plan with SSS has seen us link up to deliver Disability Inclusion Training to almost 100 students from Perth College, Abertay University and Dundee & Angus College to improve inclusive sport opportunities for students as well as embedding Disability Inclusion Training in the curriculum for sports students, clubs and leaders.



Other News

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well during this challenging period. With the best interests of athletes, coaches, staff and their families, SDS have cancelled or postponed all events, courses, programmes and competitions until the end of June. Any events from July onwards will remain in the calendar at the moment subject to further updates and advice from the Scottish Government.

Our work continues during this time with new inclusive or disability sport sessions being developed across the region in partnership with SGB's and local community clubs in Badminton, Tennis, Football, Swimming, Goalball and Judo which will begin when safe to do so. If you or anyone you know has a disability and would like to get involved in sport, please contact Graeme Doig – graeme.doig@scottishdisabilitysport.com

