

GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2021/22

Position		Club Sport Convenor
Nominee:	Name:	Vivek Pandya
	Club:	Muay Thai and Squash
Nominator:	Name:	Andrew Chrumka
	Club:	Squash
Seconder:	Name:	Isla McClung
	Club:	Muay Thai



Hey there! My name is Vivek and I am running for the role of GUSA Club Sport Convenor.

Personal Experience

Over my 3 years at uni, GUSA has been a huge part of my life. Some my experiences include the following of:

- **Squash Captain (2019/20) and Treasurer (2018/19)** – During my time, the club went from strength to strength, tripling in membership, doubling the amount of training for recreational players, and setting up the Squash Outreach Program. All this amounted to winning the **GUSA Club of the Year** and the **Scottish Squash Club of the Year**, making us the best squash club in the country.
- **GUSA Welfare Team (2019/20 and 2020/21)** – Engaged in events such as ‘Broga’ and ‘500 miles for mental health’ and training to be a **GUSA Gym Buddy**.

Aims

I have had open communications with University of Glasgow Sport to discuss how club sports have been impacted by the pandemic. I have created my main aims, taking into account the impact COVID-19 will have on club sport, training times, and communication across all GUSA affiliated clubs.

Supporting Clubs

- Meet with all clubs before term starts in September and help understand exactly what each club needs to recover from the pandemic and transition back to normality. A key part of this would be to ensure that all clubs below the 15-membership requirement are supported.

Cross Club Relations and Sharing Best Practice

- Strengthen cross-club relations through the introduction of ‘**Best Practice and Skills Exchange**’ schemes. Sharing this between clubs to allow discussion around, and improvement of, different initiatives and projects committees are embarking upon, such as fundraising and outreach. With this, clubs would have the opportunity to share tips and tricks that they have used in all aspects of their club from publicity to fundraising. The ‘Skills Exchange’ would be run as an individual event. It would specifically allow clubs to share the ways in which they run sessions. Clubs can offer to help smaller clubs with the delivery of Yoga, S&C and fitness sessions.

There are some initiatives that have been started this year, that I plan to continue as well. These include:

- **Club of the Week** - Each week one club is highlighted with a brief profile on social media.
- **GUSA TV** – An initiative that started in semester 1 I would look to work alongside the Publicity Convenor to continue GUSA TV and share all the fantastic events and projects different clubs will be running.

Finally, amongst my other duties as the Club Sport Convenor, I would look to ensure a smooth running of the **Freshers Fayre**. Hopefully, come September, the Fayre will be able to run as usual. If not, I would work to ensure that the Fayre runs smoothly according to government guidelines such as exploring the options for an outdoor marquee. **If elected I will put in all my effort to make achieve aims above. Vote Vivek for #1 GUSA CLUB SPORT CONVENOR.**