

# **Glasgow Ultimate 2023/2024**

## **Competitive Ultimate**

Our elite mixed squad, GUX, had a very successful 2023 season with wins in multiple tournaments and a 5th place finish at UK Nationals. This qualified the team for the European club championship finals in Wroclaw, Poland where they finished in 14th place. Training continued throughout the off-season, with weekly indoor sessions and several skills sessions hosted by the team. Increased recruitment means we are now running two competitive mixed squads this season. GUX recently won a European Spring Invite tournament in Malmo, Sweden and currently sit second in the European rankings. GUXYZ are a competitive development team with aims to compete at national level. Both teams are attending UK regionals this weekend, a qualifier for UK National championships. Glasgow Ultimate also established and hosted the first edition of the Scottish Super League this year. This off-season competition featured the top players in Scotland, mixed into different teams, to offer high level competition and training reps in the off-season.

## **Local Ultimate**

Glasgow Ultimate's main goal is to increase participation in our sport and this is driven mostly through the organisation of local events. Over the past year, we hosted Spring Fling (indoor hat tournament and ceilidh), Club Tropicana (1/2 day hat tournament at HSC) and Caledonia's Call (competitive outdoor tournament). This year we are expanding Caledonia's Call to two days and inviting teams from around the UK and Europe to attend. We also plan to run a new tournament at HSC, Hillhead Super 6s. Our incredibly popular Summer League, on Wednesday evenings at HSC, attracted more than 120 attendees and our Open Day was attended by 25 players new to our sport. In August, we ran a charity match at HSC and raised £500+ for two local charities, Maslow's and Connect Community Trust. Our links with local organisations have allowed us to continue to provide taster sessions and events for community groups, including Scouts and Glasgow disability sports club.

## **Youth Ultimate**

Our youth section continues to grow and is now training year-round. We have ~20 members and regularly split into age-group sessions. Several of our older youth players have started transitioning into playing with adult teams and have been involved in summer league and other competitions. GU hosted a GB Junior trial for Scottish players this year and four of our members have made it onto GB youth squads. 1 player is representing GB at u20 level at World Championships this year, while 3 players are representing GB at u17 level at the European championships. Through fundraising and club donations, we were able to raise £1200 to support these players. Our coaches continue to work with local schools and community groups to develop the sport around Glasgow. We ran an indoor festival in November 2023 and an outdoor event in May 2024 at Hillhead with over 100 pupils attending. We have also run countless taster sessions for schools, holiday clubs and local youth groups.

## **Committee and socials**

We have made significant changes to our committee this year, introducing new positions for diversity and inclusivity, local development and media. Thanks to the increasing number of volunteers within the club we had a very successful 2023/2024. We have been able to run a full programme of events, catering for new players up to international representatives. The committee were also able to run several social events, including our end-of-season presentation night, a GU hike, a youth Christmas night out, the Spring Fling Ceilidh and a summer barbecue. We are also looking forward to the GU reunion later this year, where we are inviting former players back to the club for a weekend of games and festivities at HSC.