



Badminton Junior Club

The venue at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre enables the club to have sessions for all the weeks of Schools Autumn, Spring & Summer Terms. The weekly Friday club nights sessions now run from 5:00pm – 6:00pm and 6:00pm – 7:30pm. We now have all players registered with Badminton England as 36 “Junior Player” & 19 “The Racket Pack” who regularly attend the weekly sessions.

Members continue to take a pro-active approach in entering the Non-County Tournaments such as the LSBA Junior American, LBA Junior Club singles events. A special mention to Zack Johnson who has won a trophy. We also have members who are part of “Team Leicestershire” and dependent on their technical & tactical badminton skills, have the opportunity to represent the LSBA in matches.

The club entered one team in the LSBA Junior Club League (year 6 & under) for the events on 20th & 27th February 2022. A total of six players from the club had the opportunity to take part with 1 as Y6; 1 as Y5; 3 as Y4 & 1 as Y3.

For season 2021/22 all members / volunteers when joining are presented with a free Club T-shirt and younger members take part in “The Racket Pack” award schemes.

The third internal club tournament events were held during Spring Term 4 so as not to disrupt older players exams. For the first time level doubles was added to the single events. This enabled all events to take place in respect of the Girls & Boys Singles & Level Doubles events for U10's (no Girls doubles); U12's; U14's (Boys only); U16's and U18's .

A total of 49 trophies will be presented to all winners and runner-ups at the Club trophy presentation night to be held on 8th July 2022. This will also include the “Outstanding Club Member” trophy for 2021/22 to Emily Gallacher.

The club paid for one Junior member to attend the UK Coaching Safeguarding & Protecting Children (Online Classroom) course. Emily Gallacher obtained the Badminton England Foundation Course and helps at the earlier session.

The club now has five Badminton England coaches available to be able to adapt the structured programme for each week of the term session to suit the players technical skills on the respective courts.

To develop the Junior Members of a suitable playing standard, some are invited to stay on and join in part of the senior club sessions from 7:30pm - 10:00pm.

Parents, Volunteers, Coaches and especially players dedication, commitment, help and support enables the club to continue to grow at the new venue.

The club continues to receive renewal accreditation as a Badminton England Premier Club and Sport England Clubmark.

Ray Phipkin – Head Coach