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Badminton NT Newsletter

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“COVID-19” The Corona Virus the No-one Knew Was Coming

The world has changed so quickly, reminding everyone that we are a community of individuals living in the same space, not individuals living in our own world. Badminton NT committee is working hard to keep everything alive and kicking so we can start playing as soon as the all clear is given.

Things under review are how this will affect

- memberships expiring on June 30th
- the Junior Development Programme and Squad training and
- keeping all players motivated so they are ready to come back with racquets swinging,

We are in close contact with Badminton Australia who are working with many federal agencies to ensure all sports survive this pandemic.

More information on this will be sent out to our members very soon.

What can you do to help?

The most important thing is to make sure we have your current email address as that is how messages will be sent out.

The other thing of course is to “grab a drink, sit down and read your emails from start to finish so you keep up to date.

If you have any questions please email your hard working committee at admin@ntbadminton.org.au and we will do our best to answer them quickly and help you in any way we can.

Postpone or Cancel – That is the Question

The Badminton Community around the World has been “on it” with events being postponed or cancelled, from the Olympic Games to the NT Open. Many are waiting for the “All Clear”, as this is when the organisers scramble to find another date to hold their events or if they have to cancel altogether. This is the situation with ALL Australian National titles. There will be a meeting in June to work out if they can all be held in the second half of the year. What does this mean for NT players? Make sure you keep fit and train at home using YouTube videos or your own training program so you are ready to go if you are selected. If you want help with things to do to keep fit and improve your skills send us an email and we will pass it on to the coaches. Don't forget to ask you family to help motivate you with your training. Send in photos of your backyard badminton efforts (a funny costume would win extra points) and we will put them in the newsletters. Remember to include your name so we know who you are.





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Badminton Officials and Coaches for the Future

Have you ever thought how cool it would be to be courtside at an Australian Open and other international badminton events? Stay tuned for more information as the committee works towards enabling our community to become Court Officials. Qualified court officials are vital to all levels of badminton competition and is a way that those who don't have the opportunity to play to still participate in major (& minor) events.

NT Government Sports Vouchers

The Government has not yet made any announcements about changes to the voucher system. We will keep you informed

Badminton NT squad sessions

Junior Development Squad payments for sessions cancelled will be credited towards future JDP sessions. Senior & elite squad sessions invoices for 2019 Term 1 will be sent out soon

Structural Organization of Badminton

As we all know, badminton is a very popular sport around the world, but do you know how it is organized.

At the top is Badminton World Federation and they are responsible for International Competitions including the Olympic Games and the World Titles. The Olympic rings represent 5 areas around the world and Australia is part of the Oceania Confederation.

Badminton Oceania oversees all International Events that are held in Australia.

Next in line is Badminton Australia who oversees all National events, followed by State and Territory Peak Sporting Organisations which is where Badminton NT fits in as we responsible for all Territory Title Events such as the NT Open.

The final level is the myriad of clubs and playing groups that get out on the courts every day to keep the sport alive and strong. They are the ones who organise club championships, and intrastate competitions such as the Darwin/Alice Springs Challenge.

All levels of organisation are important, but it is you, the grass roots players that support the hierarchy.

We encourage all to interact with online badminton options to keep the enjoyment happening in the current trying times.



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Air Badminton is on the Way

Did you know there is a new outdoor game being released called Air Badminton. It has been designed to be played on grass or sand with different court lines, with 1, 2 or 3 people playing at the same time and a very different type of shuttle. NTBA has requested some of these new shuttles when they are available and will organise some outside events to showcase the new game. In the meantime use the link below to see what will be possible in the future.

<https://youtu.be/FYLJvXb7tOU>



Air Badminton is on the Way



Badminton NT, through William, and along with the Table Tennis and Sepaktakraw groups were invited by the Chung Wah Society to have sporting demonstrations and visitor participation at their annual Chinese Festival. John Stark and his daughters, along with Kay and Leanne from Weekday Daytime Badminton set up "have a go" sessions with club rackets and shuttles, as well as demonstration games. Flyers with information with contact details and weekly session times were handed out to the eager participants. Much interest was shown by all ages of potential new & returning players. Karel, Russell, Richard and Irene came along in the afternoon

and set up more demonstration matches and further promote badminton to the interested onlookers. It was a busy day and looking at the delight on the 'have a goers' faces, it was very successful. Thank you to all who helped with making our contribution to the Chinese festival work.



Badminton NT Committee

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