

## 2024 WORLD JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS FUNDRAISER



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#### **TEAM EVENT**

- $\,\circ\,$  In 2023, Scotland Junior Women achieved top 10 finish
- $\circ$  Objective top 8 finish in 2024

#### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

 Top 100 male and top 100 female junior players in the world



#### WHY SUPPORT SQUASH?

Finally, an OLYMPIC sport



Dramatic increase in profile expected

#### **Global sport**

20 million active players worldwide

Even split of professionals across the globe:

% age of players in Top 100 in the world

Africa	25%
Americas	14%
Asia / Australasia	23%
Europe	38%

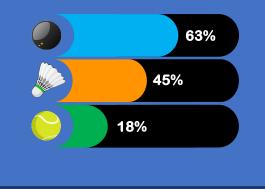
#### Rated fittest sport in the world

Study: Forbes

- 1. Squash -
- 2. Rowing
- 3. Rock climbing
- 4. Swimming
- 5. Cross-country skiing
- 6. Basketball
- 7. Cycling
- 8. Running
- 9. Modern pentathlon
- 10. Boxing

#### **Match statistics**

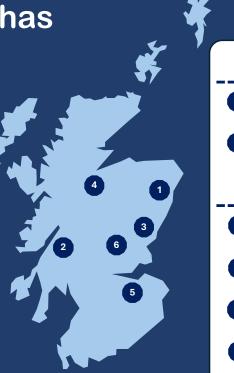
- Cover 2,500m distance
- Burn 1,000+ calories
- 171 BPM average heart rate
- 63% ball in play time:



#### WHY SUPPORT SCOTTISH JUNIOR SQUASH?

For a small country, Scotland has a very rich history at the top of the men's and women's professional game

Supporting the junior game is vital to develop the stars of the future





ALL TIME GREATS

 1 Peter Nicol, world #1 for 5 years

 2 Martin Heath, world #4

 CURRENT STARS

 3 Lisa Aitken, world #21

 4 Greg Lobban, world #19

 5 Georgia Adderley, world #34

 6 Rory Stewart, world #40

# highest ranking

## **POSITIVE IMPACT OF ACCESS TO ELITE JUNIOR EVENTS**

## Sending elite players to World Junior Championships and European Junior Championships has some clear benefits:

Elite junior events provide a transition to strong performance at senior level:

Last year as a junior	World senior ranking 2024
2020	34
2020	108
2021	261
2022	345
2023	383
	a junior 2020 2020 2021 2022

This pathway provides a strong motivation for younger junior players to train hard

Scotland attended World Junior Championships in 2022 and 2023

Sending a team every year is the LONG TERM OBJECTIVE

#### **FUNDING SUPPORT NEEDED**

Scottish Squash has numerous calls on its funding, so limited funding is available from the organisation to support junior elite competitions



Consequently, a lot of the funding burden for elite junior players falls on their families



Opportunity to compete in elite events should be based on <u>PLAYING ABILITY</u> not the family's ability to pay

£28,000 raised in 2023 to send the team to World Junior Championships in Melbourne

£12,000 fundraising goal for 2024

Corporate sponsors in 2023 ranged from £100 to £5,000

## **2024 SCOTTISH JUNIOR TEAM CAPTAINS**



#### **Robyn McAlpine**

- Club: Western Squash, Glasgow
- Age: 17, Scottish junior ranking: #1
- World women's ranking: #177



#### **Oliver Hunter**

- Club: Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire
- Age: 18
- Scottish junior ranking: #1

### THANK YOU

#### **ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

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