

Annual report of the Great Britain Savate Federation

April 2019 - Dec 2020



Mission: The Great Britain Savate Federation exists to promote the sport of Savate (French Boxing) in Great Britain and to promote communication and co-operation between Savate clubs.

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President's Report

This report reflects a change in the reporting end of year from April to December. With the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 all clubs stopped meeting in person and at the time of reporting few have managed to re-open in person classes and training. This report therefore covers April 2019 – December 2020, but after March 2020 club and membership fees were suspended. Despite continuing to pay insurance and international subscription fees the GBSF made a healthy profit over the extended period, due in a large part to a very successful season of Squad and Open training events, and a greater than usual profit on the Championships in May 2019.

This event saw the first British Canne de Combat Championships held alongside the Savate Assaut Championship. This was a fun and inspiring addition with excellent feedback, so it was decided to continue to run these competitions in tandem for the foreseeable future. Eight pairs of champions and vice champions were awarded medals in different senior's categories. Savate Northern Ireland meanwhile hosted a spectacular Junior Championships in 2019, awarding 10 categories of champions and vice champions, and also declaring a best overall fighter in the over and under 10 year old category. The Phil Read Trophy for best overall junior competitor went to Corey McCullogh.

The GBSF sent a team of seven athletes, two coaches and two officials to the European Championships in October 2019 in Genoa Italy, bringing home one Silver (James Southwood) and two Bronze (Morgan Alexander, George Bushaway) medals. NI Juniors Josh Smith and Morgan Sandeman were selected to represent Britain at the Junior Assaut Championship in Budapest Nov 2019, and also did their coaches proud.

On 4th August 2019 Richard Aguenihnai, top French Combat coach, returned to the GBSF for a very memorable seminar in Woking Olympic Boxing Club. London, Brighton and Northern Ireland also held well attended and successful Open events in this period.

It seems worth mentioning that a number of long-standing GBSF officers have decided to step down at the end of this period due to other commitments. Jasbir Nagi, Sian-Marie Frosini, Laura Gilbert and Jon West will not be standing for election this year after between six and ten years of service to the GBSF in senior posts. The committee thanks them for their hard work and dedication over the years and looks forward to an exciting new direction for the GBSF.

Laura Gilbert, Jan 2021

Director of Teams and Competitions

2019 saw the GBSF hold four well-attended squad training events at a number of venues. We were fortunate enough to include in this program a full-day seminar instructed by fantastic French team coach Richard Aguenihnai, which was an eagerly awaited return after his inspiring squad seminar back in 2013. This was hosted at Woking Boxing Club at their brilliant Olympic training camp venue with its mixture of rings, bags, a gym area and open floor space and was open to other experienced GBSF competitors. The hall was packed and I think it's fair to say everyone enjoyed the day and took a lot from it. Another squad event of note was held at Locker 27's gym and after a well-attended Savate session the Locker27 staff took us for an hour of their tough Hybrid Conditioning training.

In addition to benefits for attendees, Squad and open training events at well-attended and well-priced venues give GBSF a valuable revenue stream. Squad and open training events in 2019 generated a profit of £680.

The 2019 GBSF British Championships for savate assaut and canne de combat seniors were held at long-time venue Broadwater School and as usual provided a packed day of fights with many fantastic performances. Fun was had by all and the event generated a greater than usual profit of £180. Squad training, national and international event performances plus discussions with club coaches gave the DEN and his team the opportunity to select the best available GB national team.

2019's European Assaut Championships saw a team of seven GB fighters (James Southwood M<80, James Antill M<75, James Plaistowe M<65, Peter Walsh M<60, George Bushaway M<56, Morgan Alexander F<70, Laura Gilbert F<65), two coaches and two officials travelling to Genoa for the European Assaut Championships (accompanied by a few GB supporters!). All fighters did us proud with notable performances and fighting spirit shown by our newer team members, especially Pete Walsh who put on an impressive performance in his debut international championship and clearly has a bright future ahead of him. Experienced campaigners James Southwood winning silver and, Morgan Alexander and George Bushaway achieving bronze. Thanks go to our highly qualified and dedicated officials Jasbir Nagi and

Delphine Fremondeau. Alain Jean-Baptiste was joined by Martin O'Malley, President of Irish Savate, as the coaching team for this competition.

The 2020 year started well with four squad training events planned, the first of which was held at King's College Guildford where we welcomed new squad members from Brighton, Birmingham, Cambridge and Guildford. It's fantastic to have fresh blood coming into the squad! Our second squad event was hosted by Savate Cambridge. A range of instructors meant attendees were taught a boxing session by Alain Jean-Baptiste, savate skills by James Antill and we topped it off with challenging fitness session by Morgan Alexander. The global Covid-19 pandemic unfortunately put a hold on further events of 2020 but hopefully we'll be back at it and continuing our great progress in 2021.

James Antill, Jan 2021

Director of Arbitrage

We sent GBSF officials to a number of major international events. These officials worked with the global Savate community, helping bring FISav-level arbitration to those competitions.

1 June 2019 - Friendly competition in Paris
25 - 27 July 2019, World Youth championships, Budapest
2 - 7 Sept 2019, World Masterships, South Korea
11 - 12 Oct 2019, European Assaut Championships, Italy

As always, GBSF members, friends and family worked hard at our domestic competitions, helping us run the rings and competition at a safe level, and according to FISav rules. They have my gratitude for doing an important and hard job that sometimes appears invisible behind the scenes.

During that hard work, we were able to fit in some Arbitrage training, and qualified 15 new judges at the Northern Ireland Open on 9 August.

The onset of Covid meant that all competitions from March 2020 were postponed or cancelled.

Jasbir Nagi, Jan 2021

Director of Technique

GBSF clubs, with central GBSF support, arranged a number of gradings, including issuing 3 grading examiner qualifications and 43 grading certificates. The onset of covid has slowed things down substantially. Whilst difficult, training within social bubbles, and grading at social distance etc has meant that some clubs have still been able to perform gradings in these difficult times, whilst following government guidelines. This is a testament to the drive and efforts of those clubs.

30 June 2019 London Grading:
2 qualifications on grading examiners
3 Green
3 Blue

3 Nov 2019 Hampshire Grading:
2 Green

17/18 Jan 2020 Northern Ireland Grading:
1 qualification on grading examiner
5 Blue certificates issued
11 Green certificates issued
2 Red certificates issued

29 Feb 2020 Brighton Grading:
10 Blue certificates issued

12 Dec 2020 Northern Ireland Grading:
2 Green certificates issued
3 Blue certificates issued

I would like to thank all of clubs who organised the above events and commend the students and instructors on their hard work and achievements.

Jasbir Nagi, Jan 2021

Report of the Director of Juniors

We held the 2019 British Junior Championships at the end of March with 113 junior fighters taking part. In the 2nd week of April we held our first squad training, with the top 3 fighters in each relevant category (over 13s, as defined by FISav) from the British Championships. A large number of under 13 year olds are also interested in competing going forward. Following discussions with other heads of European clubs, we wish to promote the idea of an under 13s competition.

Morgan Sandeman and Lee Cutis were chosen to compete for Team GB in the Junior European Assaut Championships. Corey Mc Cullough, who won a British title, also entered the competition for Ireland as he is an Irish passport holder. All three fighters trained together for the competition. Morgan and Lee fought very well at the championships, and gained vital experience of what is expected at international level. Corey Mc Cullough won silver for Ireland. I was very proud of all of them.

During this period we took steps to introduce three new Martial Arts Groups within NI to Savate Assaut for Juniors. We also created a new junior grading syllabus which Savate

Northern Ireland has used to promote the understanding and martial arts benefits of training Savate.

In March 2020 we held the British Junior Championships alongside the (seniors) Northern Ireland Open. 130 Juniors registered to compete largely from Brighton, Birmingham and Northern Ireland. Sadly this marked the end of the competitive season for 2020 due to the pandemic. We are looking forward to engaging in many more local, national and international competitions as well as further promoting Savate to juniors as soon as things get back to normal after Covid.

Joe Ferris, Jan 2021

Report of the Head of Associated Disciplines

This has been a mixed period. A small but dedicated group of Cannists continues to train with now the more permanent additions of Moniteur Nicole Holzmann as well as Thomas Horstmeyer.

May 2019 saw the first British Canne de Combat Championships with competitors from Cambridge, London and Guilford.

Training has continued as well as possible through Covid lockdowns with appropriately distanced classes.

I look forward to seeing how Canne de Combat develops in the future under a new DDA, and continuing to support the art I love.

Jon West, Jan 2021

Membership report

Although this report covers April 2019 – December 2020, the freeze on requiring membership renewal due to UK restrictions means that there is no duplication of members in the numbers.

Another modest annual increase in membership numbers, with more than half (55%) of the membership now made up of juniors.

Club	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020
Birmingham	10	-	-	6	12
Brighton Savate	-	14	5	21	26
CAMA	17	Became Savate Cambridge			
CUSCS	11				
Savate Cambridge	-	17	10	0	26
City Combat	9	48	11	11	7
Dorset	-	5	2	-	-
Guildford	6	4	0	10	13
Hampshire	-	-	-	4	3
London	130	144	50	56	48
Malvern	-	-	8	-	-
NI	-	46	38	81	108
Oxford	13	14	14	9	-
Savate Scotland	18	2	1	0	0
Independent	-	1	0	0	0
Total	214	294	139	198	235

Siân-Marie Frosini, Jan 2021

Accounts

These accounts reflect an extended reporting period (April 2019 – December 2020) to mirror the change to a calendar reporting year. Due to the UK entering lockdown in March 2020, agreement was made to suspend club and membership renewal fees (as would be usual from Apr 2020 onwards) until a later time.

This period shows a good profit. Outgoings slightly increased from last year, mainly due to a double payment to the SRA, considering the longer reporting period. A £700 increase in income, almost all attributable to high income events including 4 Squad training and 1 Open training plus a more profitable British Championships, has helped to keep the GBSF strong in this extraordinary year.

This year also saw the voting in of a Treasurer's fund, to allow GBSF members to apply for funding for projects through the AGM, with budget set by the Executive Committee and Treasurer. It was paused for now, due to the uncertainty in GBSF income likely to follow in the coming year. Nevertheless, it is an exciting development to bring in once finances

stabilise once again.

Great Britain Savate Federation: Accounts 5th April 2019 – 31st December 2020

Federal Income

individual membership fees	938
club fees	324
initiateur fees	125
TOTAL	1387

Grading Income

Hampshire Apr 2019	30
London Jun 2019	57.8
Northern Ireland Jan 2020	175
Brighton Feb 2020	100
TOTAL	362.80

Income from events

Squad & Open training Apr 2019	242.68
British Senior Championships 2019	165.89
Richard Aguenihnai Aug 2019	110.23
Squad Hybrid Aug 2019	18.76
Squad Jan 2020	180
Squad Mar 2020	130
TOTAL	847.56

Misc Income

Officials Shirts	9
TOTAL	9

Main Outgoings

Sports and Recreation Alliance 2019	216
Martialguard 2020	737.42
FISav 2020	509.71
Sports and Recreation Alliance 2020	216
TOTAL	1,679.13

Misc Outgoings

1&1 web payments	287.56
Certificates	48.87
TOTAL	336.43

TOTAL INCOMINGS	2606.36
TOTAL OUTGOING	2015.56

Affiliation fees breakdown

City Combat	36
London Savate	36
Savate Scotland	36
Savate Cambridge	36
Guildford Savate	36
Brighton Savate	36
Northern Ireland Savate	36
Birmingham Savate	36
Hampshire Savate	36

License fees breakdown

City Combat	35
London Savate	240
Savate Scotland	0
Savate Cambridge	94
Guildford Savate	54
Northern Ireland Savate	360
Birmingham Savate	40
Brighton Savate	100
Hampshire Savate	15

Surplus/Deficit for Apr 2019 - Dec 2020	590.8
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Siân-Marie Frosini, Jan 2021