



South   
Leicestershire



## **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 now run from 5:00 – 6:00pm and 6:00 – 7:30pm. We now have 42 Junior players registered with Badminton England who regularly attend.

Members continue to take a pro-active approach in entering the Non-County Tournaments such as the LSBA Junior American, LBA Junior Club and the Whitwick Badminton events at which Jasmine Johnson & Lexi Wright won trophies. A special mention to Zack Johnson who has now been successful at Badminton England events. 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.

For season 2019/20 all members / volunteers when joining are presented with a free Club T-shirt and younger members take part in "The Racket Pack" award schemes.

Due to the coronavirus, the clubs second year internal club tournament with Girls & Boys Singles U10's; U12's; U14's; U16's, U18's has been halted. All remaining matches will need to be played when we can resume.

The club paid for three older members to attend the UK Coaching Safeguarding & Protecting Children course. Jing Wang & Callum Chapman obtained their Badminton England UKCC Level 1 and help at both sessions.

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 player's 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 7:30-10:00pm

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

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

**Ray Phipkin – Head Coach**