

Yorkshire Badminton Quarterly

Newsletter

June 2021 Edition



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Welcome to the third edition of the Yorkshire Badminton newsletter!

The interactive newsletter will be produced quarterly throughout the year and will provide the county association, community badminton networks, clubs, coaches, volunteers and players with current news, opportunities, information and support across Yorkshire.

About Me

My name is Holly Robson and I have been a keen badminton player, coach and volunteer for a number of years now; representing the Durham County senior teams and Elmfield Badminton Club in Newcastle as well as playing an active role on the Durham County Badminton committee.

In May 2018, I joined the Badminton England team as the North East Relationship Manager (covering Durham & Northumberland) then, as a result of the Badminton England staff restructure in November 2020, I am now also the local point of contact for Yorkshire.

I will be working closely with the badminton community across these three counties to further develop badminton and provide more opportunities for people to get involved and grow the sport across the region.



Holly Robson
North East & Yorkshire
Relationship Manager

Please see the end of this newsletter for my contact details.

Let's Talk Badminton

'Let's Talk Badminton' is the biggest community consultation we have ever undertaken as a sport. We want to hear from you about how badminton can come back stronger than ever, where you are looking forward to getting back on court and how we can help. Your feedback will help shape badminton's return and your sport's future.



- 👉 Share your ideas on how badminton can come back stronger and the support you require
- 👉 Show everyone that you are back playing on our Return to Play Map by adding your pictures and videos
- 👉 Let us know if your club or session has restarted and any challenges you are facing

[CLICK HERE](#)

for full information on Let's Talk Badminton

Badminton England Return to Play Guidelines

Following the Government's announcement on 14th June to delay the move to Step 4 of its Roadmap, Badminton England will be continuing to follow the current guidance as per Step 3 of the Roadmap (which came into effect on 17th May).

Current Guidelines:

- 👉 Organised group activity (for adults & juniors) can run with maximum group sizes of 16 (both singles & doubles is allowed). You are able to have more than 16 players in the hall, as long as players are grouped into bubbles of up to 16 (e.g. if you had 20 players attending a session, you could group them into two groups of 10 or a group of 12 and a group of 8 etc – as long as each group does not exceed 16 players). If you have 16 players or less attending a session, everyone can mix in and play together.
- 👉 For coaching sessions, the coach is counted as one of the 16 players so it's a ratio of 1 coach to 15 players (for both adults & juniors). If you have more than one coach at a session you can have more than 15 players, as long as they are grouped into bubbles of no more than 15 (e.g. 1 coach = maximum of 15 players at the session, 2 coaches = maximum of 30 players at the session).
- 👉 For recreational/social play (people just booking a court to play with friends), the rule of 6 still applies. The rule of 16 is only for sessions organised by clubs, coaches or No Strings Co-ordinators.

As with all the other stages of Return to Play, clubs should appoint a COVID-19 Officer, complete a COVID risk assessment and have a booking system in place for sessions.

[CLICK HERE](#)
to visit the **Return to Play** section of the **Badminton England** website

Badminton England Membership & Affiliation

With many clubs and members returning to play over the summer, Badminton England are pleased to announce that for the remainder of the 2020/21 season, all Club Affiliations and Club Player Memberships for both adults and juniors in clubs will be extended for FREE.

Clubs who affiliated for the 2020/21 season:

- 👉 Are currently affiliated and will have their club affiliation extended for FREE until the end of the 2021/22 season (31st October 2022)
- 👉 Can register any additional members for FREE this summer (until 31st October 2021) – any new members added after 31st October 2021 will need to be paid for
- 👉 Any club members who were affiliated for the 2020/21 season will also have their membership extended for FREE until the end of the 2021/22 season (31st October 2022)

Clubs who did not affiliate for the 2020/21 season but were affiliated for the 2019/20 season:

- 👉 Will have their club affiliation extended for FREE over the summer, until 31st October 2021
- 👉 Any club members who were affiliated for the 2019/20 season will also have their membership extended for FREE until 31st October 2021
- 👉 Will be required to re-affiliate and purchase individual memberships as usual next season (for the 2021/22 season)

[CLICK HERE](#)
for full information on the 2021
Summer Membership offer



Local Person

Helen Calverley

Helen started playing badminton when she was only 3 years old as her dad plays. He used to take her to his matches and his teammates would throw shuttles with her at the back of the court. He also started taking her to Huddersfield Eagles Junior Badminton Club around that time, the club which she now runs and coaches. Helen started to play for Yorkshire at 10 years old and was selected to represent England at around the same time. She continued to represent both Yorkshire and England throughout her junior badminton career and was been lucky enough to travel all around the world playing and competing as a junior. Unfortunately, Helen has a very bad hip and back injury and is currently awaiting a new hip! This pretty much put a stop to her playing career but she still does play when she can, which isn't often due to all the coaching she does!



“I love badminton, and I have got so much from the sport from experiences, meeting new people and making the best friends I could ask for, from all over the place! I am passionate about passing on my love for the sport to everyone I come into contact with, and hopefully giving them the opportunity to gain the same experiences I have been lucky enough to have.”

Helen is a Level 3 badminton coach and coaches badminton full time as part of her sports coaching business, ViveSport. She set up ViveSport in 2012 after realising sports coaching, and especially badminton, is her passion. Since then, she has been working hard to grow badminton (and netball) in the Huddersfield and Halifax areas. She set up and currently coaches at the ViveSport community clubs during the week, Huddersfield Eagles and Halifax Hawks junior clubs and adult club, Rishworth Badminton Club. Helen also coaches performance players and potential performance players to help them achieve a performance standard in badminton and she is the Yorkshire Under 18 manager and coach, as well as coaching the Yorkshire Under 14 team.

National Players' Survey

Badminton England have developed the 2021 National Players' Survey which is the largest player consultation undertaken within our sport. We want to hear from players at all levels of the game and your responses will be invaluable in improving the experiences of all badminton players.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and everyone who completes the survey, and leaves their name and email address, will be entered into a prize draw with the opportunity to win one of ten £50 Amazon vouchers.

[CLICK HERE](#)
to complete the 2021 National Players' Survey



Badminton England Facilities Support

Badminton England are aware that one of the key challenges to getting clubs and players back playing is the availability of courts across the country for badminton and we are doing all we can to support a safe return and lobby for more courts to be open and available.

To support the reopening of facilities we are:

- ✋ Working with the Government, including the Department for Education, to lobby for the additional support for the safe and efficient opening of facilities
- ✋ Working with Sport England, ukactive and Community Leisure UK to consult commercial leisure operator partners to better understand when facilities will reopen and how we can support the opening of facilities
- ✋ Leveraging our partnerships with school facility providers to try and open doors to new and alternative venues on either an interim or permanent basis
- ✋ Working to update our Activity Finder to be able to quickly and easily notify the badminton community of facilities that are open to help find alternative venues where required
- ✋ Providing tailored support for those struggling to access venues near them, or those whose facilities are being used as vaccination sites



[CLICK HERE](#)

to complete our Venue Feedback Form to provide valuable insight into whether your local facility is open for badminton

School Lettings Partnerships

To support the badminton community to return to play, we have formed national partnerships with various School Lettings Agencies. These partnerships deliver value to affiliated clubs who can gain discounts on new court bookings.

Club Facilities Pack

To support clubs, coaches and players get back on court, Badminton England have designed a Club Facilities Pack with downloadable documents and use them to support conversations you are having with school facilities that are reluctant to open their venue to badminton bookings.

We hope these documents will support you in your efforts to convince schools that it is safe for them to open their sports facilities to badminton clubs and encourage schools to work with the badminton community to get people back playing.



[CLICK HERE](#)

to visit the Facilities section of our website where you can see which School Lettings Agencies we have partnered with and download the documents from the Club Facilities Pack

2021 European Badminton Championships

The 2021 European Championships took place from 27th April to 2nd May in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Men's Singles Champion: Anders Antonsen (Denmark)

Men's Singles Runner Up: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

Ladies' Singles Champion: Carolina Marin (Spain)

Ladies' Singles Runner Up: Line Christophersen (Denmark)

Men's Doubles Champions: Vladimir Ivanov & Ivan Sozonov (Russia)

Men's Doubles Runners Up: Mark Lamsfuß & Marvin Emil Seidel (Germany)

Ladies' Doubles Champions: Gabriela Stoeva & Stefani Stoeva (Bulgaria)

Ladies' Doubles Runners Up: Lauren Smith & Chloe Birch (England)

Mixed Doubles Champions: Rodion Alimov & Alina Davletova (Russia)

Mixed Doubles Runners Up: Marcus Ellis & Lauren Smith (England)



[CLICK HERE](#)

to view all draws and match results from the Championships

[CLICK HERE](#)

to watch all matches from the 2021 European Championships on Badminton Europe TV

New Adult Beginner Session – Halifax

Starting Monday 28th June 2021

BRAND NEW!

BADMINTON FOR ALL

EVERY MONDAY ▾ 7PM - 8PM ▾ £6.00

Badminton sessions aimed at adult beginners and anyone who hasn't picked up a racket in a while.

My name is Emma and I have been playing badminton for over 20 years representing Great Britain and Yorkshire! My passion is to encourage people to enjoy the game as much as I do! I am an experienced level 2 badminton coach and will help you build your skills, get fit and most of all, have fun!



Rackets and shuttles provided!
Sessions fully compliant with Covid regulations.

To book contact:
Emma 07506013820
smethurstemma@me.com
Limited spaces available

Every Monday at Hipperholme Grammar School.
Bramley Lane, Halifax, HX3 8JE

Level 2 coach, Emma Smethurst has been working hard during lockdown to set up a brand-new session in Halifax for adult beginners!

Emma has a wealth of badminton knowledge as she has represented Great Britain and Yorkshire County as a player as well as working for Badminton England and she is also a fully qualified Level 2 coach.

Session Details:

- 🔥 **Start Date:** 28th June 2021
- 🔥 **Day:** Monday
- 🔥 **Time:** 7pm – 8pm
- 🔥 **Venue:** Hipperholme Grammar School, Halifax
- 🔥 **Cost:** £6 per session

For more information or to book a place, contact Emma on 07506013820 or smethurstemma@me.com



Clubs & Sessions – Return to Play 2021

A number of clubs and sessions across Yorkshire have now managed to restart and shared their photos. It's great to see the badminton community return to play and well done to all volunteers and coaches who have worked hard behind the scenes to help their members return to badminton!



Left:
**Huddersfield Eagles
Junior Badminton Club**



Right:
**South Cave
Badminton Club**



Left:
**York RI Mon-Wed
Badminton Club**





**Above:
Abbeydale Badminton Club**



**Above:
Pontefract Squash & Leisure Club
No Strings session**



**Below:
Thornaby Pavilion Badminton Club**



**Left:
Westfield
Junior
Badminton
Club**

England Para Badminton Squad Success

England's Para Badminton squad made their mark in the Spanish Para Badminton International in May, winning two gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

Five England players, Jack Shephard, Krysten Coombs, Martin Rooke, Isaak Dalglish and Dan Bethell, competed in the tournament which saw an all-English final in the SH6 men's singles. This final was an incredibly closely fought affair, with Krysten Coombs claiming victory over teammate and top seed Jack Shephard, winning 23-21, 23-21. Coombs had also beaten teammate Isaak Dalglish in the semi-final a day earlier and what a week it was for Dalglish who has only been on the England programme for one month. He saw off numerous higher ranked players and it was clear to see the training efforts that he has made at the EIS in Sheffield over recent months.

In the SL3 men's singles final, Daniel Bethell put in a standout performance to claim the gold medal, beating Thailand's Mongkhon Bunsun, 21-4, 21-9 in just 36 minutes.

However, there was disappointment for Martin Rooke, who had to withdraw from the tournament through injury.



Head Coach, Rich Morris:

"I am very proud of all their performances this week but even more so their preparation for this event. To come here under the circumstances in the shape they are in, was an achievement in itself"

[CLICK HERE](#)

to view all draws, matches & results from the tournament

Follow Para Badminton GB on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter for regular updates!
@ParaBadmintonGB



UK Coaching Online Training Courses

Sudden Cardiac Arrest eLearning Course

This free life-saving eLearning course is useful for coaches, volunteers and anyone working or playing within a sports environment. The course is packed with immersive and scenario-based learning, practical information and tips to help you respond quickly and appropriately to a sudden cardiac arrest.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) could happen to anyone, at any time, with approximately 60,000 SCAs happening within the community every year in the UK. 12 each week are under the age of 35 and only 1 in 10 survive. If effective action is taken within the first minute, this can treble the chances of survival.

This eLearning course takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and will help you plan and respond appropriately to a SCA and incorporates:

- 👉 Practical information and tips
- 👉 High quality immersive videos, including an interview with SCA survivor Fabrice Muamba (former professional footballer) and Martin Johnson CBE (former England rugby union captain and team manager)
- 👉 Hands-on interactive learning
- 👉 An optional 60-second lifesaver challenge to put your knowledge and skills to the test

[CLICK HERE](#)
to access the **FREE Sudden Cardiac Arrest eLearning Course**

Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course

The UK Coaching Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshop helps to raise awareness of the tell-tale signs of abuse and gives you the tools and confidence you need to deal with any issues sensitively, appropriately and effectively, should the need ever arise in your coaching.

All active coaches and Club Welfare Officers should have completed the Safeguarding & Protecting Children training which is now available as an online workshop.

The course will take 2 hours & 30 minutes to complete and costs £30. There are a range of dates and times available to take part in the online workshop.

Alternatively, if you have already attended a Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshop in the past and need to renew your training (training needs to be renewed every 3 years), you can also complete the renewal workshop online, at a cost of £16.99.

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more information or to book onto an online **Safeguarding & Protecting Children course**

[CLICK HERE](#)
to access the **Safeguarding Renewal course**



Chris & Gabby Adcock Announce Retirement

England's double Commonwealth and European Champions, Chris and Gabby Adcock, announced their retirement from badminton in May.

The Team GB Olympians have competed on the HSBC BWF World Tour together since 2013 and have achieved remarkable success throughout that period.

Gabby first joined the England set up in 2006 and won a breakthrough world junior silver medal, with Chris, in 2007 and has not looked back since. For husband Chris, 2007 was also the year he earned his first England senior cap and his career grew from strength to strength from that moment on, achieving a remarkable 468 career wins.

In 2010, Chris and Gabby made their Commonwealth Games debut helping Team England to a bronze medal in Delhi. Alongside his then Mixed Doubles Partner, Imogen Bankier, Chris took the World Championships in London by storm in 2011 achieving a silver medal, and 12 months later, made his Olympic debut for Team GB in London in 2012, again with Imogen. Chris represented Great Britain at the Rio Games in 2016, this time alongside Gabby.

2013 saw one of their proudest moments though, as they won their first SuperSeries title at the Hong Kong Open.

In 2014, at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Chris and Gabby were part of the Team England that won a team silver which they then followed up with individual gold in the Mixed Doubles event.

The following year, Chris and Gabby won the BWF World Tour Finals in Dubai, the first English players to claim this prestigious title and in 2017, Chris and Gabby again made England proud when they returned to Glasgow for the World Championships and took a bronze medal. In the same year, they won their first European Championships gold medal, with victory in Kolding, Denmark.

2018 saw the duo successfully defend their Commonwealth Games title on the Gold Coast, as well as retain their European gold medal.



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**to read the full news story on the
Badminton England website**

2021 National Volunteer Conference

The 2021 National Volunteer Conference will be an online event, taking place in the afternoon of Saturday 11th September 2021. The focus will be around rebuilding badminton following the coronavirus pandemic and will include six exciting workshops, keynote speakers and networking as well as the presentation of the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Awards.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**for more information on the 2021 National
Volunteer Conference – bookings will open soon!**



VOLUNTEERS

Upcoming Coaching Courses

Foundation Award (Level 1) in Coaching Badminton

The Foundation Award is the starting point for people who would like to get into coaching badminton and become a coaching assistant. This course will teach you to:

- 🔥 Lead fun games, activities and tournaments
- 🔥 Understand the badminton landscape and structure in England
- 🔥 Support a Level 2 coach in the delivery of sessions
- 🔥 Deliver Badminton England programmes such as: No Strings Sessions, SmashUp! & Racket Pack Lite
- 🔥 Effectively support the development of clubs/sessions and maximise participant experience

Upcoming Foundation Award:

- 🔥 **Dates:** Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th September 2021
- 🔥 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on both days
- 🔥 **Venue:** Sheffield Hallam University, Pearson Building, Broomgrove Road, Sheffield Hallam University Collegiate Campus, S10 2BP
- 🔥 **Cost:** £175 for Badminton England members & £195 for non-members

[CLICK HERE](#)

for more information on the upcoming Foundation Award at Sheffield Hallam university and to book a place

1st4sport Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2

The Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2 provides the opportunity to train to coach independently through a bespoke learning journey, tailored to coaches' own environments. Formed of a core module and a specialism module where coaches get to choose whether to apply the knowledge and skills learnt to a 'club' or 'talent' environment, this course allows coaches to focus on their learning needs.

Upcoming Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2:

- 🔥 **Dates:** Saturday 2nd October, Sunday 3rd October, Saturday 30th October, Sunday 31st October & Sunday 28th November 2021
- 🔥 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on all 5 days
- 🔥 **Venue:** Harrogate Racquets Club, Firs Rd, Harrogate, Yorkshire, HG2 8HA
- 🔥 **Cost:** £390 for Badminton England Coach Members, £400 for Badminton England members & £420 for non-members

[CLICK HERE](#)

for more information on the upcoming Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2 at Harrogate Racquets Club and to book a place

If you would like more information or guidance on anything included in this newsletter or would like to see something featured in the next newsletter edition (September 2021), please get in touch.

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