Scottish Cyclists' Union
(SC261263)
2026 Annual General Meeting

Director of Scottish Cyclists' Union
NOMINATION FORM

Each nomination must be submitted by an affiliated Club or Association and signed by two officials. Nominations should be submitted to the Company secretary by 26 September 2026. Scottish Cycling, Glasgow International Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow G40 3HG or email: agm@scottishcycling.org.uk

Name of Club/Association: Ythan Cycle Club

Name of Nominee: Catherine Smart

Position(s) held in Club/Association, with relevant dates for each post (if applicable): Chair, October 2023 to present.

Number of years a member of Scottish/British Cycling (if applicable): 7

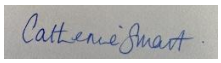
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Signature of nominee: 

Proposed by (name of official/position held in Club/Association): Lindsay Rae, Treasurer

Signature of proposer: ***Mrs Lindsay Rae***

Seconded by (name of official/position held in Club/Association): Claire Woodward, WPO

Signature of seconder: 

Please list all companies that the nominee has been a director of in the past 5 years, if applicable.

Company Name	Company Registration Number

Please list all relevant experiences/skills/education/training for the role as a director with Scottish Cycling (e.g. what would the nominee bring to the Board, reasons for wishing to volunteer etc.) **300 words maximum.**

Catherine brings proven grassroots leadership, strategic oversight, and a professional background spanning engineering and secondary education. As Chair of Ythan Cycling Club (YCC) since October 2023, she has led the group to secure Scottish Cycling's **"Club of the Year 2025"** alongside achieving record membership growth.

- **Strategic Planning & Governance:** Cath developed and implemented YCC's 3-year development plan, informed by member surveys and driven by three working groups to ensure accountable delivery. As Secretary of the Ellon Wheel Park Group, she helped plan and deliver the development in the town. Cath has steered the club through Safeguarding and Child Protection issues in 2026, requiring proportionate responses in line with SC/BC Governance guidelines.
  As PT Maths, her strategic planning developed the skills of her staff and delivered statistically significant improvement for learners.

- **Grassroots Development & Equity:** Cath initiated practical initiatives to eliminate cost barriers, including establishing a 30+ youth bike fleet, kit library, and secured funding for a fleet of first-pedal bikes to establish self-sustaining "Balance to Pedal" sessions.

- **Operational & Event Delivery:** She demonstrates operational knowledge of the sport, progressing from parent helper (2017) to qualified Coach, certified Commissaire (2025), Event Organiser and prolific volunteer. Liaising with local authorities & SC, Catherine organises fixtures including Women's Time Trials, the annual youth crit races on closed roads, and revived *The Falling Leaves Stage Race*.

- **Analytical Expertise:** This former Chemical Engineer and BP Site Water Engineer transitioned to education, using her analytical skills to transform two school faculties as PT of Mathematics. Currently Acting PT Numeracy (2026/27), driving attainment turnaround in a school under HMIE scrutiny.

Reasons for Volunteering Catherine is driven by a desire to bridge the gap between club-level realities and national strategy. She offers a proactive, solution-oriented perspective to support Scottish Cycling's growth, financial sustainability, and accessibility across all regions.

Please provide a policy statement for the nominee (i.e. what would the nominee hope to achieve in their time as a Director).
300 words maximum.

Candidate Policy Statement

As a Director with Scottish Cycling, my aim is to bridge national strategy with the everyday realities of local clubs, ensuring cycling is accessible, sustainable, and thriving across every community in Scotland. Drawing on my background as a Chemical Engineer, Principal Teacher of Mathematics, and Chair of Ythan Cycling Club, I specialise in identifying systemic challenges, building collaborative solutions, and delivering measurable results.

If elected, I will seek to support the work of the Board as required, with a possible personal focus on three core priorities:

1. **Empowering Grassroots Clubs & Volunteers:** Clubs are the lifeblood of cycling sport, but volunteer burn-out and administrative burden are real risks. I will advocate for streamlined governance, targeted resource-sharing, and practical support frameworks that help clubs recruit volunteers, grow membership, and build long-term operational resilience.
2. **Lowering Barriers to Entry & Widening Access:** Building on my experience launching youth bike and kit libraries, as well as supporting limitless adaptive cycling and school cycling clubs, I will champion equitable access. We must expand initiatives that reduce financial barriers for young riders, support women's participation, and embed inclusive pathways across all disciplines.
3. **Data-Driven Strategy & Sustainable Growth:** Good governance relies on clear evidence and accountable execution. I will bring analytical rigor to Board discussions—utilizing robust data, member feedback, and strategic oversight—to ensure resources are deployed efficiently and Scottish Cycling's long-term strategic goals are met.

I bring energy, rigorous problem-solving, and multi-faceted understanding of the sport—from local grass-roots coaching and commissairing to Scottish national-level events. I welcome the opportunity to serve the Scottish Cycling community and support its growth at every level.

Important Information

Scottish Cycling is committed to recruiting Directors solely on the basis of their ability to undertake the role for which they are being recruited and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Successful candidates will be required to declare any potential conflicts of interest in the form of a Conflict-of-Interest form.

All submitted data will be processed in accordance with Scottish Cycling's Data Protection Policy