# Wales

# Bwletin October 2023

# **NEWYDDION | NEWS**

Badminton Wales are excited to launch The Racket Room. The Racket Room aims to reuse and redirect unwanted rackets and trainers to individuals who require them to start their badminton journey.

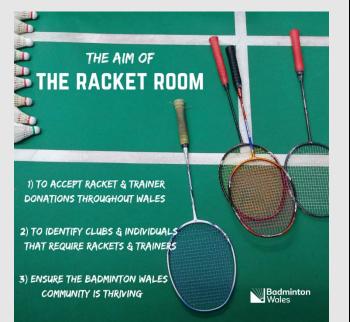
By donating to The Racket Room, you will be;

- Supporting badminton, your local community and those who need it most.
- Enabling individuals to begin their badminton journey by removing some of the financial barriers associated.
- Reducing our impact on the environment and avoid adding to landfill issues.

Once several donations have been collected, we will then be in a position to signpost and distribute to clubs and individuals who require the rackets and trainers to begin their badminton journey.

Please contact your local Regional Community Manager (contact details below) if you would like to support The Racket Room and make a difference in your local community. Your help can make a huge difference.

# CYSRADLAETHAE | COMPETITIONS



**Good luck to everyone competing in this weekend's Ebbw Vale Junior Series & Graded Events.** With over 170 members entered across both events, it promises to be an amazing start to the Badminton Wales tournament season.

The provisional competition calendar is available on the Badminton Wales website. View here.

# PERFFORMIAD | PERFORMANCE

#### **Tournament Results**

- Saffron Morris Last 16 of Scottish International Challenge.
- Isha Mekala U/17 Austrian Bronze Medal U/17 German Bronze Medal
- Jack Wilson Hull Open Bronze Medal

Llwyd Crump, Amay Patil, Isha Mekala and Saffron Morris – Selected for a U/17 Badminton Europe Singles Camp – Badminton Europe Centre of Excellence.

# HYFFORDDI | COACHING

#### ASPIRE

Badminton Wales is passionate about helping the next generation of badminton coach/enthusiast create our future and ensure Welsh badminton success.

Aspire is a Mentoring and Training programme designed for young badminton enthusiasts who will become an integral part of the future of Welsh badminton. Currently being developed with 5 volunteers Aspire is now being rolled out formally in Autumn/Winter 2023.

Aspire is looking to help young individuals (16-20) start their journey to be the next generation of badminton coach/club member/volunteer. Aspire is, initially, designed for young badminton enthusiasts who will gain experience in Technical Coaching plus Club and Event development. Aspire will provide you with hands-on coaching experience under the guidance of a BW Performance coach. Aspire candidates will also form part of a Youth Council – giving a voice to the future generations of young badminton player.

To complete the course participants will be required to collect all certificates plus log a minimum of 40 coaching hours (at National Junior Squad sessions) and a further 40 volunteering hours in event delivery, officialdom, management and digital strategies etc.

For further details please click and application form, please click HERE.

# Note: Closing date for applications is NOV 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am.

# **BWF Level 2 Expression of interest.**

Badminton Wales is looking to hold a BWF Level 2 Coach Education course in Cardiff. Only <u>BWF Level 1</u> coaches are eligible to attend. The course runs over 6 days (2 Weekends of Friday/Saturday/Sunday) and is quite intensive. BW will arrange a course when we have sufficient interest in holding it. The cost of the course will be £650.

If you would like to express an interest in attending such a course, please e mail <u>donal.ohalloran@badminton.wales</u>

# Community Coaching award.

The Badminton Wales Community Coaching Award is an entry level coaching qualification designed to give volunteers the basic skills needed to get junior players on court playing and enjoying badminton. We are looking to deliver this course to leagues, county associations and clubs with an interest in setting up junior sections. To declare your interest, please contact <u>enquiries@badminton.wales</u>.

# UKAD

The role of coaches in protecting our sport cannot be understated. As coaches, you are vital in helping your athletes develop the right values, attitudes and behaviours that we would associate with being a good sportsperson.

The coach-athlete relationship is very special. Your role goes beyond developing the technical sporting skills they need to perform at their best. Developing the person is a fundamental part of being a great coach.

Help support all players in their participation in Clean Sport.

For more information please refer to the UKAD website here

# 2024 Prohibited List and Tramadol Ban

You may have recently seen that the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published the 2024 Prohibited List and a summary of key changes, found here.

A key change this year is that from 1 January 2024, **tramadol** will be prohibited in-competition. Any athlete found to be using tramadol incompetition faces the prospect of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and a ban from sport. UKAD has released some initial information around tramadol which can be found <u>here</u>.

# Upcoming UKAD courses

Future Clean Sport Connect sessions:

- 6 December 2023 (13:00-14:00): <u>Report your concerns and Protect Your Sport</u>
- 24 January 2024 (13:00-14:00): <u>Ready? Steady? Go! Get 100% moi for Paris!</u>

# INTRODUCTORY TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COURSE

FOR THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE!

Some 4678 days after attending his initial training course in Bristol, David Evans qualified as a BWF Umpire. Badminton Wales Board Member, David, is now at the top level of Officiating with BE, and has Umpired at many major events around the World. Perhaps The Paris Olympics could be in his sight?

Now it is time for you to begin your Technical Officials (TO) Journey. Badminton Wales will hold a series of TO courses in 2023/24 on demand.

Under the watchful eye of Chris Taylor and co. BW-TO Group will introduce and mentor you, as you begin your journey to ensure fair and equitable events all over Wales. On completion of the course, you will be able to put your new skills to the test at the Graded/Junior events over the same weekend.

For further details and application, please e mail donal.ohalloran@badminton.wales

# HATBLYGIAD | DEVELOPMENT

**Insport Accreditation.** 

Make your club an Insport Accredited one. Details on how to make your club a more inclusive environment can be found <u>here</u>. Badminton is a game for all.



- English: https://www.disabilitysportwales.com/icss
- Welsh: <u>https://www.disabilitysportwales.com/accc</u>

#### **Regional Community Managers**

The 4 community managers are now in role and beginning to connect with their respective regions. To contact them find their details below;

North Wales – Joshua Hart (Joshua.hart@badminton.wales)

Mid Wales - Genevieve Tyler (genevieve.tyler@badminton.wales)

South-West Wales – Curtis Grant (curtis.grant@badminton.wales)

South-East Wales - Donal OHalloran (donal.ohalloran@badminton.wales)

# CYLLID | FUNDING

The Be Active Wales Fund and Crowdfunder are still open. Badminton Wales clubs have already successfully used these to buy 12 months of shuttles, coaching course places and court fees for new projects. Please see the Sport Wales <u>Be Active Fund website</u> for more details. We can support your application, contact <u>enquiries@badminton.wales</u> to find out what your club or organisation can make a funding application for.

# MID GLAMORGAN JUNIOR BADMINTON DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Mid Glamorgan Junior Badminton Association (MGJBA) 2024 window is now open. The MGJBA fund provides annual grants to players from who are on National Welsh Teams to help with the costs associated with the sport.

Full Report plus application form The closing date for applications is 17th December 2023.

#### DIOGELU | SAFEGUARDING

Badminton Wales is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults and in turn is committed to achieving the safeguarding standards set by Sport Wales and the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit.

Our Badminton Wales Lead officers are Genevieve Tyler (<u>genevieve.tyler@badminton.wales</u>) and Dave Bendle (<u>dave.bendle@badminton.wales</u>).



You can find all the Badminton Wales safeguarding resources and details on how to report any safeguarding concerns you have here.

# All clubs (senior and junior) are required to have a club Safeguarding officer who should be known to the players and readily available.

RHYNGWLADOL CYMREIG | YONEX WELSH INTERNATIONAL (28th November – 2nd December 2023)



Preparations are underway and the 2023 Yonex Welsh International will be here before we know it. The start of an Olympic qualification cycle and lack of travel restrictions should see a great entry from some of the world's best players in November. We envisage a full draw of the world elite coming to Cardiff to gain vital ranking points during the year long qualification period for the Paris Olympic Games 24. Planning and preparation for the event has begun and is in full swing.

Go to the <u>Yonex Welsh International Challenge page</u> on the Badminton Wales website for event details, tickets and how you can help us make the event run smoothly.

# Want the best seat possible?

We are compiling a list of volunteers to help run the event. There will be line judge courses and training available to anyone interested in volunteering at the event. If you are interested contact us at <u>enquiries@badminton.wales</u>.

# Come and see some of the world's best badminton players.

Affiliated clubs can request free tickets from their Regional Community Manager.

# DISGOWNT AELODAU | MEMBER DISCOUNT

#### **YC Sports**

Individual members can use the code BW23 on the <u>YC Sports website</u> to get discounts on purchases made online.

Affiliated clubs can get discounted Yonex shuttles by setting up an account on the YC Sports website and contacting <u>dave.bendle@badminton.wales</u> to activate the discount.

# AROS YN GYSYLLTIEDIG | STAY CONNECTED

Social Media Featured Clubs

if you would like your junior or senior club featured on the Badminton Wales social media or website, please email <u>dave.bendle@badminton.wales</u>

# YOUTUBE | FACEBOOK | INSTAGRAM | TWITTER BADMINTON.WALES

To make an injury claim as a Badminton Wales member, please use the steps below.

