

Team Westgate Saturday Juniors

End of Year Update

Dear Player/Parent

I am writing to you with a slight feeling of trepidation as the new term draws closer and a very disruptive and uncertain year draws to a close. Attendance at our Saturday morning programme has been affected hugely in recent weeks by the need for many of our players and their families to be self-isolating. As frustrating and inconvenient this may be, it has become a necessary part of all of our lives and whilst I may not get the chance to thank you all in person for your support and forbearance over the past 18 months, I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone.

Rather incongruously, the number of players registering for Saturday morning badminton classes at Westgate has actually risen significantly over the past couple of months and this has led the coaching team and me to evaluate the timings and groupings for next term. I appreciate that, at this stage, we may not be able to predict how many of you will return in the Autumn, there are two main aspects of the next term's programme which are subject to change in order to cater for everyone's needs.

Firstly, with uncertainty over the extent of the Covid-19 pandemic within the younger age group after the Summer (and the fact that the term is a 16-week period) we will be breaking down the term into two 8-week blocks. Therefore, coaching fees will be payable for the September to October period and then again for the November to December period.

Secondly, should numbers of players registering for coaching continue to rise at the present rate (we currently have a waiting list), we may opt to develop a fourth group for the most advanced players, thus spreading out the numbers within each group and creating capacity at all levels. However, any decision to do this will not be made until nearer to the October half-term week. One thing that will be changing slightly are the starting times for each group. Each group will start 30 minutes later than before. Therefore, the timings from September will be as follows. If players are deemed ready to move up a group, we will contact you individually over the summer break.

Westgate Wallabies 9:00am – 10:30am	Westgate Wolverines 10:30am – 12:00pm	Westgate Warriors 12:00pm – 1:30pm
--	--	---------------------------------------

Westgate Badminton Centre
Cheriton Road
Winchester
SO22 5AZ

W: www.westgatebadmintoncentre.co.uk
T: 01962 444440
E: centre.manager@hantsbadminton.net

Confirmation of the training dates for next half term are as follows:

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th September and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October. The coaching fees for next *half-term* will be £118.20. Should you wish to pay monthly, this equates to £59.10 per month. All players registering for coaching next term will receive a new club shirt. This will be printed 'Westgate Badminton'. Should players wish to have their shirt personalised with their name on the back, this will be made available for a small additional fee of £3.00. Please do not pay for this service until further instructions come out next term.

When completing your registration form, please ensure you clearly select the correct payment terms.

Please remember, additional siblings receive a 10% discount.

Finally, I would like to wish you all and your loved ones a very happy and healthy summer holidays and on behalf of our two fabulous coaches Hayley and Sunil, we all look forward to seeing you back in September.

Yours faithfully

R Peters

Richard Peters
Centre Manager and Hampshire Development Manager