



Badminton Junior Club

After many years at Brockington College the club moved from January 2020 to a new venue at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre. This new venue will enable the club to have sessions for all the weeks of School's Autumn, Spring & Summer Terms. The weekly Friday club nights sessions would normally run from 5:00 – 6:00pm and 6:00 – 7:30pm. Due to Covid-19 all sessions cancelled from 20th March 2020 until 30th October 2020.

As only two courts rather than 4 courts were available a reduced number of 10 players plus two coaches held the 6:00pm to 7:30pm sessions on 30th October 4th; 11th & 18th December 2020. In line with Roadmap step 2 both sessions recommenced for 12 weeks as from 16th April 2021 to 9th July 2021, but again with only 10 players per session due to only two courts.

Due to the coronavirus, the clubs second year internal club tournament of Girls & Boys Singles events had to be halted on 20th March 2020. The U16's, U18's Girls Singles & U14's, U16, U18's Boys Singles events have been cancelled as all remaining event matches are unable to take place. When allowed trophies in respect of winners & runner-ups for U10's, U12's, U14's Girls Singles & U10's, U12's Boys Singles events will be presented which may involve players who have left the club returning for any presentation.

Again due to the coronavirus, in season 2020/21 what would have been the clubs third year internal club tournament with Girls & Boys Singles events have had to be cancelled. The 39 weeks of season 2021/22 is due to commence on 27th August 2021 and clubs internal club tournament with Girls & Boys Singles events scheduled to take place during Spring Term 4.

With back to four courts the club on 27th August 2021 the club is hopeful that for season 2021/22 that the other 16 potential current members over the 20 allowed to attend in season 2020/21 will be able to attend sessions This means we will still have places to offer to new players at both sessions.

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

The clubs Badminton England coaches available are able to adapt the structured programme for each week of the term session to suit the player's technical & tactical skills on the respective courts.

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

Parents, Volunteers, Coaches and especially players dedication, commitment, help and support has enabled the club to hold some reduce number attending sessions during Covid-19.

The Junior club has its own section within club web site <http://www.southleicesterbadminton.co.uk/login> which provides details of all Junior club sessions, documents for all to be able to really appreciate what the club is about and what is available to young players.

The club received on 1st April 2021 renewal accreditation as a Badminton England Premier Club and Sport England Clubmark.

Ray Phipkin – Head Coach

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