



NATIONAL FACILITIES STRATEGY 2025-2035 CONSULTATION





Welcome from our CEO



Cricket has been part of Scotland's sporting fabric for over 225 years, with first recorded game at Schaw Park, Alloa, in 1785.

From village greens and urban parks to school playgrounds and purpose-built grounds, our

game has long held a sense of place in communities across the country. It has been nurtured by generations of volunteers, players, and supporters who have ensured cricket not only survives, but continues to thrive.

Today, cricket in Scotland is at an exciting crossroads. The game is growing in participation, diversity, and ambition. Our men's and women's national teams are competing with distinction on the world stage, our domestic competitions are thriving, and more young people are discovering the joy of willow on leather than ever before.

In 2030, Scotland will co-host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup — a once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase our game, our facilities, and our warm welcome to a global audience. Yet to seize that opportunity, and to secure the long-term future of the sport, we must ensure our facilities are fit for purpose, sustainable and accessible.

This first dedicated Facilities Strategy for Scottish cricket marks a significant step in that journey.

It sets out our shared vision: to provide high-quality places to play and train, to support clubs and communities in upgrading and maintaining their grounds, and to create environments that inspire the next generation of players.

This strategy is not only about pitches, pavilions, and practice nets. It is about the role facilities play in bringing people together, in fostering belonging, and in ensuring cricket continues to have a proud and visible place in Scotland's sporting landscape. It reflects the voices of our clubs, players, volunteers, and partners and it charts a path towards a stronger, more inclusive, and more sustainable future for the game we love.

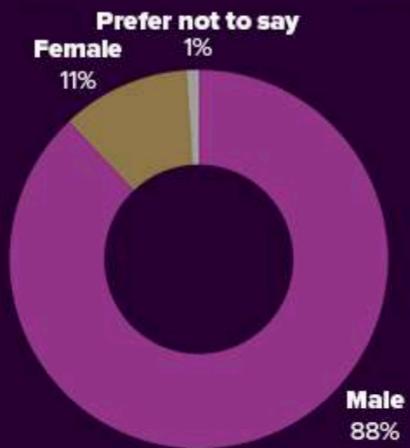
The work starts now, and it will take all of us. Together, we can ensure that the facilities which have been the heart of our game for generations will continue to inspire for generations to come, uniting people and communities through cricket.

Trudy Lindblade
Chief Executive Officer, Cricket Scotland

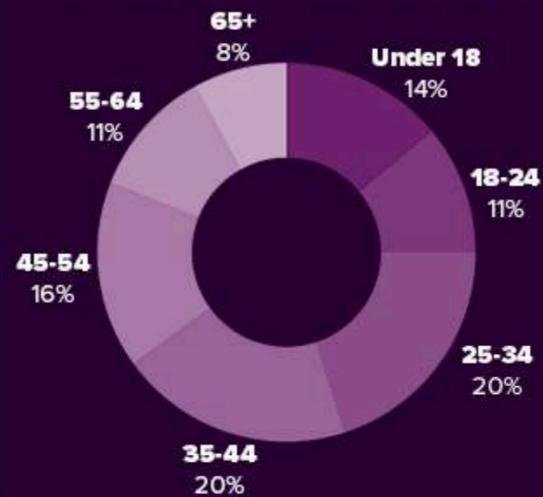


Cricket in Scotland

SCRS Gender Breakdown, 2025



SCRS Age Breakdown, 2025



24,749

People actively involved in cricket in Scotland in 2024, as reported in the ICC census

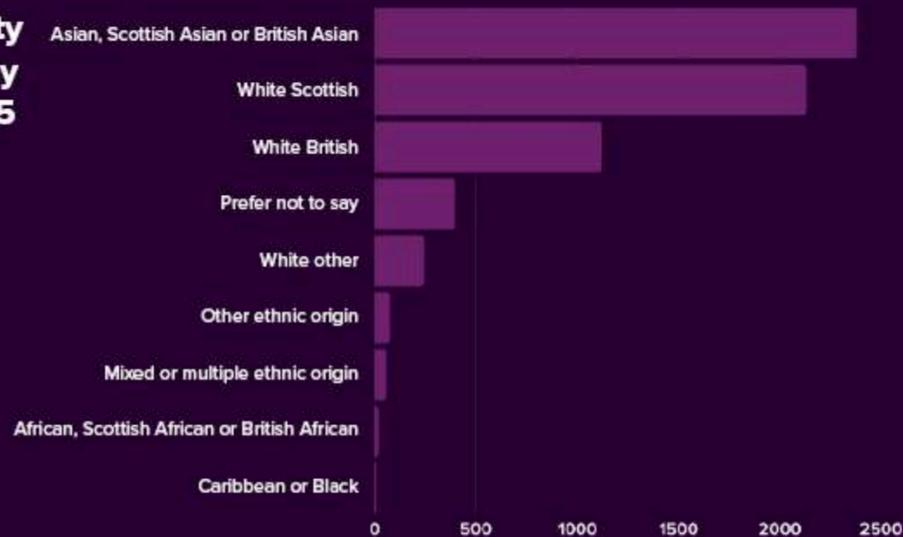
Of those active individuals, 7,666 were registered on SCRS in 2025, providing the breakdown opposite



127

Member clubs registered with Cricket Scotland during the 2025 season, spread across five regions

SCRS Ethnicity Breakdown by number, 2025



NoSCA

10 clubs

NESC SCIO

18 clubs

SPCU

25 clubs

ESCA

39 clubs

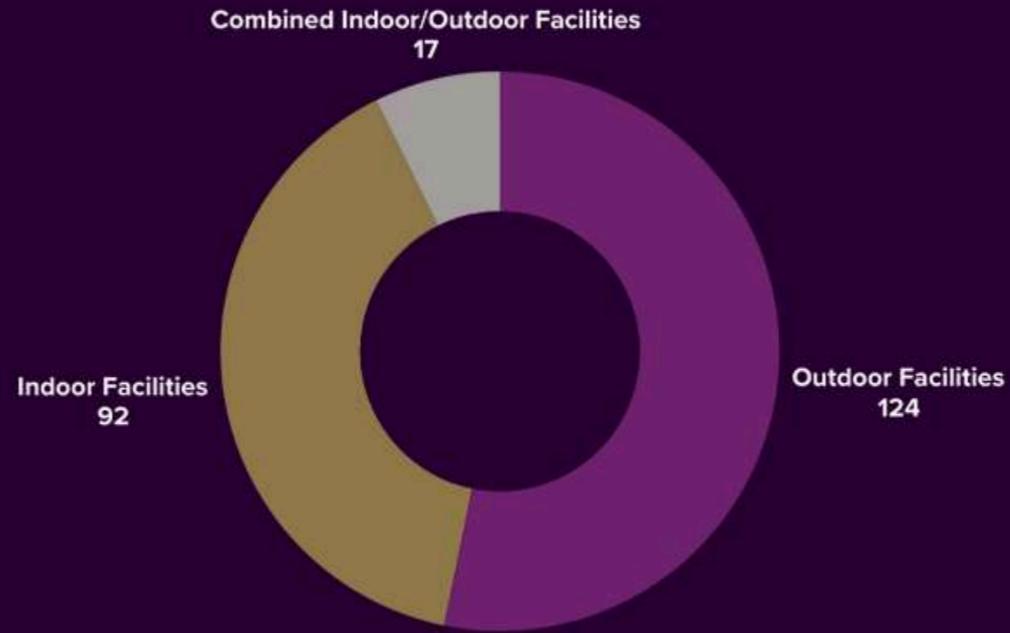
WDCU

35 clubs



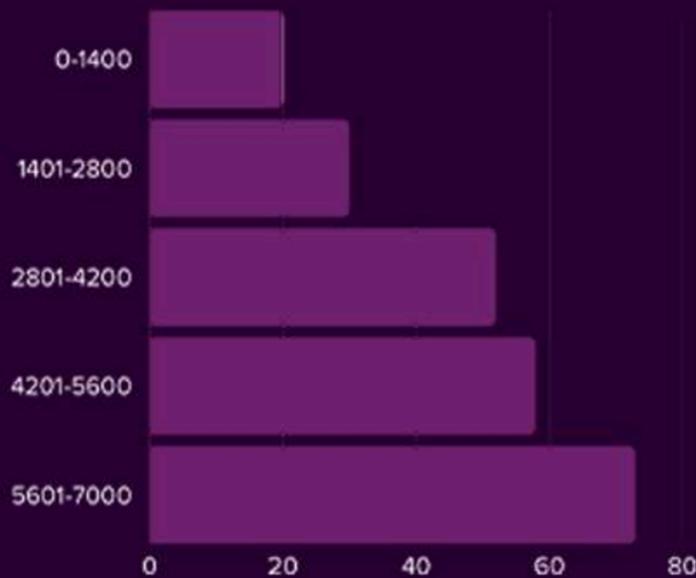
Current Facilities

233 Indoor and outdoor cricket facilities across Scotland



Number of cricket facilities per SIMD quintile

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) has roughly 7,000 data zones across Scotland which have been categorised as most deprived (Quintile 1 – 0 to 1400) to least deprived (Quintile 5 – 5601 to 7000).



Cricket facilities by local authority area



Access to cricket facilities by local authority area (number of people)



Key Summary

The 2025 Facilities Review identified 233 cricket facilities across 30 of Scotland's 32 local authority areas.

While some rural areas benefit from good population-adjusted access, high-density urban authorities, particularly in the central belt, face clear under-provision, alongside complete gaps in East Dunbartonshire and Na h-Eileanan an Siar.

Facilities are also disproportionately concentrated in more affluent communities, with the most deprived areas experiencing the lowest levels of access. Planning based on population demand rather than geographic spread alone is therefore essential, with priority given to urban centres and deprived communities where the ratio of people per facility is highest.

The review also highlights widespread quality, sustainability and accessibility challenges. Many clubs rely on leased or shared facilities, face rising indoor hire costs, limited winter availability, ageing infrastructure and heavy dependence on volunteers for maintenance.

Provision for women and girls is often inadequate, with outdated pavilions, limited access to pitches and a lack of inclusive changing facilities creating persistent barriers to participation.

Indoor provision remains a significant challenge, particularly in rural areas, while climate change, financial pressures and declining groundskeeping capacity threatens long-term sustainability.

Addressing these issues requires coordinated investment in both grassroots and performance infrastructure, including improved indoor and outdoor facilities, inclusive design, targeted support for deprived areas and consideration of a centralised high-performance hub and enhanced national venue as Scotland prepares for the 2030 Men's T20 World Cup.



Recommendations

● Inspire Women and Girls to get Involved

1. Facilities are appropriate for a changing demographic

● Embed a Culture of Equality

2. Address Geographic and Socio-Economic Inequalities
3. Scottish Cricket is open to innovation in ways to engage diverse needs and play cricket

● Develop Sustainable Success on the Pitch

4. Existing cricket facilities are supported to remain viable, sustainable and resilient to withstand the impacts of climate change
5. Clear guidance to be produced for the development or redevelopment of facilities capable of hosting both indoor and outdoor cricket.
6. World-class training, development and community engagement facilities are in place, enabling Scottish players and teams to develop the skills and performance needed to compete and win on a world stage.
7. A permanent 'Home of Scottish Cricket' is identified and developed to enable Scotland to host major international fixtures and match the standards of peer nations.

● Become a Trusted, Effective SGB

8. Cricket Scotland fosters a collaborative approach across all partners and stakeholders.

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