

Southern Junior Badminton

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A WARM WELCOME TO THE 2016 SEASON!

Welcome back to those who have attended in previous years, and a very warm welcome to all new players.

If this is your first time playing badminton then please 'hang in there' through the first few weeks and you will discover what a great fun and sociable game badminton is. We will ensure that you get to play a variety of singles and doubles games with players of a similar standard. We also hope to offer opportunities to receive coaching from time-to-time to improve your game.

Playing commences from 1:30pm, and matches will be organised by STBA volunteers and parents until 4:00pm. Players are most welcome to arrange their own games and keep playing until 4:30pm. Also, parents are encouraged to join in the fun during this last half hour of play.

Note to parents: Please ensure your child is collected before supervision ends at 4:30pm.

The roster will continue through until the start of the September school holidays. However, it will not on during school holidays or when the hall is booked out for tournaments. Please make note of the roster dates in your diary.



28-May	Come and Try	30-Jul	Roster Games
4-Jun	No Games	6-Aug	Roster Games
11-Jun	Come and Try	13-Aug	Roster Games
18-Jun	Roster Games	20-Aug	Roster Games
25-Jun	Roster Games	27-Aug	No Games
2-Jul	Roster Games	3-Sep	Roster Games
9-Jul	No Games	10-Sep	Roster Games
16-Jul	No Games	17-Sep	Roster Games
23-Jul	Roster Games	24-Sep	Championships Day

In an emergency parents can contact the session manager,

Rowan Henderson on 0410 842 779.

Player Information Form

You will find a form attached to this Newsletter which parents are required to fill out to register their child(ren). The main purpose of this is emergency contact information that is held by the coordinators at the STBA. This must be completed before a player steps on court. We will have spare forms and pens at the registration desk, but it would make things a lot smoother if completed and signed forms are brought on the day.

Parent Help

Attendance Fees:

Fees have crept up to \$10 per child this season. Fees are charged for the sole purpose of recovering costs (running the centre, shuttles and end of season trophies). To offset the increase for families there is a discount for multiple children – 2 for \$17 and 3 for \$24.

Coaching

We hope to be able to offer coaching throughout the season on a semi-regular basis. We will keep you posted and please check the noticeboards for other coaching opportunities at other times. If any player wishes to pursue extra coaching please contact the roster manager Rowan Henderson or other helpers and we will be able to point you in the direction of a number of STBA coaches who are providing weekly junior coaching sessions.

Pizza/Afternoon Socials

Playing Badminton is a social activity as well as a sport. We like to encourage the social bonds that develop between the junior players by holding an occasional pizza afternoon tea to follow the games. This is held in the function room adjacent to the courts. Notification of dates for will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Email Distribution List

An Email distribution list has been compiled to help facilitate communications with all parents of junior players.

If you would like to be included on this distribution list then please contact us at stba.juniors@gmail.com, or fill in your email address on the attached form. You will be able to receive updates, newsletters etc if you are on this list.

(Hardcopy of newsletters will continue to be available from the website, STBA noticeboard, and upon arrival at the registration desk on Saturdays).

SJB Rules For Participation

To ensure the season runs safely, smoothly and fairly, we ask all players to observe the following rules:-

1. Indemnity

We must receive a completed indemnity form for each player every year

IMPORTANT: This must be completed before taking part in the Junior Roster.

2. Starting Age

Our normal rule is that players must be ten (10) years of age as from 31st March. However, children who can hit the shuttle and are under 10 are welcome to participate, but an adult must stay to help supervise them the entire afternoon.

3. Ending Age

Junior badminton ends for players once they have exceeded 18 years of age. Players who are aged 18 at the start of the roster will be eligible to play for the entire roster season and also participate on the championship day.

4. Playing Time

1.30pm until 4.00pm for organised games. Informal games where parents can join in may continue being played until supervision ends at 4:30pm.

5. Court Fees

\$10.00 per week. 2 children from the same family for \$17 and 3 for \$24. All fees must be paid upon arrival at the desk in the foyer and attendance recorded for safety/security reasons.

6. Games

Each player should be ready for their games when required.

7. Umpiring

All players are expected to learn how to undertake this invaluable task and are expected to umpire when they are asked to do so (if they have not already leapt into the Umpire's Chair!)

8. Rubbish

This is your responsibility. All rubbish must be cleared from seating areas and placed in a rubbish bin please.

9. Behaviour

Inappropriate behaviour and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated on or off the court and serious offenders will be asked not to return. Interested, committed volunteers, who give valuable time and effort supporting Junior Badminton, conduct this roster. Please make their task a pleasant one by your courteous approach.

10. Attendance

It is not essential to attend every Saturday as games are flexibly arranged for whoever turns up. However, please arrive and be ready to play badminton promptly from 1:30pm so that we can get the most from these sessions.

11. Clothing

Suitable sports clothing- shorts, track pants, skirts, etc., of a light colour and indoor court shoes with non-marking soles.

Unsuitable clothing- hats, jeans, T-shirts with unsuitable wording and black soled shoes, will not be permitted.

Players wearing unsuitable clothing will be asked not to play.

12. Championship Day

A Championship Day is organised for the final date of the season, and all players who have played at least 3 times by the 6th of August are eligible to participate. This rule is set for two important reasons:-

- to ensure that sufficient entry fees will have been received to contribute sufficiently towards the cost of the medallions and trophies given out during the season's closing ceremony.
- to avoid the possibility of players deliberately turning up just at the end of season to compete for trophies without having properly participated in the roster.

Exceptions to the Championship Day attendance rules can be made if there are sufficient mitigating circumstances, such as illness, that have prevented a player from regular attendance. Please contact the organisers if you would like to ask for an exception to be made.

Note: No attendance fees are payable on the Championship Day.

Contacting the Badminton Centre during games

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SOUTHERN JUNIOR BADMINTON

**2016 Player Application – to be completed by parent or guardian BEFORE THE
PLAYER STEPS ON COURT**

Name of player

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Address

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Phone No. Date of Birth

Any health issues we should be aware of (eg asthma, diabetes etc)

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Parent/guardian 1: Phone No:

Parent/guardian 2: Phone No:

Email Address(es):

(optional, for receiving our Newsletters and updates electronically)

FORM OF INDEMNITY

In consideration of the Southern Junior Badminton accepting the above named player as a member of the said group, I agree and hereby indemnify the said group, its officers, servants or agents insofar as and to the extent to which the said group, its officers, servants or agents are not entitled to be indemnified under any policy of insurance whatsoever from and against any damages claims or demands arising out of any accident or illness which may befall or occur to the said player during his or her participation in any badminton activity or function connected with the said group or when travelling to and from such activities or functions. I further authorise any officers or servants of the said group in the event of such accident or illness to obtain any necessary medical assistance or treatment and for this purpose engage any Doctors, nursing assistance or hospital accommodation and in this event I agree to pay all such Doctors, nurses or hospital fees and expenses other than fees and expenses recoverable under any policy of insurance whatsoever, such fees to be paid to the said group on demand.

Signed: Date:

(parent or guardian)

