

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Tayside, Fife & Central: October 2023

Great Partnership Working

The Perth & Kinross Disability Badminton event was a great success with over 50 entrants from all over Scotland. The event, which is a partnership between Perth & Kinross Disability Group, Badminton Scotland and Glenearn BC, started in 2019, and numbers have grown every year.

Graeme Doig, PKDG Chair, ran the event with his usual professionalism, with help from BS RDO and fantastic volunteers from Glenearn & Crieff BC.



It was great to see some new faces in the physical disability & LD sections. The feedback from players & supporters was very positive and next year's event is already in the calendar, on Saturday 9th November 2024.



Badminton Associations

The Dunfermline Badminton Association ran their 2nd Club Challenge event on Saturday 18th November. In total 6 clubs took part with 2 of them fielding 1st & 2nd teams. The clubs involved were Wing, Carnegie, NEFBA Jaguars, Kinghorn, Glenearn & Randoms.

Each match consisted of 9 rubbers, with a mixture of men's & ladies doubles followed by mixed doubles.

The feedback was very positive from all taking part and the 3rd Club Challenge will take place on 10th February 2024.



Dundee Area Badminton Association (DABA) ran one of their popular Adult Ladder events on Sunday 26th November at the Dundee International Sports Centre (DISC).

The event is open to all combination of pairs, mens, womens or a mixed pair. Juniors U/16 can enter but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Teacher CPD

Badminton Scotland were asked to deliver 2 badminton sessions at the Perth & Kinross Education Inset Training Day. PE staff who work in primary & secondary schools all over Perthshire were looking for new ideas on how to deliver badminton.

Both sessions were a success with the first covering primary age children and focusing on the fundamentals and fun games. The second was focused on higher certification badminton and covered progression of skills. Over the 2 sessions over 40 teachers took part in the skills & drills.

It was a great opportunity to speak to the teachers and highlight the great resources BS provides for affiliated schools.



New Opportunities

Fife

On the back of partnership working between Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council, Dunfermline Badminton Association, Active Schools & BS a new junior session will be starting up in Kelty Community Centre in January.

Coaches from DBA, funded by DWFSC, will run taster sessions in the 2 local primaries in Kelty during school time. The children will be signposted to the new session in the local centre which will run after school.

BS and Queen Anne HS Community Use are working together to introduce a new primary age badminton session on Mondays evenings. This would be for P4-P7 age group and the children would be signposted to the session by DBA coaches who are running taster sessions in the local primary schools.

During both the new junior sessions coaches will be able to talent spot children who would benefit from extra coaching. They will be invited to either Orion or Wing BC for extra tuition.

The DBA & QAHS Community Use are working together to start a new beginner adult badminton session later the same evening. Adults would be signposted to the Wing Adult Club which is a social, participation club which plays at the same venue.

BS and Disability Sport Fife are working in partnership to start up a rackets session in Dunfermline in February 2024 for adults with additional support needs.

The sessions will be held in Carnegie Leisure Centre on a week day morning and participants will be given the opportunity to play badminton as well as other racket sports. It is hoped funding will be provided by Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council and BS to cover court and coach costs.

Dundee

BS were invited by Dundee Active Schools Manager to be part of a new project tackling alcohol and drug misuse by teenagers in Dundee.

In partnership with Dundee Nomads BC we will be working with some of their young players who attend Baldrigon & St Paul's Secondary Schools in Dundee. These young people who are in S5/6 will be trained up to deliver badminton sessions to S1 pupils straight after school. These pupils and their families will be invited along to the Nomads family badminton night on Friday evenings in a local primary school.



Active Schools will be providing support & training opportunities for the young leaders who are involved with the project.

BS National & Development Para Squads

Members of the BS National & Development Para Badminton Squads had extra training sessions organised at Queen Anne HS, Dunfermline in the lead up to the UK Para Badminton Championships in Glasgow.

Top juniors in the area were brought in as sparring partners to really push the players before the big event. The feedback from these extra sessions was really positive and we hope to introduce more of this in the coming months.

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