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New Members of UK Sport appointed

Gerry Sutcliffe, Minister for Sport, has appointed Ian Beattie, Ged Roddy and Dominic Walsh to the Board of UK Sport to represent the interests of sport in Scotland, England and Northern Ireland respectively.

Mr Beattie and Mr Walsh are Interim Chairs of SportScotland and Sport Northern Ireland, and Mr Roddy is a Board Member of Sport England.

Background

UK Sport is the organisation charged with leading sport in the UK to world class success. Primarily this means working with partner organisations to deliver medals at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, through its World Class Performance Programme. UK Sport also takes responsibility for activities best delivered at a UK level – such as the nation's anti-doping programme; bidding for and staging major events; increasing our sporting influence and activity overseas; and promoting good conduct, ethics and diversity in sport. Established by Royal Charter in 1997, UK Sport is accountable to Parliament through the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. Employing around 70 staff based in central London, it is funded by a mix of Lottery and Exchequer funding and is responsible for managing and distributing £117 million (2007-8). Its work is directed by its Board, which meets every two months.

It is a requirement of the Royal Charter that each of the Home Country Sports Councils is represented by one of its Board Members. Traditionally the role is assumed by the Chair of each body. New permanent Chairs are expected to be appointed to SportScotland, Sport England and Sport Northern Ireland by Autumn 2008.

The current UK Sport board members are:

Sue Campbell CBE (Chair)
Nicholas Bitel
Rodney Carr OBE
Christopher Holmes MBE
Louise Martin CBE
Nigel Walker DL

Dominic Walsh (representing Sport Northern Ireland)
Philip Carling (representing the Sports Council Wales)
Ged Roddy (representing Sport England)
Ian Beattie (representing SportScotland)

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