



# SSC Eindhoven renovation and remodelling

An explanation for student  
sports associations

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# 1. Introduction

Dear board members,

As you know, the renovation and extension of the Student Sports Centre Eindhoven (SSCE) is currently in full swing. This whole process has a large impact on the student sports associations (SSAs) in many different aspects. As the ESSF, we are often your contact point for SSCE related topics. Also regarding the renovation we want to be there for you all in the best way we can.

If you have problems or questions regarding the renovations, we want to make sure that these are addressed as soon as soon as possible. So don't hesitate to walk in to the office of or send an e-mail to Peter Geurts, the general facilities manager of the SSCE. He has most knowledge regarding the whole process. His email address is [p.geurts@tue.nl](mailto:p.geurts@tue.nl). Of course, the ESSF is also there for you to be of help wherever needed. So also regarding this topic, you can ask us questions.

The following document was made as a short guide regarding what you can expect as board members and how the renovation will impact the SSAs. We hope this will help you and your members to have a clear understanding of the upcoming year. We decided to make this, as not all SSA board members were able to attend the information evening in June 2023, because of availability or language barrier, and because most SSA boards will switch in the fall of 2023 and the upcoming board members should also be able to know what to expect.

With sportive regards,

On behalf of the ESSF,

Liora Moffie. Secretary of the 60<sup>th</sup> board of the ESSF

## 2. Background of the renovation/extension

In the last 10 years, the student population in Eindhoven has increased significantly. This has resulted in an overall lack in capacity of the SSCE and as a result of that quality issues are now also occurring.

The following are the main issues, which the SSCE wanted to tackle by having a renovation and extension:

- A lack of space for fitness users
- A lack of space for associations
- Low quality of space for SSCE classes
- A lack in capacity for food and beverages
- Logistical issues
- A lack of space for dressing rooms swimming pool
- A lack of storage space

Unfortunately, the latter two will not be addressed in this renovation as this would have increased the costs significantly. Hopefully, these can be addressed in the future.

## 3. Intended end result

In the following picture, you can see what the new SSCE will look like.



### 3.1 Extension north

The most noticeable part of the extension is the new fitness. This will result in an enlarged capacity to 1140 m<sup>2</sup>. The current Fitness 3 will be turned into a group class studio.

There will also be new facilities. These are:

- A hall for body and mind
- A new room for the physiotherapist
- A new space for the technical service help
- 4 large changing rooms

After the remodeling of the SSCE, the internal logistics like walkways should be improved. This will be explained more thoroughly in a future chapter. These logistical changes result in that the current dojo will cease to exist and a new dojo will be built.



### 3.2 Use of space

Because of the large fitness area and the new spaces for group classes and body and mind, sports hall 1, 2, 3 will again be mainly available for sports like volleyball and basketball as is their original purpose. Also the gymnasium and dojo will have more availability. This will help with the lack of space for associations in the timetable of the SSCE. Sports like boxing will be placed in either the gymnasium, the group lesson studio or the dojo.

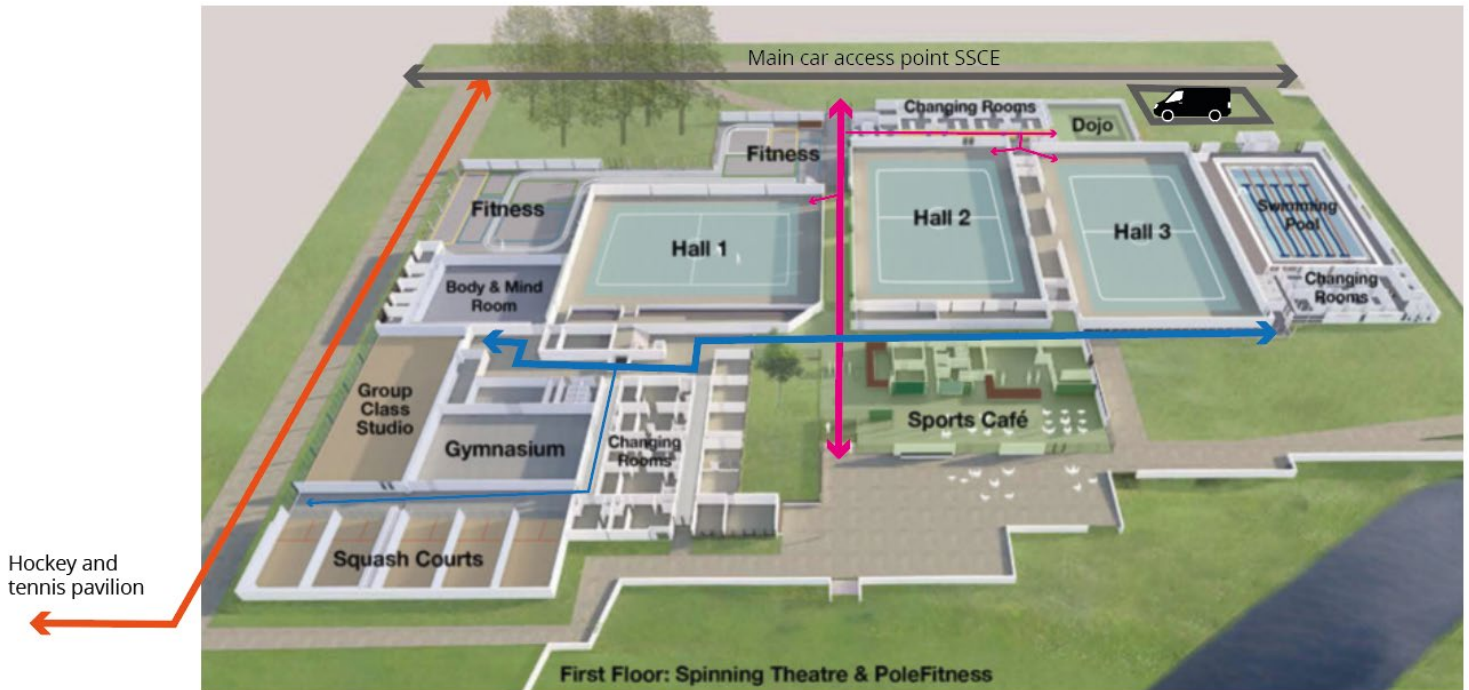
### 3.3 Routing and accessibility

Currently, the routing of the SSCE is quite intricate with many corners, which makes it quite unclear. This will be changed in the following way: Two axis will be created, one in the south-north direction and one in the east-west direction.

The south-north axis is created by placing the entrance of the SSCE slightly to the east, after which a walkway is created along where now the technical services are situated. This axis will go all the way to an emergency exit on the north side in between the newly extended fitness area and newly built dressing rooms. These dressing rooms are situated here, as the main entrance of hall 1, 2 and 3 will be along the north side.

The east-west axis stays fairly the same as it already is, leading from the swimming pool to the hallways with offices, dressing rooms and the sports facilities in the west like the squash halls or the gymnasium.

Because of the extension on the north-west side, the car entrance on the north side will be changed slightly which will create one large straight car route next to the SSCE which shall be used to access the wharf (dutch: "de werf"), but also will be used by the beer truck for the tennis and hockey pavilion and in case of emergencies at the pavilion. The SSCE vans will have their place between the new dojo and the swimming pool.



### 3.4 First floor

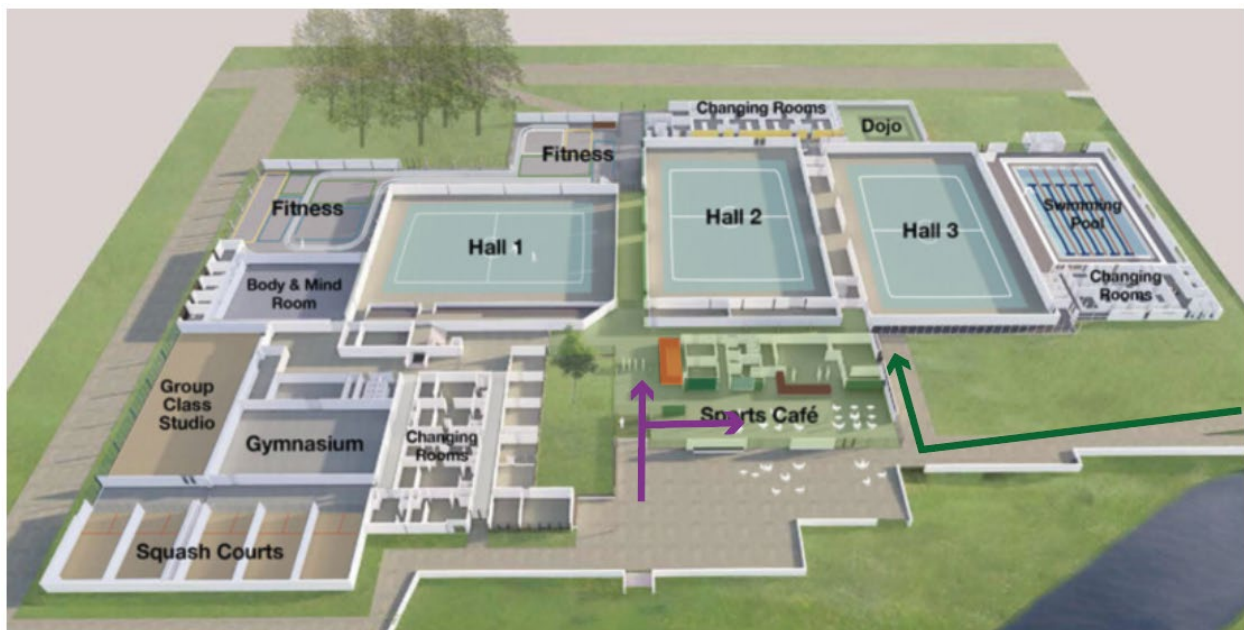
The fitness will be centralised and thus the areas on the first floor will cease to exist. These areas will be transformed into the spinning theatre and the pole fitness studio. On the first floor there will also be a small room for the employees of the SSCE. A new conference room will be in what is currently the spinning studio.



### 3.5 Remodelling southside and sports café

As was mentioned, the main entrance of the SSCE will be moved and altered. After entering, one can go into two directions: straight on towards the sports facilities or to the right to the sports café. As you go straight, you will pass the new front desk with gates next to it. As these gates are now not at the front entrance, the sports café can be easily accessed without showing a sports card.

The sports café itself will also be remodelled. It will be extended to the south, to create more space, both inside and outside. Outside more space will be created by having a car fee zone. The supply deliverers will stop at the east side of the sports café, where the kitchen is situated. Because of the remodelling of the sports café, the dressing rooms at the east side (excluding the ones at the swimming pool), will be removed. They are replaced by the new dressing rooms on the north side.



### 3.6 Atmosphere and climate

After the renovation and remodelling of the SSCE, the SSCE should be able to be “future proof”: both in terms of capacity but also in terms of the interior look and feel, as well as sustainability the SSCE will stay looking good and not outdated for a long time.

By changing the interior colours and materials a warmer and more modern environment is created in the SSCE. Especially the sports café will be more “gezellig” as we would say in Dutch.

The SSCE will be a building focused more on sustainability mainly by introducing a renewed heating/cooling system and improving the insulation of the façade, as for example a lot of single paned windows can be found in the façades of the SSCE.

Outside of the SSCE, wadis will be added for collecting water from the roof of the SSCE.

### **3.7 Outside terrain**

Besides the SSCE and its immediate surroundings, changes will also be made on the adjacent territories.

Plans are that the bike parking near the bridge over the Dommel on the west side of the SSCE will be extended. However, this will be tackled by the TU/e and not by the SSCE, so when this will be done is not clear.

The other adjacent territories which will be changed are the tennis fields and the second hockey field. The tennis fields will become smash courts and the hockey field will be transformed into a water field. For sustainability reasons, the water used to spray this field will primarily be stored rainwater.

## **4. Planning**

The whole process is split up in different phases: phase 1 was finished in December 2022. This phase was mainly preparation for the upcoming phases. Phase 2 is planned to be finished in August 2023, before the introduction week of the TU/e. This phase also includes the renovation of the hockey and tennis fields, which were described earlier.

After the third phase, which will be done in partial phases, the SSCE should be finished in the summer of 2024. An important partial phase is the one which will be finished in March 2024. Then the new studio for group lessons will start to be used.

Lastly, the current dojo, pole fitness studio and spinning theatre will be demolished to create the new north-south corridor.

## **5. Consequences and disturbances**

Unfortunately, the whole process will have some consequences and will create some quite some Inconveniences. However, we are confident that the core sports program itself will suffer next to no inconveniences at all.

### **5.1 Accommodations and sports cafe**

Hall 3 and the boulder wall are unavailable until the summer of 2023, because of the new air installation.



The sports café will not be available from the end of July 2023 till the summer of 2024. As a substitute, there is a pop-up café from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July until the end of December of 2023, situated in the area of the ESSF office and the lockers. The ESSF office is temporarily moved to the association room on the second floor. The office will return to its original space in January 2023. This means that there will be no place for food and beverages at the SSCE itself between January and April 2024. The tennis and hockey pavilion will also be available between September 2023 and April 2024 for food and beverages for all sports card holders and guests of the SSCE.

Because of the pop-up café, a large part of the lockers and all of the mail boxes of the SSAs are taken away. After the renovation, there will be new modern lockers in a different location. The mail boxes will not return. SSAs can retrieve their mail at the front desk of the SSCE.

The extension of the sports café also results in the dressing rooms on the east side to be closed after the introduction week of the TU/e. This means that for a prolonged period there will be significantly less dressing rooms and everyone is advised to shower or change clothing as much as possible at home. **For competitions, please inform opponents and referees about this as well!**

## **5.2 Time table, tournaments and events**

During the whole process, the time table of the SSCE will also be changed. Mainly, there will be a time table before January 2024 and one after January 2024. Especially in the second half there will be a lot of disturbances, especially when organising events like tournaments.

In the period between January and April 2024, the capacity of participants for tournaments is limited. This is mainly because of the limited dressing rooms, toilets and showers. Participants are able to sleep at the SSCE, but the SSCE advises SSAs to keep their tournament national instead of international or look into alternative dates after April 2024. The maximum amount of participants for a tournament should be discussed with Joyce Schonenburg, head of events at the SSCE.

Because the sports café is not available, parties cannot be held at the SSCE. Having food for tournaments is partially possible at the SSCE. Because of limited possibilities in terms of cooling and heating, breakfast and lunch at the SSCE can be done by using caterers. Having dinner at the SSCE is not possible.

External events (so hosted by non-SSA, non-SSCE external organisers) are not possible in the season 2023-2024. Also the tennis and hockey pavilion cannot be rented for meetings. For more questions about tournaments or events, do not hesitate to ask Peter Geurts or Joyce Schonenburg.