

What a start to November!

On 3 November the 2021 Inter Services Weightlifting Championships were held at RAF Cosford and were hosted by RAF Weightlifting. This was a welcome return to an in-person event following the cancellation last year due to Covid-19. In addition, this was the very first official Inter Service Championships since weightlifting became an approved sport in the Military.

It was great to see everyone at the British Open in Bangor at the weekend where we saw the sport at it's very best. Thanks to all our volunteers, athletes and spectators who made it such a great event.

I look forward to seeing all our youth lifters at the end of the month for the British Age Groups which is being held at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate between 27 and 28 November.

Earlier this month we announced the Great Britain squad selected for the IWF World Weightlifting Championships taking place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan between 5-17 December. The event will also feature the rearranged Commonwealth Championships, so we are also pleased to announce additional athletes representing England, Scotland and Wales respectively. It's great that we have the Sport England funding to be able to support so many athletes in their journey to the Commonwealth Games. It's also positive that we also have two British officials at the event, Heather Allison as a Technical Official and Ian Oswald as speaker. I look forward to updating everyone next month on their successes.

Finally, earlier this month we announced our new strategic vision for 2021 – 2025. We have achieved fantastic success at the 2021 Olympics and Paralympics and our strategic vision for the next four years is to continue to nurture the great talent we have in our sport as well as bring new people into our community through inclusivity and innovation. Our strategy will allow us to be agile to ensure that our sport continues to grow at all levels.

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