

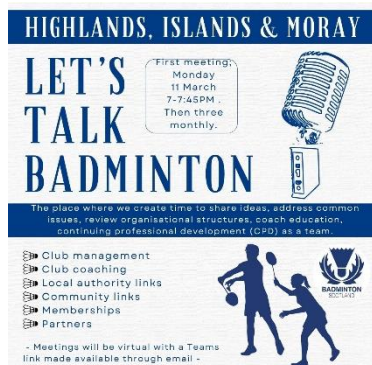
Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Highlands, Islands and Moray: March 2024

Let's Talk Badminton



The first of the series of four, Let's talk Badminton Meetings aimed at Club Officials took place on Monday 11th March 2024.

As we are all aware, during the competition season there is no night that would suit everyone, so it was a delight that there were four attendees for the first LTB Meeting.

At the meeting we shared an Badminton Scotland Update and took the opportunity to remind Office Bearers on the use of the JustGo System in Club Development, including,

- Constitutions and Office bearer requirements up to date and identified on JustGo Club Profile;
- PVG Accreditation up to date and identified on JustGo Club Profile; Assistance with PVG Applications and Updates are available from us at Badminton Scotland. PVG Accreditation and dedicated officer is a required component of Club, Association, Group affiliation to Badminton Scotland.
- Club Committee and Club Helpers identified on JustGo Club Profile; - No cost membership for Club Helpers.
- Club Members identified on JustGo Club Profile;

For Clubs, Associations and Group Executive officers that missed this presentation, I have made contact and offered an opportunity to deliver the presentation so as not to repeat it at the next LTB on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7pm on Teams.

The conversation that was had identified four projects to take on to a planning stage. Three projects identified for local development and one as a HIM wide Project.

P1. Community Badminton Project for Skye and Lochalsh:

P2. Part One - Community Badminton Project for Harris and Lewis:

Part Two - Badminton Basics and Level One Course for WIBA:

P3. Moray Coach CPD Development:

P4. Highland Badminton Extravaganza:

Dates of next LTB Meetings;

Wednesday 26th March - with Keith Russell, CEO Badminton Scotland and Nicky Waterson, Badminton Scotland Head of Engagement. Invitations posted by e-mail to Club/Association link people.

Monday 10th June

Scottish Student Sport Badminton Championships – Robert Gordon University; 15/16 March 2024.



The Scottish Student Sport Badminton Championships took Place in Aberdeen again this year.

It was a pleasure to attend the 2024 Championships catch up with with the organisers/deliverers Ryan and Nathan; Ben from Student Sport Badminton; representatives of Student Badminton Clubs along with players in the Champs. To be joined in doing so by colleagues, Emma Cook RDO Dumfries and Galloway along with Steven Cunningham, RDO North East.



These Championships are amongst the largest, by entry numbers in the UK ensuring players must be on their best form to achieve success and a medal.

Results from the weekend: <https://www.scottishstudentsport.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Scottish-Student-Badminton-Championships-2023-Results-1.pdf>

Highlands and Islands Player Development Pathway

The process for the Highlands and Islands Player Development Pathway are now open and information has been sent to Club and Association Contacts, existing members of the PDP.

Purpose of the PDP Programme

To work closely with Badminton Scotland staff to provide quality support to athletes, coaches and service providers across Highland & Islands to improve the local performance, pathways and sporting infrastructure. Focus is on supporting players to progress to achieve their full potential and ensuring that badminton players in Highland & Islands are able to achieve the highest level of playing standards possible.

We held virtual meeting was held on the 18th March for players, coaches, club officials, parents interested in knowing more about the PDP and who are thinking of making a nominations.

The closing date for nominations will be Thursday 28th March 2024 at midnight. The Selection Panel will decide if nominations received after that time will be considered. Should there be issues in getting a nomination completed by that date and time, please contact Brian Donaldson, RDO Highlands, Islands and Moray in advance. Please Note: This date coincides with Easter/Spring Holiday Weekend which may be a busy time for families and coaches thinking of preparing a nomination.

The Selection Panel will meet on the 2nd April 2024 and I would expect all nominated players/nominees to receive information on the result of the Panel's discussions re the nomination by 4th April 2024.

UHI MORAY HNC Sport Coaching/Moray Council Active Schools Big Hit Festivals



Students at UHI Moray studying Sports Coaching have been delivering Badminton Big Hit Festivals at Moray College for the last three weeks in partnership with Moray Council Active Schools.

Great to visit and see the delivery being undertaken by the students. Sure sign the activity was being well received came in the noise that could be heard as you approached the Sportshall.

Badminton Scotland/Moray Council Active Schools planning for session 2024/25

Planning Meetings have been held with Moray Council After Schools Lead to discuss partnership planning between Badminton Scotland and Moray Council, Focussing on Developing the Coaching Workforce, Smash In2 Sessions aimed at P1 – 5 and Families as well as Competition opportunities within Schools.

Hot of the Press.

Meeting with Moray Council, ASC Officer for Keith and Colleague Steven Cunningham, RDO North East where we discussed ideas on resetting Badminton in the area served by Keith Grammar School.

Ideas that we discussed will now be developed as a Pilot Plan will over the coming six months;

- School Taster visits with a link to a regular Smash In2 Session;
- Developing the Coaching workforce with volunteer adults and Senior Students;
- Holiday Camps for Primary and early secondary School Pupils.
- Open Meeting to look at reforming Club Activity in Keith.

Finally,

- ❖ If you want to know of upcoming activity in the Highlands Islands and Moray, or advice/help organising an upcoming event? Please get in touch brian@badmintonscotland.org.uk
- ❖ Further images and information can be found on Facebook (@Highland Badminton) and Instagram (@himbadminton).

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. - Henry Ford

