

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Tayside, Fife & Central: January 2024

Great Partnership Working

The second part of the Badminton Basics course Badminton Scotland has been running in partnership with Amina MWRC took place in January. In total 11 Muslim women completed the course and are looking forward to passing their new skills onto others in the community.

The Menzieshill Community Hub where the course took place is hosting the first BME women only doubles competition in Dundee on 1st May 2024. The competition runs from 10am to 12 noon and is open to all abilities.



Fife

Over the weekend of 6th & 7th January, Carnegie Leisure Centre in Dunfermline played host to the Babolat Dunfermline Open Badminton Championships.

The event was organised and run with great efficiency by the volunteers from the Dunfermline Badminton Association (DBA).

Top class badminton was on view all weekend, with many exciting 3 set matches.

The local spectators were pleased to see two of their own stars, Calum Flockhart & Brooke Stalker involved in the Men's Doubles & Ladies Doubles finals.

Calum and his partner, Callum Crangle emerged winners after a tough 2 setter against the unseeded pair from Edinburgh. Unfortunately for Brooke at a set all in her match, her partner had to retire due to an injury.

The DBA President, Kirsty Flockhart, was delighted to present Calum with his prize. Huge thanks must go all the DBA volunteers, especially Gordon Anderson for his sterling work refereeing the tournament.

Also big thanks to BSCO for providing line judges & umpires for finals.



In Dunfermline & West Fife there are 60 badminton taster sessions taking place in primary schools between January & March. This is possible due to partnership between Badminton Scotland, Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council & Dunfermline Badminton Association.

The coaches will be delivering to P5-P7 pupils during their class time. In March Carnegie Leisure Centre in Dunfermline will host the Dunfermline & West Fife Singles Festival where some of the pupils who have received the coaching will take part in a fun day of badminton competition.

The scorers will be provided by local high school sports leaders.

In total between October 2023 & March 2024, 93 taster sessions will have been run in primary schools.

All the schools taking part have been provided with information on local community sessions, local clubs and local junior ladder competitions. This has all been possible thanks to funding from Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council, and Badminton Scotland are grateful to Lindsay Weir from DWFS for his continued support.

In the East of Fife, NEFBA Jaguars, St Andrews University BC and Active Schools are all working together to provide more opportunities for children to play badminton. Active Schools are supporting students running sessions in local high schools for primary children in a cluster. The children are then signposted to NEFBA Jaguars for more advanced coaching if they are keen on badminton.

The Fife Secondary Schools Badminton Competition took place on Friday 19th January at Michael Woods Sports Centre, Glenrothes. It had to be postponed in December as the sports hall in the centre was being replaced.

A total of 12 high schools took part and there was some fantastic badminton on display as well as great sportsmanship. All the pupils who played were a credit to their schools.

In total over the 3 age groups Junior, Intermediate & Senior there were 48 finals in the main draw and consolation events.

Competitors from the Badminton Scotland development clubs, Wing, Orion and NEFBA Jaguars featured strongly across all age groups, boys & girls.

A huge thanks you must go to Aaron Moyes from Fife Schools Badminton Association & Alex Bird from Active Schools for making sure it ran so smoothly, and was enjoyed by all those taking part.



Perth

Great partnership working between Crieff BC, Scottish Disability Sport & Perth & Kinross Disability Group has resulted in disabled people in rural Perthshire being given the opportunity to try badminton.

The sessions are being run at the Strathearn Campus in Crieff. Coaches & volunteers from the club had input from PKDG and Badminton Scotland Disability Lead on how to deliver the sessions in an inclusive and fun way.

The popular Perth & Kinross Secondary Schools Badminton Competition is going ahead albeit in a slightly different format. With the well-publicised issues regarding sporting venues in the area there was doubt whether it could take place as normally Bells Sports Centre is venue due to number of courts required.

Crieff High School kindly stepped in and offered their facilities so the event is going ahead on 9th February. All credit to Perth & Kinross School Badminton Association & Active Schools

for working out a solution. Long term it remains to be seen if this event will be able to go ahead as before.

Glenearn BC are running a Badminton Basics course for it's volunteers on Mondays 11th & 18th March at Perth High School 7-9pm. The course is suitable for anyone wanting to learn all the basic badminton skills plus some fun games. Anyone interested in taking part should contact info@glenearnbadminton.co.uk

Good luck to Glenearn team who are competing in the Scottish Cup East Section on Sunday 28th January in Edinburgh.

Dundee

DABA are running a Bronze Tournament (EBA style) on Sunday 18th February at the Dundee International Sports Complex (DISC). There will be MD, WD & XD events on the day. To find out more or to enter please contact John Dunn on john_dunn@hotmail.com

Dundee Nomads BC are running a Badminton Basics course for it's volunteers on Friday 23rd February 6-10pm at Craigowl Primary, Dundee. The course is suitable for anyone wanting to learn all the basic badminton skills plus some fun games. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Steve Cummings on steve_cummings@live.co.uk

Coaching Course

There will be a Level 1 Course running on 27th & 28th April 2024 at Woodmill HS, Shields Road, Dunfermline. The Assessment Day will be on Sunday 12th May also at Woodmill HS.

For more information, or to book onto the course please go to Badminton Scotland website.

If you want any help or advice please get in touch via jane@badmintonscotland.org.uk