



BadmintonWales

Participation to Performance

Chair Update



This season I watched the Junior and Senior Nationals and the Welsh International Championships and came away energised from the up-and-coming players we have, the dedicated and passionate parents, and the hardworking and often unrecognised officials, line judges and coaches.

Behind the scenes work in the office and by the Board can seem invisible to the membership and we are working hard to improve engagement with the membership to enable increased collaboration when improvements and changes are made to the business.

For a full Chair Update please visit: badminton.wales/chair-updates

We are also pleased to present the exciting vacancy of Head of Operations. For more information on this post please visit: badminton.wales/vacancies

Development

The Cardiff and Vale Junior League has been set up with the help of the junior badminton clubs in Cardiff and Vale. The clubs involved are Arches, Heath, Vale and Penarth, Llanishen and Penarth. The league matches started in October 2016 and include U13s and U17s categories. The age groups meet every other month and play team matches which include singles and doubles. We have received extremely positive feedback from the coaches, players and parents. The junior league has helped raise the standard of play and retain the young players through regular competitive badminton. We intend holding an award evening in July to recognise the success of the first year and the achievements of the players.

In October 2016 we launched our new beginner badminton initiative Shuttle Time. Shuttle Time is a BWF initiative which offers teachers access to free resources, training and equipment, which supports the teaching of enjoyable, safe and inclusive badminton activities. Since October we have delivered weekly Shuttle Time sessions at Sport Wales National Centre where over 40 children have attended, most of whom have progressed over the weeks and now attend the Satellite Centre at Cardiff Met University. In addition to this we hosted a Shuttle Time Tutor course in February 2017 where tutors attended from across Europe. Since then we have successfully delivered two teacher training courses, one in North Wales and one in South Wales, where 30 teachers have been trained.

Badminton Wales Events

The final BW event of the 2016/17 season was the BW Senior Satellite held on the 22nd April at Cardiff Metropolitan's brand new Archers Arena. 43 players competed at the event in Singles, Doubles and Mixed.

The first competition of the 2017/18 season will be taking place on the 22nd - 24th September. The Sport Wales National Centre will be hosting the 4 Nations Para Badminton Championships over 3 days of badminton across 4 categories: Wheelchair, Short Stature, Standing and LD. Welsh star Jack Wilson will be competing in the hope of retaining his Men's Singles and Doubles title in the SU5 event. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in scoring at the event, so please get in contact if you are interested. It promises to be a fantastic weekend, with some top quality badminton to be witnessed!

Also to look forward to this summer is the Summer Shuttle Time Training. Players will receive two hours of coaching each Wednesday from the 2nd—30th August, 18:00-20:00 at Sport Wales National Centre Cardiff. The training will cost £35.00 per player and there are only 20 spaces available! To book your place, please contact: Angela.Stevens@badminton.wales

Strategy Developments

2016 brought Badminton Wales some exciting changes with strength and depth in governance and leadership being the primary focus. Moving forward into 2017 we have been analysing what the business needs are and what can be improved to provide the best badminton experience for our members and our staff.

One of the main areas for improvement is the development pathway for young players where Angela Stevens and Matthew Hughes have done great work in creating a plan to bridge the gap between participation and performance throughout the age groups. You will start to see some changes on the website and how you and your clubs can get involved with the different areas of development.

Please get in contact with Matthew or Angela to become a Satellite Centre, to sign up to 'Shuttle Time', develop Junior Leagues, become a volunteer or if you want advice on running or funding your club.

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Performance Update

It gives me great pleasure to communicate this update at the end of a highly productive and successful season on and off the court. With structural change to our Performance Pathway there has been considerable focus on development and how that links with our player pathway through the introduction of Shuttle Time into school clubs and Local Authorities. We are extremely confident that the Shuttle Time initiative will provide players and coaches with the fundamental skills and knowledge to contribute towards each player's long-term development.

Our three Regional Academies have undergone considerable changes from coaching personnel to the players who have been selected through our Talent Identification and Trial Process to the additional provisions from our 3rd party partners who provide us with Strength and Conditioning, Sport Psychology and Physiotherapy support; we aim to continue and expand on these areas over the coming months.

With all the changes over this season it gives me and the coaching team immense pleasure reporting the successes of all our Regional Academy players who have excelled at the National Championships along with over 20 medals at Badminton England Bronze – Gold* events. The team events provided crucial experience for our Junior players with the Under 13 team excelling at the Celtic Challenge by winning Silver, narrowly losing out to the overall winners Leinster. The Under 15 Quadrangular was a tough event with many of our players playing up an age group however, the spirit and determination demonstrated by the players was encouraging. The Glasgow Youth International provided some excellent performances and plenty of scope for the future.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, support staff and parents who have assisted with all our Badminton Wales team events this season.

We look forward to seeing all of our Regional Academy players at the week-long Summer Camps held at Sport Wales National Centre from: 24th - 29th July and 7th - 11th August.

June: Volunteers Week

This month saw Volunteers Week take place from 1st—7th of June and presented Badminton Wales with the opportunity to highlight at least one volunteer per day to thank them for their hard work. We tweeted about and wrote blogs on a number of volunteers over the week.

Our Volunteers Week featured:

- Lee Woolley and Simon Pill - Penarth and Barry Badminton Club
- Kerry Ann Sheppard - Chair of the Badminton Wales Board of Directors
- Jane Roberts and Mark Wright - Connah's Quay Badminton Club
- Julie Stokden and Raan Wallis - Swansea Badminton Club
- David Shore and Margaret Redfern - Officials
- Joe Hill - Conwy County Badminton Association
- The Parents - Nationwide

Volunteers play a key role within the badminton community and we are very grateful for all of those who give their time to better the sport.

If you would like to become a volunteer with us then please get in touch with Carissa or Angela:

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Officiating

There are two exciting new opportunities available within the Badminton Wales Officiating community.

Members are encouraged to apply for the roles of: Chief Technical Official and Line Judge Coordinator. Details of which can be found here: badminton.wales/vacancies

Badminton Wales always welcome new officials, if you are interested in becoming an Umpire or Line Judge, please contact [Carissa Turner](mailto:Carissa.Turner@badminton.wales)

More Officials news and information can be found at: badminton.wales/officiating

