



Waterford Badminton Club

Welcome to the 09/10 badminton season

Dear Member,

On behalf of the committee I would like to welcome you to Waterford Badminton Club. Waterford Badminton Club was formed in 1928 and has a membership of approximately seventy adult and sixty juvenile members, we cater for all levels of play. As a committee we are very open to any suggestion for internal competitions and fundraising events that you may like to put forward. While our club encourage members to get involved at a competitive level we also cater for members who just like to play for fun and keep fit at the same time.

Yours in Sport

Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Joining Waterford Badminton Club entitles you to:

1. be registered with Badminton Ireland, Munster Badminton and Waterford County Badminton Association
2. play in any competition run by Badminton Ireland, Munster Badminton and Waterford County Badminton Association
3. attend club nights and book courts
4. participate in tournaments run by the club throughout the year
5. attend social events hosted by the club
6. attend the club AGM and to be nominated to club committee

1. Badminton Ireland registration

Badminton Ireland (www.badmintonireland.com) is the National Governing Body for badminton in Ireland and, in turn, is affiliated to the European Badminton Union and the International Badminton Federation. Registration with Badminton Ireland means that players are insured to play badminton. This insurance covers a very broad spectrum of activities including;

- Personal Accident
- Public Liability
- Officers
- Overseas travel for badminton events

On registration with Badminton Ireland players will be issued a membership card which will be necessary for entry to many competitions hosted by Badminton Ireland.

Munster Badminton (www.munsterbadminton.org) is the provincial association to which Waterford is a member. This association hosts many events throughout the year and are also responsible for the high performance coaching of the juvenile members in the region.

Waterford County Badminton Association (www.waterfordbadminton.org) is the local branch of which we are members. This association runs leagues and competitions throughout the year in which the club takes an active role. Waterford Badminton Club has several representatives on the county board which represent the interests of the members in the running of badminton in the county. This association is also responsible for the selection and training of the county team.



2. Competitions

The badminton season generally runs from September to May. Each association issues a calendar of events at the beginning of each season.

Badminton Ireland hosts the entire national and international events in Ireland. Several teams from our club take part in these competitions during the season.

Munster Badminton hosts all the provincial championships. The opening rounds of these events generally start in January with the finals held in March /April. Also teams winning their respective county leagues can represent their county at the Munster Championships.

Waterford County Badminton Association run the men's and ladies doubles leagues from September to December. We encourage members to take part in these leagues as they offer a great chance for members to meet and compete with many players around the county. In January the mixed cup is held followed by the mixed league again we encourage members to play these events. During the season the county championships are held along with several invitational events run by individual clubs. These events offer players a good level of competition for their respective division.

3. Club Nights and Courts Bookings

Once you are a member of Waterford Badminton Club you will be issued a photo ID card. We ask that you have this card with you at all times while on club premises as it will identify you as a fully registered member of the club.

The club runs club nights all year round on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8.15 pm to 10.15 pm. On Wednesday nights (7.30 pm to 10.00 pm) we run a beginners night where a coach is present, this offers players chance to develop at their own pace with players of a similar standard. On these nights members pay €3 and sign the club book prior to playing. This small fee covers the price of the shuttles and the lights. These nights are open to all members to come along and play however we do encourage that beginners attend the Wednesday night session.



Once you are a fully paid up member you are entitled to book any of the two courts. These courts are available 7 days a week 365 days of the year. The availability of the courts varies throughout the season due to competitions both internal and external. To book a court you simple write your name on the booking sheets on the notice board at the times you require. These sheets are placed on the notice board every Monday night for the forthcoming week. Court fees for the coming season will be €8 an hour per court. The club captain is responsible for all bookings within the club.

4. Club Competitions

The club offers several competitions for its members each season. These competitions generally take place in December and March. These competitions aim to mix up the membership enabling players to meet as many of the members as possible. These competitions although competitive are always enjoyed in the spirit of good fun. This season will see the return of the Johnnie O'Brien Singles Championships.

5. Social Events

Throughout the season the club runs several social events. These events range from fundraising events such as a race nights (these have always proved to be great fun) to karaoke. This year we have plans to run a 24 hour badminton marathon. This event should prove to be a challenge and good fun. With this event we hope to raise the profile of badminton in the local community. We hope to run this event sometime near the end of October and would encourage all members to take part in this special event.



6. Club AGM and Committee

The annual general meeting of the club is held in April/May at the end of each season. It is held at the end of each season to ensure we have a committee in place for the forthcoming season. We encourage all members to attend this meeting as a well attended AGM is a lively AGM. The main committee in the club consists of 4 officers (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Club Captain) and several members. Each year these positions are available for election.

There are also several sub committees within the club which are responsible for team selection, competitions, cleaning and social events.

FEES

Club Registration Fees **must** be paid by September 30th or you will be unable to participate in any competition. Please see the Treasurer if you have any difficulties meeting this deadline.

The fees for the forthcoming 09/10 season are as follows;

- Adult €150
- Student €100
- Juvenile €50
- Family (husband & Wife) €270
- Where there is a case of more than two members from the one family joining these are assessed on a case by case basis by the committee and a fee is agreed.

Payment Options

Your Club fees can be paid by one of two ways;

1. One-off payment

A complete payment, which covers everything, can be made by cheque or cash to the treasurer

2. Direct lodgement

The payments made direct to the club bank account. Please ensure that you retain your receipt and supply a copy of it with your membership form.

How to pay

There are several ways you can pay your fees:

- Cash (to the Club Treasurer)
- Cheque – made payable to “Waterford Badminton Club” (to the Club Treasurer)
- Direct Lodgement (see Club Treasurer for details)

COMMITTEE

Chairman	Aidan White	0872531377
Treasurer	Walter Morrissey Snr	0879165780
Secretary	Kathleen Kennedy	0833626476
Club Captain	Ann Smith	0863125854
Committee Member	Michael Kennedy	0833725379
Committee Member	Kieran Burns	051871418
Committee Member	Michael O Keefe	0863260851
Committee Member	John Lawton	0876501112

Website and Communications

There is generally a member of the committee present on each of the club nights should you have any questions.

The club will be launching a new website for the forthcoming season details of which will be posted on the notice board. The club can be contacted in the following ways;

Email: waterfordbadminton@gmail.com

Phone: 083 0083527

JUVENILES

Waterford Badminton Club has a long proud history of providing coaching to the next generation of players. The club has enjoyed great success not only at local but national level. There are several sessions available to cater for all levels of play.

On Friday evening beginners are coached. This session is divided into two classes. Younger members (ages 6 -12) are coached from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm and the older members (ages 13- 17) from 7.45 pm to 9.00 pm.

On Saturday (10.00 am to 11.30 am) and Sunday (10.30 am to 1.00 pm) mornings we offer a more advanced coaching and training programme for juveniles.