

Leinster Coaching Committee Report 2018/19

The Coaching committee this season in conjunction with Acting General Secretary Betty Luttrell ran 4 Beginner and 3 Improver 7 and 6 week adult badminton courses in the Terenure Badminton Centre. These courses were well attended with over 60 people new to the game of badminton attending. This was a particularly enthusiastic year of new beginner badminton players and will likely be booking courts in the Terenure Badminton Centre well into the foreseeable future.

Please contact the office on 014508101 if you are interested in joining next season's courses.

Baldoyle Badminton Centre also run adult beginner and improver courses. Over 40 new adult beginner badminton players were introduced to the sport of badminton in 2018/19 season. Please contact Jean Denihan manager in Baldoyle Badminton Centre on (01) 8393355 or email jean@lbbui.ie for more details of courses starting in September/October 2019.

The coaching committee also ran a coaching course in conjunction with St Kevin's National School from Kilnamanagh in Tallaght. The course ran from October 2018 to March 2019 on a Tuesday morning in Terenure Badminton Centre. Over 120 primary school kids were introduced to the sport of badminton. Thank you to all the Badminton Ireland accredited and Garda vetted coaches who took part in this project.

We also ran an introduction to badminton course for year 5 students at St Colmcilles Primary School in Knocklyon. Over 150 primary school students received a six week introduction to badminton course from Sian Williams and Mark Topping.

A big thank you to Ailesbury member Brian McGowan principal at St Colmcilles Primary School, Knocklyon for working in partnership with Leinster Badminton.

The goal of this committee is to encourage registered Leinster badminton players to consider enrolling and qualifying for Badminton World Federation (BWF) coaching qualifications. Our committee is working in partnership with the Badminton Ireland Coach Education team as Badminton Ireland run the accredited BWF coaching courses.

The starting qualification is the BWF Level 0 Shuttle-time course. This is a well-designed course aimed at qualifying anyone to feel confident to introduce badminton into primary and secondary schools. Over ninety short video clips and twenty two lesson plans available on the BWF Shuttle-time app. Download the BWF Shuttle-time app to get the complete

course. It is free. As a coach you are able to show the students on your smart phone or tablet.

In partnership with Badminton Ireland coach development team we ran a well-attended Level 0 BWF coaching course in the Terenure Badminton Centre in August 2018. The plan is to make this an annual event as it is a time of year that badminton players are interested in developing their coaching skills. More details to follow.

On the 13th of May a BWF Level 0 was held in Laois. It was largely attended by teachers. The cost is €68 for non-members and €55 for registered Badminton Ireland members. This course is free to all teachers, so if you are a teacher or know a teacher interested in badminton, pass on the details. Please check out Badminton Ireland website and the coaching calendar page if you are interested in this course.

Badminton Ireland have their annual week long summer coaching qualification course in Marino Institute of Education in July/ August 2019.

The BWF Level 0 course is on Monday the 29th of July from 10 am to 4pm.

The four day BWF Level 1 course is Tuesday the 30th of July to Friday 2nd of August 2019.

This four day course is aimed at more experienced badminton players who are interested in getting into badminton coaching. This coaching qualification will give the newly qualified coach the skills to help club players improve on techniques of the wide variety shots in badminton and the tactics of the game.

The cost of this four day course is €300. Please call Daniel Magee and/or Craig McCourtney at Badminton Ireland on 01 8393028 for more information.

Another very positive and powerful event for all coaches working in the Leinster Branch region to consider attending is the annual coaches conference held in the Marino Institute of Education on the 10th and 11th of August. A number of informative and interesting seminars are held each year giving coaches the opportunity to practice and experience new concepts to bring to their coaching sessions. This conference counts towards qualified coaches' continuous professional development.

Mark Topping

Chairperson
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