

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Tayside, Fife & Central – August 2023

DBA Summer Camps

The DBA Summer Camps held in the last week of July were a great success. Both camps were fully booked, and both beginners and club juniors were catered for with experienced DBA coaches leading the sessions.

Due to the success of the camps the DBA have booked in an Autumn camp which will take place in 2nd week of Fife school holidays.

Great Partnership Working

Badminton Scotland in partnership with Dunfermline Badminton Association (DBA), and the Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council (DWFSC), have put together a fantastic program of free coaching in schools in the area. DWFSC are providing the funding, DBA are providing the coaches and Badminton Scotland are organizing the program.

Each school will be entitled to 3 free sessions on a first come, first served basis. In March 2024 the schools who participated in the coaching program will be invited to send a team to the DWFSC Badminton Festival.

All schools will be sent out information on local clubs, community use sessions and local competitions that their children can enter.

It is hoped some of the participants will work with their local ASC to run lunchtime/after school clubs in their areas.

Glenearn BC

The women only doubles ladder organized by Kirsten & Ross from Glenearn BC and supported by Badminton Scotland was a great success. Ross did a fantastic job ensuring everyone was placed in the correct ladder, and the matches were all keenly contested.



Most of the women taking part were from clubs in Perth, Fife & Dundee, but others didn't play for a club and had just seen the advert.

The feedback from the competitors was fantastic, not only do they want this event to run every year, but if possible, twice yearly.



Falkirk

In partnership with Falkirk Active Schools, Badminton Scotland delivered a Badminton Basics course to young people at the Polmont Sports Centre.

AS had identified their session coaches and senior pupils who had potential as coaches to attend the badminton session.

Partnership with Scottish Disability Sport & NHS

Badminton Scotland worked with Graeme Doig from SDS and the pediatric physiotherapists at Perth Royal Infirmary and Ninewells Hospital in Dundee to offer 2 badminton taster sessions for children with physical disabilities.

One of the sessions was held at Perth College and the other at Dundee & Angus College Gardyne Campus. Both sessions involved children using adaptive equipment having fun trying out badminton skills. Some of the children were in wheelchairs and some were ambulant but they all had a great experience.

Their parents and guardians were given information on disability sessions they could attend in Perth & Dundee if they want to play more badminton.

Dundee

The Level 1 course taking place in Ward Road Gym, Dundee has proved popular with the course fully booked.

Discussions are ongoing between Morgan Academy ASC, Badminton Scotland and Amina (MWRC) about starting up girls only badminton sessions and course for Muslim girls at the school. After the success of partnership between Amina and Badminton Scotland we hope to reach out through primary schools to younger members of the community.