

## **Regional Development Officers (RDOs)**

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



### **Tayside, Fife & Central: March 2024**

#### **Great Partnership Working**

##### **Fife**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March the Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council Primary Badminton Festival took place at Carnegie Leisure Centre, Dunfermline. With over 20 schools sending teams and 120 children taking part it was a busy day for the Dunfermline Badminton Association volunteers who ran the desk.

They were ably assisted by some of the coaches who had delivered the taster sessions in the schools plus young volunteers from Dunfermline, St Columba's & Queen Anne High Schools.

The DBA took the opportunity to hand out details of the summer camp they are running from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July in Dunfermline.

#### **Tayside Parasport Festival**

The Tayside Parasport Festival took place on 6<sup>th</sup> March at Dundee & Angus College, Gardyne Campus, Dundee. All the children taking part had some form of physical disability and they had the opportunity to take part in a badminton taster session.

Badminton Scotland worked in partnership with SDS & Dundee & Angus College students to deliver the activities.

Children who wanted to play more badminton were signposted to Perth Eagles Wheelchair Club, P&K Disability Sport Group & Dundee Dragons.



## Perth

Over two Monday evenings in March Glenearn BC hosted a Badminton Basics course for their members and players from other local clubs. Eight volunteers were put through their paces and there was a good mixture of youth & experience taking part.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March the rescheduled P&K Secondary Schools Championships took place at Crieff High School. With over 100 pupils taking part from 11 high schools in a much smaller venue it was challenge for the organisers.

Active Schools & Badminton Scotland worked together and delivered a very successful event, enjoyed by all those taking part. The winners of the senior boys doubles competition went on the next day to win the Scottish Schools senior boys doubles final.

Below is picture of Blairgowrie High School who took part in the competition.



## Central

The Forth Valley Parasport Festival took place on 13<sup>th</sup> March at The Peak, Stirling.

Badminton Scotland delivered badminton taster sessions to four separate groups of youngsters ranging from primary school through to secondary school age, all with physical disabilities.

The skills shown by the participants were excellent, and everybody was able to take part using adaptive equipment and with help from fantastic school sports leaders.

Children were signposted to disability badminton sessions being held at Grangemouth Sports Centre.





## Coaching Course

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

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

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