

Hampshire Junior Squash

AGM report 2019

I must give thanks to all the junior committee and volunteer parent helpers.

Chair: Andrew Flett

League organiser: Scott Griffiths

Regional rep: Michele Farris

Grand prix: Brian Ward

Welfare Officer: Stuart Porter

Schools: Trevor Leahy

Coaching: Jules Keefe

Sponsors: Sam Wheldon

Notable junior performances 2018-2019

George Griffiths Ranked No 2 in BU11

Megan Light - Ranked No 2 in England U13. Playing for England in 5 nations

Harry Flett Ranked No 2 in BU11 before ageing up

Alex Broadbridge - U13 national champ and Ranked No 1 in England. Won Dutch and French junior Open. Playing for England in 5 nations

Amelie Howarth – won English junior championships GU13. Ranked No 2. Gu15

Maia Pannell - No 1 in England GU17

Jared Carter - No 1 BU19 (until recently)

Intercounty championships

Incredible success this year at the intercounty championship finals for Hampshire



GU15 - GOLD - Olivia Bessant, Amelie Howarth, Megan Light, Florence Kersley, Emily Dickens, Celia Weekes

BU19 - 3rd place

GU19 - Runners up

GU13 - 4th place

GU11 - 3rd place

BU11 (plate) - 2nd place

D squad - Richard and Shane generally ran the under 11 training sessions. Difficult balance between encouraging participation vs performance.

C Squad - Jon's first season proved popular. He appears to be an efficient coach both on and off the court. He is keen to stay involved and that is being finalised at the moment.

B Squad - Edd Pooley- several date clashes with big tournaments led to low numbers.

A Squad - Tim Vail. Players and parents appear to be keen to have Tim's input at all levels and hopefully this will be achieved with a new structure for coming season

Next season

All training sessions to be held on one day and on the ES calendar county training dates. We need to book venues centrally in advance, sharing between: Trojans, Winchester, Lee, Totton

The children have been allocated into proposed squads as laid out by Tim, leaving the U11s as a much more development level group for children not yet playing to county standard. Selection to the squads would be at the county closed, regional closed and by nomination from coaches through the season.

Provisional coaching allocations:

Time.	Squad	Coach
9-11	under 11s	Tim, Shane, Martyn
11-1	C.	Tim, Shane, Martyn
1-3.	B.	Tim, Edd, Jon
3-5	A.	Tim, Edd ,Jon

County dates

19/20 October - Training

9/10 November first round

14/15 December Training

11/12 January Training

18/19 January finals

1/2 county training EP

14/15 March Training

16/17 May Training

13/14 June Training

Hampshire County Closed

Largest entry for many years with 100 children. Large mini-squash section

Invested in New trophies

Need to display old trophies somewhere

Plans to increase numbers again this year. Plate events for U11s and usual minisquash for u9s.

September 28th/29th at WRFC

Request to all clubs to help promote the tournament in place of squads.

Events

End of season event at Lee on the Solent. 50+ juniors, games, Dinner and men and women exhibitions

Hampshire open - hosted a mental performance workshop and sports nutrition workshop

Jesse Engelbrecht coaching masterclass

5 counties U11 and U13 - hosted at WRFC

Hampshire Junior Leagues (Scott Griffiths)

New format well received

133 juniors from 16 different clubs competed in this seasons HS Junior Leagues. This was up from 122 last year. We also welcomed our first juniors from Lymington and Beechdown.

The Junior Leagues is a unique competition, as juniors compete based on their ability, and not on age or gender. This allows for competitive games for all the juniors that take part whether they are just starting their squash careers or they are county standard players. It also brings juniors together from different clubs, allowing new friendships to be formed and increasing juniors enjoyment in the sport. For these reasons we would like to request that all clubs encourage their juniors to take part in the leagues again next season, so that we can continue to grow junior squash in Hampshire.

The cost is only £15 per junior for all 6 fixtures across the season, which we hopes makes it accessible for everyone. This is made possible by the generosity of the clubs that host leagues for free, at a time when courts are generally under utilised (Sunday afternoons). Thanks to Lee, Winchester, Trojans, Bounty, PGS, Fair Oak and The Avenue squash Clubs. We will need additional clubs to host next season. Please let us know if your club would consider helping. It also wouldn't be possible without all the volunteer parents and coaches that give up their time to run the leagues across the season (too many to mention here).

The leagues have been sponsored by TEMPURA and TITANSPORT for the last 2 seasons, which also helps keep costs low and allow for great trophies and prizes to be awarded. We hope to continue with this sponsorship next season, but we are always looking for additional sponsors for junior squash.

Entry forms will be sent to all clubs in September to sign up their juniors for the 2019/2020 season.

Schools (Trevor Leahy)

Schools Liaison in Hampshire – Squash in Schools (SIS) - Development Plan

Strategic Objectives

The objectives of the Hampshire Squash Junior Committee and the Schools

Liaison Development Lead are as follows: -

Create a significant upturn in the numbers of junior boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 playing squash and racketball.

Create a new channel from which boys and girls who did not previously have the opportunity to play squash and racketball, take up the game.

Create an opportunity to learn racket skills, develop hand and eye co-ordination and build fitness in school boys and girls.

Create a pathway for boys and girls from the schools to the squash clubs effectively developing satellites for the clubs within the schools.

Progress junior boys and girls wanting to play squash and racketball more frequently through regular development squads at the squash and racketball clubs.

Create a much larger talent pool from which to draw the top performing junior boys and girls.

Create clear squash and racketball offerings to primary and secondary schools which can be led by trusted, fully qualified squash and racketball coaches or by teachers who have themselves been trained.

Create a quality team of squash and racketball coaches who will consistently deliver the rackets offerings to the schools. The schools will fund the value of the delivery of these

offerings.

Original Targets – set in 2015.

- 2015 -2016 – 10 SCHOOLS in total
- 2016 – 2017 – 20 SCHOOLS in total
- 2017 – 2018 – 30 SCHOOLS in total

In 2018, the number of schools involved in squash activity was around 20 and it was proving difficult to increase this number.

In 2019 Since the introduction of the Coaching Development Officer and the reintroduction of squash into the Hampshire School Games – 30 schools in Hampshire have been involved in squash activities.

Targets for 2019/2020

In 2020 it is planned to have worked with 50 schools across the county.

How does Hampshire plan to do this?

Further Investment in the quality Coaching Development Officer and the Development Coaching Academy.

Further Investment in SIS quality training for new coaches.

Further Investment in SIS quality offerings and demonstration to schools of the quality offerings.

The establishment of a great Hampshire Squash SIS brand and reputation.

Further Secure funding from schools through School Premium and reliable payments for coaches.

Further Investment in building key relationships and partnerships with Energise Me and other key sporting bodies e.g school Games Organisers and their employers.

Sponsors

Generous sponsorship from Tempura and Titan Sports

Seeking more sponsors for coming season