



Badminton Wales

Participation to Performance

Head of Operations Update

The 2017/18 season may be drawing to a close but Badminton Wales shows no signs of slowing down. During the summer months our U17 Team will be heading to France for the Paris World Games, we have training camps for our Regional Academy Players, a new member of staff has joined our team and we are on the cusp of launching our new website, in partnership with Uprise VSI. Our online Membership system will take effect as the 18/19 season gets underway which will bring a whole new user experience for our Members. It is certainly exciting times ahead for Badminton Wales and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support as we develop to make strides in all areas of Badminton in Wales. Please could I ask our members to follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WZB9C5X> and complete the Survey, which will help us improve our Membership packages as we move toward the new season.

Performance Update

As the season 2017/18 draws to a close, it has been an incredibly positive season with numerous players excelling within their age group competitions in England/Wales. The Regional Academy Coaching Team are extremely pleased with the commitment and efforts players have applied throughout the season and are looking forward to working with them during the summer months, in preparation for an expansive and revised tournament schedule for next season.

Badminton Wales are committed to the ongoing development of it's players within the training and competition environment. We will be building on "Coach Support" at events for next season, having piloted it this season with selected Badminton England events. It has proven to be a welcomed addition in supporting our Regional Academy players.

The U15 Quadrangular, held in May, was an excellent event hosted by Badminton Wales at Sport Wales National Centre. As ever it was an action packed 3 days with all of our players giving a huge amount of effort in the team event, narrowly losing to Scotland 5-4, Ireland 7-3 and the eventual winners England 8-1. Having fought hard for their country in the team event the players were faced with the individual event, which they all gave great performances and have taken many positives away with them from the event.

In the senior ranks, National Women's Champion Jordan Hart, ended the season with a flurry of excellent performances. She reached the later stages of three of her last four tournaments, with an outstanding performance at the Lithuanian International, narrowly losing out to Kristin Kuuba of Estonia in the final. Jordan will build on her success and take what has been a positive year forward, to establishing herself firmly within the top 100 next season. Jordan ended the year with a World Ranking of 117 and season career high of 114.

Structurally the Performance Pathway is now taking considerable shape at Satellite Level, with 3 Satellite Centres (Cardiff & Vale, West Glamorgan, Carmarthenshire) recently qualifying for Community Chest financial support. Badminton Wales are supporting and guiding all Satellite Centres through these early stages. Our first objective is to upskill Satellite Centre Coaches onto the BWF Coach Education Pathway, this will provide all our coaches with up-to-date qualifications and latest techniques and coach education. Badminton Wales will be providing CPD opportunities regarding the delivery of basic Strength and conditioning which our coaches will be able to deliver as part of their weekly sessions. Badminton Wales will engage with all Satellite Centres and provide further details on these opportunities over the coming weeks.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and coaches for their ongoing support and commitment, and enjoy your summer break.

Programme Coordinator



Badminton Wales welcomes James Dowle to the role of 'Programme Coordinator. James has come from a Rugby background where he runs the Ladies Rugby section at Ynysddu. Alongside this he is the fundraising lead at a self start group in the Rhymney Valley. James gained a Degree in Sport Development and Leadership at the University of South Wales and is now heading up the Events Programme at BW.

"I am very excited to start my new role at Badminton Wales and I am looking forward to developing the events programme to grow the game within Wales."





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Events Update

For many the season comes to a close, however, players of the Regional Academies continue their hard training. One particular group are working even harder than most, having been selected to represent Wales at the upcoming Paris World Games.

Lowri Hart, Carys Jones and Aimee Whiteman plus Archie Bult, Dan Clarke and Will Vaughan will play in a girls/boys/mixed team event starting Saturday 7th July 2018.

The Paris World Games will be the players' first taste of a multi-sporting event, with thousands of young athletes from the sports of Football, Rugby 7's, Basketball and Handball, as well as Badminton, come together to celebrate youth sport. There is little doubt as to the tremendous experience awaiting our young Welsh players. While badminton is a new addition to the PWG schedule, these Welsh athletes will give everything of themselves and play with a determined Welsh pride. Badminton Wales wish them the very best of luck and above all enjoy every minute of it.

Our 2018/19 Tournament Programme is under review and once finalised will be published to our website over the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued patience.



Development Update

Our Shuttle Time initiative is now in full swing across Wales. We are currently delivering courses for teachers, leaders, coaches, leisure centre staff and local authority staff. The response to the initiative has been overwhelming with it now being delivered across 16 local authorities. We are working with Gwynedd local authority, Freedom Leisure in Powys and GLL in Cardiff to deliver the initiative to enable the leisure centres to set up Shuttle Time sessions as an exit route for the sessions that are being delivered in the schools. To date we have delivered 22 Shuttle Time courses, trained 276 teachers, and engaged with 2753 children through competitions and festivals.

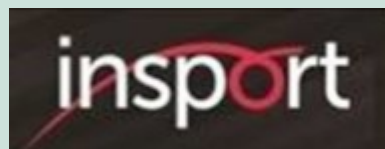
Junior League

Our junior leagues across Wales are going from strength to strength with more opportunities for our young players to play competitively. This year sees the introduction of the first National Junior League Finals which will be held in Brecon Leisure Centre on the 22 July 2018 for the winners of all the local junior leagues across Wales. The vision is for the National Junior League Finals to be hosted in different venues each year to make it accessible for all the junior leagues.

Partnership Work

We are pleased to be working with Game on Wales who are heavily involved in delivering opportunities to Coalfield Communities across Wales. In partnership with them we will work within these communities to offer our Shuttle Time initiative, giving the children access to new skills and opportunities whilst upskilling the key people within the communities to deliver the initiative.

If you require any further information please contact Angela Stevens our National Development Officer on angela.stevens@badminton.wales



Badminton Wales said goodbye to our Admin Officer - Rob Short who has been a long standing member of the Badminton Wales Team and has seen many changes over the course of his 11 year term. Badminton Wales would like to say a BIG thank you to Rob for his loyal service over the years and extend our very best wishes as he embarks on his new ventures.

SHUTTLE TIME

WALES

Shuttle Time

next sessions start

19 September 2018

6:30-8pm at

Sport Wales National Centre

For further information please go to

www.badminton.wales/course-schedule



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