

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Tayside, Fife & Central: December 2023

Great Partnership Working

Badminton Scotland has again been working with Amina MWRC in Dundee delivering a Badminton Basics course to young Muslim women. Amina advertised the course through their contacts at Dundee and Abertay Universities.

The second part of the course takes place in January and the women are looking forward to sharing their badminton skills with younger members of their community.

The Menzieshill Community Hub where the course is taking place also runs a weekly badminton session for women from the BME community. Badminton Scotland in partnership with Amina is running a badminton ladder competition for BME women in Dundee in May 2024.



Teacher CPD

Working in partnership with Angus Active Schools and Dundee & Angus College, Badminton Scotland delivered a primary CPD session in Timmergreens Primary in Arbroath.

The participants were primary teachers, classroom assistants, parent volunteers and students from the college doing sport coaching.

The Active Schools Co-ordinator, Iain Stewart, will give the students placements in his cluster delivering badminton taster sessions in the new year. This will culminate in a badminton festival for all schools where badminton is being delivered either by students or teachers.



New Opportunities

Fife

Disability Sport Fife (SCIO) and Badminton Scotland have put in a joint funding bid to Dunfermline Carnegie Trust to help cover the costs of the new racket sessions starting on 5th February in Dunfermline.

The aim is to support young people & adults with physical, sensory & learning disabilities to overcome barriers to participation in sports and physical activity, reduce social isolation, increase physical health and well-being, and improve mental health.

Through engagement with local clubs we hope to create sustainable weekly sessions, and, supported by a dedicated team of qualified coaches and volunteers, support individuals to access mainstream opportunities.

In the North East of Fife there is lots of badminton activity going on in schools. Thanks to funding from East Fife Sports Council, coaches from NEFBA Jaguars have been running taster sessions in local rural primary schools. This has resulted in a new community club, a satellite of NEFBA, opening up in Newport to cater for the children who have shown an interest in playing more badminton.

NEFBA coaches are also going to be working with Waid Academy (Anstruther) ASC to offer 3 free taster sessions in the cluster primary schools. They hope to start a community club in Waid sometime in the Spring. Lewis & Liz from NEFBA Jaguars are driving this initiative, with support from Active Schools & Badminton Scotland.

Dundee

Dundee Dragons Wheelchair Sports Club have recently appointed a new club co-ordinator, Gary Nisbet, and Badminton Scotland are looking forward to working closely with Gary to provide more badminton opportunities for their members.

Badminton is now one of the most popular sports within the club and members take part in Para events not only in Scotland but Europe as well.

There are two Dundee Dragons in the BS National Development Squad.

If you want to know of upcoming activity in your area, or advice/help organising an upcoming event? Please get in touch via jane@badmintonscotland.org.uk