

## **Coaching Co-ordinator's Report 2014 - 2015**

There have been around twenty requests for coaches this year, almost exclusively for 1-to-1 coaching with the occasional group and one for disability badminton coaching. Thanks to the keen and eager coaches we have in the County, I have only failed to find a coach for a couple of these requests.

When looking to fulfil a request, I use the Badminton England coaching register as these coaches will have had their qualifications checked, a DBS check and be insured. We have lost quite a few coaches from the register in recent years; currently we have 57 registered coaches; 20 level 1, 35 level 2 and 2 level 3. Nine level 2 and one level 3 coaches have elected to withhold their details, leaving a pool of 26 coaches for 1-to1 coaching in the County. I am very grateful to all those who have responded positively to coaching requests. With the establishment of the CoachMark system by Herts Sports Partnership, I expect that schools are using this route to finding coaches as requests from schools have almost dried up. I have had a request for a coach for an after-school club at Furneux Pelham but have been unable to find anybody for this post.

I do not have access to the SmashUp activators but think that they could be a very useful for introductory and one-off sessions. I have had requests from BeeZee Bodies, an organisation dedicated to promoting healthy living through diet and exercise. SmashUp activators could be ideal for their exercise sessions.

In 2010 a group of coaches went to the National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes to see the top ladies doubles players being coached, a talk with the national coaches and a tour of the facilities. I will organise a visit to the new centre, when it opens.

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