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2026 National Summer Event Update

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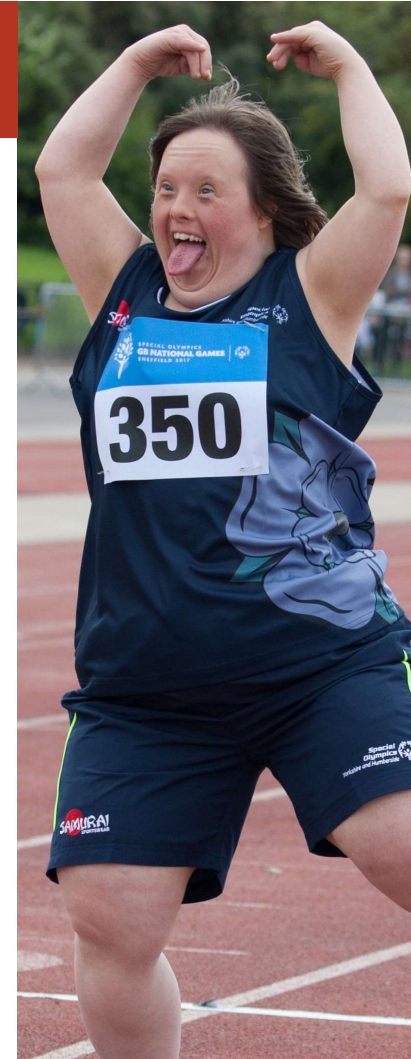
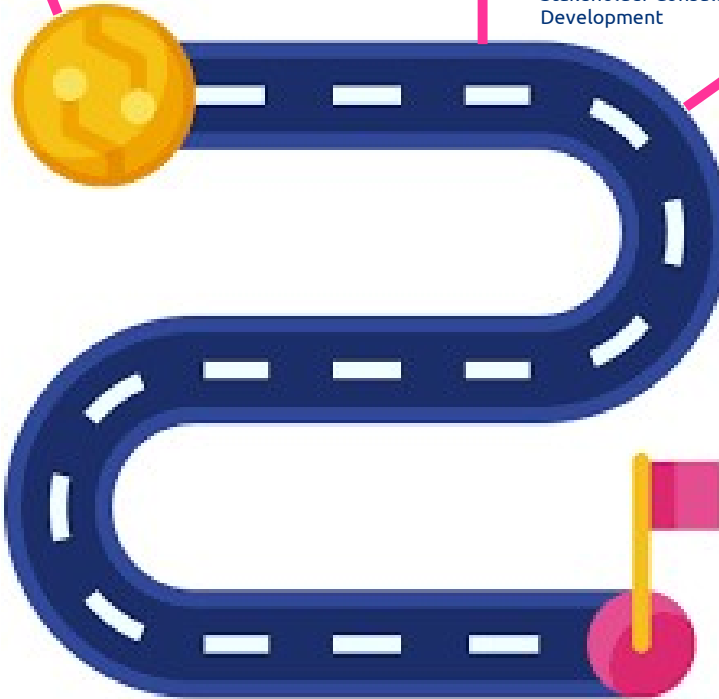
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- Outline & Specification
- Governance Framework
- Resource Requirements
- Delivery Framework
- Board Approval



Consultation Key Insights



Consultation 1 – Stakeholder wide Survey

Stakeholder Groups	Themes
Athletes	Sports & Competition
Volunteers	Event Planning & Delivery
Family Member / Athlete Supporter	Athlete Engagement
Corporate Partner / Supporter	Engagement of Family and Friends of SOGB
Staff / Board Member	

Key Insights:

- Our survey sample is driven by volunteers, athletes and their families.
- There are mixed views on the importance of being able to compete in more than one sport but there is general alignment that regional events should exist and that all competitions should take place at the same time.
- It is very important to all audiences that the event is open to all and run by skilled volunteers and officials. Most believe you should pay and in region of £10 - £50.
- Offering chances for meaningful connection between athletes is critical.
- Delivering friends and family opportunities to spectate, volunteer and engage online are important to drive impact.



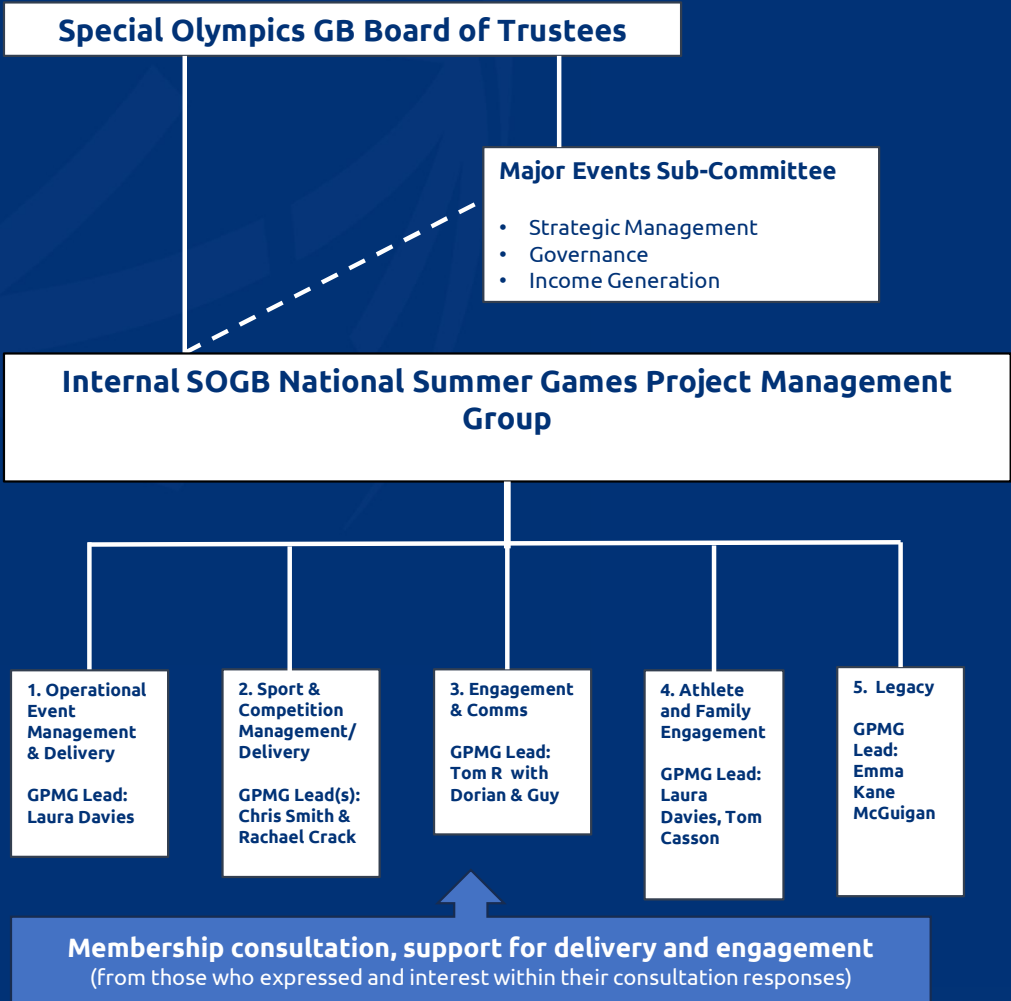
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Consultation 2 – Accredited Programme Main Contacts

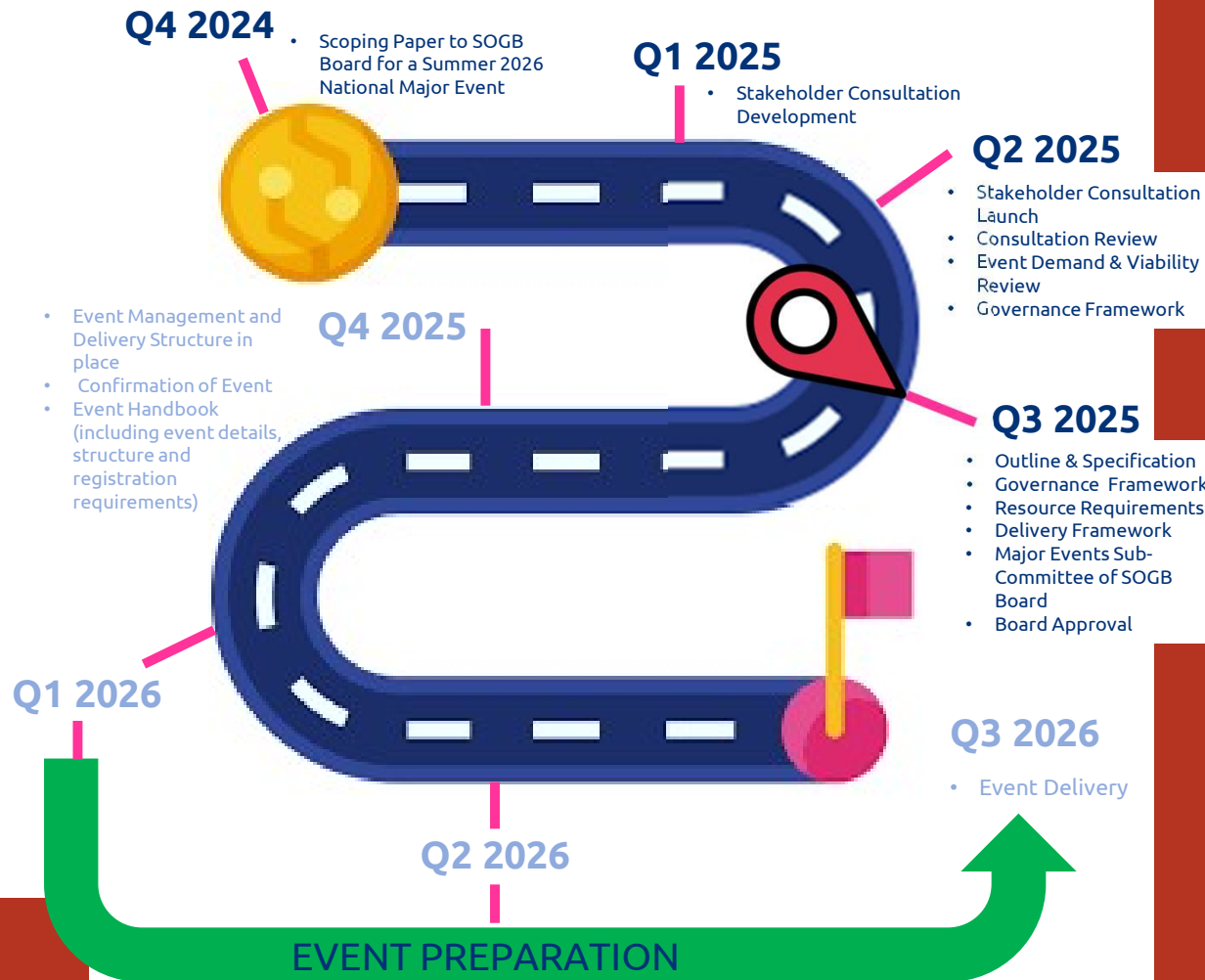
- Register of Interest for Athletes and Core Volunteers per Sport to determine demand and sport viability
- Responses from 70/87 (80%) programmes
- Highlighting interest to participate from 1670 Athlete supported by 688 core volunteers/coaches
- Each Sport rated using a scoring system indicating the demand and viability, insights used to determine priority sports for inclusion, ratings included:
 - SAM Registered Athletes / Sport
 - Registered Athletes that have noted interest for 2026
 - Number of Programmes that noted their demand / Sport
 - No. of athletes competing at a regional in 2024
 - No. of regional/national single sport comps in 2025



Event Delivery Structure



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Questions ...

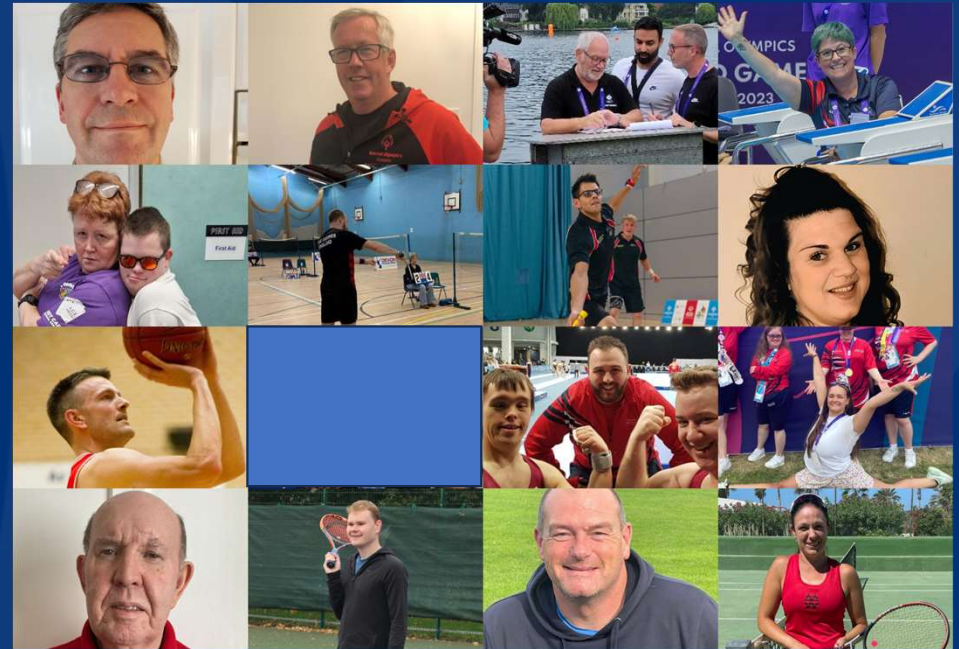
Should you have any queries, please reach out via email to Events@sogb.org.uk

National Sports Advisors

- Recruited 18 advisors across 10 sports
- Experts from grassroots sport to drive forward its competition, training and coach development programmes
- Majority SOGB volunteers with some athlete representation
- NGB connection/wider sports sector connection

What We Aim to Achieve:

- Create and deliver clear, sport-specific development plans
- Build high-quality pathways for athletes across all sports
- Consistent implementation of SO sports rules and divisioning
- Work with NGB to strengthen coach development opportunities and pathways
- Ensure the athlete voice drives meaningful change







Any questions regarding the
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