

# Staffordshire Schools' Badminton Association

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## U12 Opening Badminton Tournament

Open to all players of birth date age detailed below (not listed as restricted below) who live or attend school in Staffordshire or its original border areas of the West Midlands including

Walsall/Wolverhampton/Sandwell/West Bromwich/Kingswinford

Highest placed non-county player will be invited to one SSBA training session

Date and time	Sunday 29 October 2017 start time 2.30 pm
Venue	Sir Graham Balfour High School, North Avenue, Stafford. ST16 1NR
Age	Born on or after 1st January 2007
Events	Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles, Boys' Doubles, Girls' Doubles,
Cost	£6.00 per player per event, (cheques made payable to SSBA)
Doubles partners	If you wish to play doubles but are unable to find a partner the tournament organiser will endeavour to find someone suitable. Unfortunately no guarantees can be made about suitability or availability.
Send your entry to:-	Mr Simon Smith, 15 Lowerbirches Way, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 1GA
Tournament organiser	Mr Simon Smith Mob: 07717 580594 Email:simon.smithteam@hotmail.co.uk
Notes	Drinks and food should be brought along and eaten in the designated area only. All children should be supervised by a responsible adult eg parent / teacher.
Medical information	Please identify any medical condition that you feel the organiser should be aware of.
Restricted players	Players who represent / attend training for another county
Closing date for entries	Wednesday 25 October 2017
A group photograph will be taken on the day for promotional purposes, if you wish to withhold your consent please inform the organiser before the start of the tournament.	

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## Staffordshire Schools' Under 12 Opening Badminton Tournament

Please fill in the following details.

Name of child	Boy / Girl	Date of birth
Address		
Medical information:		
Telephone:	e-mail:	
Doubles partner name or partner wanted		
Events entering (please tick)	singles	doubles
Entry fees:- Singles £6.00 - Doubles £6.00 per person = £		
Please make all cheques payable to SSBA. Do not send cash through the post.		

Additional entries may be listed on separate paper

# THE COUNTY OF STAFFORDSHIRE'S NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JUNIOR BADMINTON



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## A Little More About Us

The SSBA is a voluntary organisation which has been serving the county of Staffordshire for the last 30 years. The SSBA aims to promote the mental, moral and physical development of school boys and school girls through the medium of badminton and aims to raise the standard of junior badminton throughout the county of Staffordshire. To achieve these aims the SSBA provides the following for its members:

-  Regular structured ability coaching from qualified experienced professional coaches
-  Tournaments organised for age groups Under 11 to Under 17
-  The running of teams starting at the under 11 age group with the three main age groups (under 13, under 15 & under 17) competing with other counties in the national Shires League along with participation in Badminton England Schools & Youth Board organised team tournaments.
-  Close liaison with the Staffordshire County Badminton Association in progressing players to the senior county teams.



Above: Photograph of training session in progress at the SSBA's training and home venue of Sir Graham Balfour High School Sports Hall, Stafford.

## Interested in Membership?

Membership is achieved through referral, assessment and invitation. One of our basic objectives is to have Staffordshire's top competitive junior badminton players in their respective age groups. Players are eligible who live or attend school in the county of Staffordshire which for our association also includes the old south Staffordshire boundary areas which are now part of the West Midlands. There are a number of ways in which both school boys and school girls can become members of the SSBA. We are associated with a number of badminton coaches throughout Staffordshire who may choose to refer any child they see as talented to us who will then receive an assessment from our Junior Coaching Secretary Andy Aspinal who also provides coaching outside the SSBA. An excellent way to get started would be first to contact a coach in your area to start lessons and attend classes. The following are all minimum level 2 qualified coaches long associated with the SSBA:

### Coach & Contact Details

### Area

### More Details

Andy Aspinal  
Tel: 01782 326364 Mobile: 07528692503  
e-mail: a\_aspinal@hotmail.com

North & Mid Staffordshire  
Stoke-on-Trent /  
Newcastle-under-Lyme

SSBA Junior Coaching Secretary, Andy is a level 3 coach who also coaches independently including 1:1 & is the Head coach of the Potteries Performance Centre

Ken Steele  
Tel: 01782 619911 Mobile: 07948 799876  
e-mail: kensteelecoach@yahoo.co.uk

North Staffordshire  
Stoke-on-Trent /  
Newcastle-under-Lyme

One of the main supporters of the SSBA over the years, Ken provides many classes, 1:1 lessons & is the Head coach of the North Staffs Centre Excellence

John Bagshaw  
Mobile: 0780 6634445  
e-mail: john.bagshaw9651@o2.co.uk

Mid & South Staffordshire  
Lichfield

Long standing association with the SSBA, former Badminton development officer for Staffordshire and provides classes and 1:1 coaching

Maureen South  
Tel: 01384271588  
e-mail: sales@contessakitchens.co.uk

South Staffordshire  
Kingswinford

Maureen runs junior classes at Ashton Badminton Club Kingswinford.

Richard Whieldon  
Tel: 01538306229

North East Staffordshire  
Leek & Moorlands

Many year's service for the SSBA and current active serving member of the committee, coaches junior classes

Veronica White  
Tel: 01889 562727  
e-mail: whitesrockwood@hotmail.com

East Staffordshire  
Uttoxeter

Also long association with the SSBA and and provides classes and 1:1 coaching

Alan Rogers  
Tel: 01283 713517 Mobile: 07870770326  
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East Staffordshire  
Burton-on-Trent

Chair of the East Staffordshire Badminton Development Group and provides classes and coaching sessions

Rebecca Lunt  
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North Staffordshire  
Stoke-on-Trent /  
Staffordshire Moorlands

Former SSBA member and regular coach at the North Staffs Centre Excellence. Provides classes at Northwood stadium, S-o-T.

More information can be obtained about the SSBA from the website: [www.staffordshirebadminton.org.uk](http://www.staffordshirebadminton.org.uk) which serves both junior and senior county badminton organisations.

## S.S.B.A. Opening and Restricted Tournaments

Every Season the SSBA run two tournaments in all age groups which give the opportunity for every child in Staffordshire to enter. The only exceptions to this are known top players (favourites in their particular age group). These players are restricted from entering the restricted tournaments leaving the results less predictable. These tournaments are a great opportunity for players interested in the sport of badminton to impress SSBA officials. Highest achieving non county players may get invited for further assessment leading to possible membership from their tournament results.