

Scottish Powerlifting – GBPF AGM March 2016

Director for Scotland Report

I ran a GBPF Referee's Exam on the 31st October, 6 SP members sat the exam. Only 2 were successful in attaining Divisional status. I will run another exam in March 2016. We currently have 16 referees as members, but as we are running 9 competitions this year additional referees are still required to ensure the smooth running of competitions.

Hopefully the introduction of the GBPF Referees Licence for Divisional and National referees in 2016 will encourage them to be more active.

SP membership in 2015 peaked at 291, an increase of 107 over 2014. As at 23rd February 2016 membership stands at 209 which is about 50 more than the same time last year.

Drug testing took place at 3 SP competitions in 2015, a total of 15 lifters were tested, only one test was positive.

We have a full calendar planned for 2016, having re introduced District competitions, we have 9 competitions in all. We have been sourcing new and better competition venues and, after having one competition at the Ravenscraig Sports Facility, we will be using this venue for further 2016 competitions. We will also be using the Bell's Sports Centre in Perth in April.

A full SP Team were entered into the GB 4 Nations which took place in Ashington on the 24th October 2015 and finished a creditable second overall.

A Scottish team also went to the Commonwealth in Canada.

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