The Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Association (SEMSA)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Charity Number SC046642

http://semsascotland.com/

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name

Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Association SCIO

Charity no

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Current Trustees

[redacted]

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23 June 2016. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

The management committee, which normally meets on a six-weekly basis, are the charity's trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to all members of the organisation.

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting, which is usually held in September. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of thirteen trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are to:

Promote equal opportunity in sport, by encouraging participation in a range of activities by under-represented groups, from Black / minority ethnic (BME) communities, and women and girls by challenging and tackling inequality, racism and discrimination in the field of sport.

Encourage ethnic minority communities of all ages and all protected characteristics to participate in sport, recreation and play by providing culturally sensitive sport facilities.

Encourage ethnic minority communities of all ages and all protected characteristics to achieve levels of fitness, to develop sports skills and have healthy lifestyle by organising appropriate provision of sport, recreation and play.

Promote sporting activities for ethnic minority and women and girls by organising appropriate games, competitions and events.

Achievements and Performance

SEMSA undertakes a range of activities that promote, encourage and allow activities for members of BME and women and girl to participate in sport, recreation and community cohesion.

One of our flagship projects, our on-going commitment around the United Kingdom Asian Football Championships, has been interrupted during COVID pandemic. We hope to resume this flagship and extremely successful event in the foreseeable future to keep the cross- fertilisation of skill and ability throughout the UK.

SEMSA has been running children sporting events at the Kelvin Hall and outdoors at the Kelvingrove Park, with wider participation from the BAME community. Sessions on football and badminton, tug of war, archery and other participatory sports are regular feature. Impact of these sporting events are major. This year's summer event has been affected by organising PVG certification, which is still in progress.

Noteworthy progress with longer-term sustainability has been achieved with a very strong leadership by a trustee in the fields of Badminton and Cricket. Sessions, which allow women and girls to participate in sport in surroundings conducive to their specific needs are highly successful and flagship activity of SEMSA. Ladies cricket organised Bolly Cricket and training sessions with support from Cricket Scotland. Sessions were run during the month of May at Hunters hill Sports Centre, Bishopbriggs.

Women's Community badminton Tournament was held this year on 22 June 2025. This ethnically diverse women only tournament is a first of its kind in Scotland and has been ongoing since 2017. This year ladies travelled from Isle of Skye, Dundee, Ayrshire, Perthshire and Glasgow as participants and VIP guests.

SEMSA Badminton tournament was held at the Sir Craig Badminton Centre for men, women an extra category of over 50s.This initiative is going from strength to strength in the leadership of two SEMSA trustees putting their effort, running competitive as well social club structure. Membership spans from Scotland, England, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, China, Spain, Greece, Barbados, Nigeria and Australia. This club was set up in 1989.

SEMSA also maintained their effort into special event to mark International Women's Day (IWD) March, following on from previous traditions. This initiative has very wide audience and attended by local dignitaries. Women from wider spectrum of community are invited to share their experiences and empower as well as inspire them as role models. VIP guests included [redacted] and various other role models from varied fields. SEMSA IWD is unique in being inclusive and endeavour removing isolation of BAME women.

Now regular and popular SEMSA Awards Ceremony is held annually to recognise volunteers and trendsetters from BAME community in an appropriate manner in the presence of local dignitaries from sporting field as well as wider population. Our women award winners have gone onto be part of national cricket teams and badminton teams. SEMSA Award is run by the community and for the community.

The Glasgow Life, Club Sport Glasgow, Glasgow City Council and all the sporting agencies are very supportive of SEMSA and their needs. Club Sport Glasgow has been supportive of SEMSA all throughout its existence by funding our activities through Sports Promotion Grants, General Grants and Club of the year Awards. Additionally, they advise us on various strategic issues due to their vast knowledge and experience in the sector.

SEMSA also encourages health and wellbeing ethos through active life and physical exercises as well as outdoor activities, such as hill walking, 5K, 10K and other such regular initiatives. This area has picked up great momentum lead by a trustee. Trips have been arranged to Aberfoyle, Kilpatrick Hills, Wangi Hills, Pentlands Hill and many other locations.

Overall, we believe we are meeting our core objectives by making additional efforts to encourage even more BME people to get involved in sport, thereby improving their health, wellbeing and fitness. SEMSA is challenging and tackling under-representation and inequality. In a nutshell, it also improves their physical as well as mental wellbeing, and some cases of raising the level of sporting ability to next higher level.

This year SEMSA has been awarded with Impact Award for their charitable work, which is an important achievement.

Financial review

Our main source of funding continues to be from grants and donations, including from Glasgow City Council) Area Partnership)/National Lottery/ North Lanarkshire Council/ Glasgow Life / Glasgow Sport. Sponsorship and registration dues from teams competing in the Badminton, Cricket, IWD and other activities is another major source of income. It is recognised that additional effort needs to be made to secure additional income to allow for more activities to be organised in order to better meet our main objectives. Financial report supports the fact that we are committed to charitable work as our spending and earning almost balance out.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to eventually build up reserves so that at least 3 months' worth of normal running costs is retained in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. The trustees believe that this should be possible in the next year or so and will continue to monitor the position.

Plans for future period

The trustees intend to continue to build up the funding base and expand the work of the organisation. Plans for our regular activities (the UKAFC, badminton, football, 5K and 10K events, Hill Walking, International Women's Day, junior and senior football, children's sports day) will continue, with discussions and plans in place about expanding the range of activities to be more inclusive with neurodiverse children and disability sport.

As mentioned above, the annual Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Awards, designed to recognize and celebrate the contributions made by Black / minority ethnic communities within the sporting arena have now become an annual highlight of our activity.

Also, SEMSA have received funding from the EMDF communities Award and Area Partnership Funds, which will be used to start Football Initiative for children as well as adults, with specialist professional coaching to help them obtain the highest standard of training. The planning has already been complete and we away PVG certification of the individuals involved to be certified for children and vulnerable engaged in regulatory work.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Submitted on behalf of the charity trustees.

Our recent achievments

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OSCR Scottish Charity Regulator

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	3,217				3,217	1,997
Legacies					-	
Grants		16,800			16,800	8,176
Receipts from fundraising activities		-			-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	9,206				9,206	8,622
					-	
A1 Sub total	12,423	16,800	-	-	29,223	18,795
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,423	16,800	-	-	29,223	18,795
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8,214	11,829			20,043	13,702
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination		100			100	100
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other		414			414	396
					-	
A3 Sub total	8,214	12,343	-	-	20,557	14,198
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,214	12,343	-	-	20,557	14,198
Net receipts / (payments)	4,209	4,457	-	-	8,666	4,597
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,209	4,457	-	-	8,666	4,597

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	-	9,681			9,681	4,984
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	4,209	4,457			8,666	4,597
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	4,209	14,138	-	-	18,347	9,581
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
	[redacted]		25/09/2025
			25/09/2025

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
		Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Reimbursement of expenses - R Tyagi	1	398

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Oaksminster Health	500	-			500	
PG Paper Company	500	-			500	
NLC - International Women's Day	1,000	-			1,000	
IWD - receipts	1,217	-			1,217	1,997
					-	
Total	3,217	-	-	-	3,217	1,997
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Glasgow City Council Community Area P'ship		3,000			3,000	
Global Connections		1,500			1,500	
National Lottery Main Grants		11,800			11,800	
Sporting Equals						2,000
SportScotland					500	3,000
Other smaill grants		500				3,176
Total	-	16,800			16,800	8,176
	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Membership Fees	502				502	30
Badminton Court Fees	8,284				8,284	6,625
Football Tournament Entries						-
Awards Raffle Tickets	270				270	1,967
Bank Interest Received	75				75	
Refunds & Sundry Income	75				75	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	9,206	-	-	-	9,206	8,622
	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Awards	8,214				8,214	8,057
International Women's Day Events		1,688			1,688	1,042
Badminton Court Fees and other costs		9,498			9,498	4,548
Memberships		90			90	55
General Administration Costs		549			549	-
Bank Charges		4			4	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	8,214	11,829	-	-	20,043	13,702
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.

2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to b

Signed:

[redacted]

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ACCA

Address: [redacted]

Date : **25th September 2025**

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Section B Statement of balances

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B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	-	9,891			9,891	4,894
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	4,359	4,457			8,848	4,997
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments accounts.)	4,359	14,138	-	-	18,647	9,891

Category	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

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Date of approval

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