

## **Kilmacthomas Badminton Club**

### **Welcome to juvenile badminton in Kilmacthomas**

We would like to welcome everyone back to juvenile badminton in Kilmacthomas this year. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new members this year also. The annual membership fee is outlined below, and this fee covers the cost of insurance and affiliation to Waterford Badminton Association, Munster Branch and Badminton Ireland. A nightly fee of €2 per child applies, which covers the cost of hiring the hall, shuttles etc.

As many of you will know, Kilmacthomas Juvenile Badminton Club is run on a voluntary basis and we are very lucky that many of our adult members are willing to give up their time to help with our juvenile set up. In order to ensure the survival of the club it is vital that we involve parents/guardians with our club activities which take place on a Wednesday evening in particular. We would ask that parents/guardians would be willing to give up one or two evenings in the year where they would attend juvenile badminton. Parents/guardians role at juvenile badminton is a supervisory role only, to ensure we meet supervision guidelines for the safeguarding of young people and no badminton experience. A rota will be made available to all in the coming weeks.

In the interest of health and safety and to maximise the enjoyment of badminton for our young members it has been decided to put a limit on our membership numbers. This will ensure our members can gain the most from each week they attend badminton in the safest manner possible. For this reason, we will not be accepting 'walk-in' players on a nightly basis if they have not already been registered by their parent/guardian. For the coming year our membership limits are as follows:

Wednesday night (Primary school children 8 and over): Maximum membership 50

Friday night (Secondary school players): Maximum membership 35

If our club does reach or exceed the stated maximum memberships a waiting list system will be put in place in case a space becomes available in the club during the year. Should a player miss 4 consecutive weeks of badminton without being in contact with the juvenile committee with valid reason, it will be assumed that they are no longer wanting to keep their place within the club. Their place will then be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

We would love to be able to share and celebrate the achievements of our members with you, through photographs and to promote our sport in a good light in the community and further afield. Please indicate on the membership form whether you permit your child to be included in pictures of badminton activities on our club website and Facebook page.

Kilmacthomas Badminton club are fully complying with the new regulations regarding GDPR which came into effect on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Information gathered through our membership forms will be used for registration purposes to the outlined bodies, as well as a means of keeping you updated on club activities through text/email. All information that is gathered will be stored securely by our club officers for the duration of the badminton season, until the registration process begins once again for the next new season. Please indicate on our form your consent to use your/child's data for the above-mentioned purposes.

A reminder of times for badminton for the coming year:

Wednesday evening 7-8pm: Primary school children (Due to very large numbers attending badminton children must be aged 8 years on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2018 in order to join this year.

Friday evening 7-8pm: Secondary school children

As the area around the Rainbow Community Hall can be quite busy with traffic around drop-off and collection times, we would ask parents/guardians to please be on time to collect their children at 8pm when badminton concludes. Parents are also asked not to drop off their children at the hall before 6.50pm.

Last season there were some major changes to the age groupings for juvenile competitions. Please see below an brief explanation of age categories for the coming year.

U-11: Players born in 2009 or later.

U-13: Players born in 2007 or later.

U-15: Players born in 2005 or later.

U-17: Players born in 2003 or later.

U-19: Players born in 2001 or later.

The membership fees for the coming year are as follows:

- €25 for first child in family
- €20 per subsequent child in the same family

For details of upcoming competitions and events please see our Facebook page 'Kilmacthomas Badminton Club' or check our website [www.kilmacthomasbadmintonclub.com](http://www.kilmacthomasbadmintonclub.com)

For any juvenile queries this year please email [kilmacthomas.bc@mail.com](mailto:kilmacthomas.bc@mail.com) or message us through our Facebook page.