

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Tayside, Fife & Central: October 2023

Partnership with Scottish Disability Sport & Dundee Leisure & Culture

The Discovery Games Disability Badminton event was a great success with entrants doubled from last year. There were 3 physical disability sections and 3 LD sections. Competitors travelled from all over Scotland to compete, the furthest being Dumfries & Galloway. The BS National Para & LD squad players were winners in 5 out of the 6 events.

It was great to see some new faces competing for the first time. It was also a chance to spot new talent and at least one competitor has been invited to join the BS Para. Development Squad.

The next disability event is the Perth & Kinross Disability Badminton Open which takes place on Saturday 11th November at Perth College. Glenearn BC will again be providing volunteers for this popular event which will be run by Graeme Doig, PKDG Chair, and Badminton Scotland.



Great Partnership Working

NEFBA Jaguars BC have received £2000 from the East Fife Sports Council to run free taster sessions in North & East Fife. The sessions will be organized with the help of the Active Schools teams in the area. Club coach Lewis Hann will deliver the taster sessions.

The first sessions will be rolled out to Madras College feeder primary schools. There will be a cluster badminton session held at Madras and students from St Andrews University BC will run these sessions. These sessions will be free of charge to allow every child to participate.

The university will also run badminton sessions at the university sports centre for children from all over East Fife who might be interested in more badminton. Children who show promise will be invited along to NEFBA Jaguars which is a BS Pathway Club and they will receive more advanced coaching.

This partnership between BS, local badminton club, Active Schools and university means children have a great pathway into and upwards in the sport.

Falkirk

The Disability Inclusion session with Falkirk Active Schools was well received. There were a mixture of teachers, coaches and volunteers attending and they left feeling they had picked up some useful information which they would be able to use in their sessions.

Of particular interest were the badminton activity cards which were developed by BS and a specialist teacher who works with children with complex additional support needs. These cards help the children know which badminton activity they are taking part in.

Kirsty Flockhart, the BS National Para Badminton Coach, explained the different categories in Para events and the opportunities available to young people with a disability.

Badminton Associations

The Dunfermline Badminton Association are running their 2nd junior ladder event on 28th October. These are run every month between September & March. They provide juniors of all standards the opportunity to play friendly, competitive matches against players of similar standard. At the end of the season there is a trophy for best male & female player.

The DBA have also organized their 2nd Club Challenge event which takes place on Saturday 18th November. Clubs from Fife & Perth will play level & mixed doubles matches against each other, with teams consisting of 4 men and 2 women.

Gie it Laldy

Badminton Scotland were involved with the Perth & Kinross Active Schools & Live Active Sport Development staff initiative to encourage teenage school girls who don't take part in any sport to have a go at a few different sports during a school day. Over 200 girls from the Perth & Kinross area took part in sports ranging from badminton to parkour to water sports in different venues throughout Perth.

The badminton sessions were held in Bells Sports Centre with sports leaders from local high schools helping the coach deliver the sessions. The feedback from the girls who chose badminton was very positive and Active Schools are looking to start some badminton sessions at lunchtime for the girls who took part.

Teacher CPD

It's great to know the teacher CPD delivered in Angus in September has led to the start of an out of hours badminton club. Teachers from Seaview Primary have started up badminton sessions first thing in the morning before the school day starts. With the support of Active Schools and Badminton Scotland the school were keen to give children the chance to learn fundamental skills. Children who are keen to play more will be signposted to Dundee Nomads BC.

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