

2015 GBPF Chairman's Report

2015 saw the continued success of the GBPF with membership increasing to well over 2000 with attendances at National and Divisional competitions increasing.

Our National Championships in 2015 were of the highest standard due in main to the hard work of promoters and their teams.

The future of our sport looks very promising with the numbers of younger members increasing; our Junior Championships are probably our most successful.

We continue our drug testing programme under the guidance of our newly appointed DCO the Home Countries are testing at their championships, many Divisions are using their rebates to test at Divisional level.

We continue with our application for National Governing Body status. Our General Secretary and Law and Legislation Committee are working hard toward a successful application.

Our National teams represented the federation at International Championships with success, due in part to the dedication of our team coaches and managers. The new IPF Licence renewal rules mean that a number of our referees have lost their international status. This makes it more difficult to avoid having fines imposed when we attend Internationals. It is hoped in the future there will be an interest from National referees wishing to take the IPF exam.

We now have over one hundred and fifty referees, but still rely on the same few to officiate at National Championships.

I wish to thank National and Divisional Executives for their hard work in moving the sport forward and all our members for their enthusiasm. I am very optimistic for the future. Good luck and success for 2016

Fred Sterry
GBPF Chairman