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WSBA JUNIOR SQUAD NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 4th Edition of the WSBA Squad Newsletter for 2011. We hope to keep you up to date with the squad's progress and all that is current with Junior Badminton. Should you have a story you would like us to include please drop us a line on the WSBA email.

The 2011 Tournament Calendar

June 25 th	Warrnambool Junior– entry form attached	Warrnambool
July 2/3	Li-Ning Sunlight Victorian Open – entry form attached	MSAC
July 9-16	U19 CP Maddern Carnival	Sydney
July 16/17	JT ULTRA Open & Graded event	MSAC
July 23/24	U15 Victorian Titles <i>selection event Vic U15 Team 2011-</i> entry form attached	MSAC
July 30th	Junior State Pennant	MSAC
August 6/7	BAV Junior U11/13/17 <i>selection event for U17 Vic Team 2012</i> entry form attached	Kilsyth
August 28 th	Victorian Junior Teams Championships U11/13/15/17/19	MSAC
September 18 th	Ballarat Junior U13/17 <i>Selection event for both Vic U13 & 17 Teams 2012</i>	Ballarat
September 25 th	Victorian Junior Regional Teams Championships U11/13/15/17/19	MSAC

Tournament Entries – Please continue to enter tournaments through Michelle so we can keep a track on travel requirements and coaches for squad players at these events.

Badminton Victoria change age requirement for Junior Events!!!!!!

Badminton Victoria have moved that all Junior Events played in Victoria after June 1st will see the age requirement change from the current rule that states

All players should be under the age at December 31st in the year of the event. That means a player who will turn 17 yrs in December would need to play U19 in that year.

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The new age requirement will see players able to play an event as long as they are under the age for the duration of the event. Example John turns 17 on July 25th - John can play an U17 event on July 24th as he is still under the age.

Please note this change is only in Victoria and **will not alter** the selection criteria for Victorian Junior Teams – that states all players must be under the age at December 31st in the year of the event when vying for Victorian junior teams.

Victorian Team Selection 2011 / 2012

To be eligible for Victorian Team selection in any age group for 2011/12 it will be mandatory for players to compete in the **Victorian Titles of the age group they wish to be considered for.** There will be four selection events in each age group players must compete in at least three of the four events REMEMBER State Titles are mandatory. Should you have any queries on Victorian Team selection please contact Michelle.

Whyte Trophy – Australia v New Zealand & Li - Ning Sunlight Altona International & Altona Graded

WSBA had a huge Queens birthday weekend hosting the Whyte Trophy and the LI- Ning Altona International and Altona Graded. Pat and Ron worked over time to see the event went off without a hitch this was a huge job not to mention the transporting of players to and from the airport and then daily trips ensuring players got to the stadium and back to their accommodation during the events. Well done Pat & Ron, other WSBA members who assisted were Dave Matthews. Maurice Boyd, Pauline Martin and Karen Audley who all helped with umpiring and line judging thank you for your efforts! Gary & Sonny Li also played a part stringing racquets for those in need during the International and Graded – thank you boys!

Whyte Trophy – It was great news when the Australian Team won back the Whyte trophy for the first time since 1995 defeating NZ 4-1 at the Altona Stadium last week!

For more on the Whyte Trophy visit the [Badminton Australia website](#)

For results of the Li-Ning Altona International visit the [BV website](#).

Junior State Pennant 2011 - July 30th MSAC

The Victorian Junior State Pennant will be a one day event played on July 30th. WSBA will field two A grade teams and one B Grade team in this event. Team players will be notified once the draw is done with full details of the event.

The WSBA Representative Teams for 2011

A Grade Team Gold	A Grade Team Blue	B Grade
James Audley	Phillip Audley	Keegan Chien
David Cutroni	Shaun Matthews	Calvin Hua-Ching
Jacob McNally	Tien Tran	Hison Huynh
Eric Vuong	Ernest Yam	Adrien Ozone
Casey Berry	Maria Banica	Leon Yeung
Nessa Pratt	Hera Jim	Erica Cochran
Jennifer Trinh	Lily Rigg	Catherine Mashalidis
Jing Wu	Rudy Rigg	Mia Srijan
		Amy Young

WSBA Junior Graded Competition 2011 – Friday Nights 7.30 – 9.30pm

We strongly encourage all squad players to compete on a weekly basis to ensure that the children have an opportunity to practice the lessons learnt during the coaching sessions, this is a vital part of the player's development. ***Register NOW for the new season that will commence at the start of Term 3.***
To register for this competition please contact Karen Audley on 9398-3129 ASAP

School Holidays!!! What's on???

Monday July 4th	Elite Squad training 8.30am – 10.30am
Tuesday July 5th	Elite Squad training 8.30am – 11.30am
Friday July 8th	Elite Squad training 8.30am – 11.30am
Sunday July 10th	Squad and beginner sessions 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday July 14th	Coaching Clinic 9am – 12noon
Friday July 15th	Coaching Clinic 9am – 12noon
Saturday July 16th	Coaching Clinic 9am – 12noon
Sunday July 17th	Squad and beginner sessions 9.30am – 11.30am

The **Clinic Registration Form** is attached – please note the **closing date is Friday July 8th**

Local Champions Sports Awards 2010

Apologies to Tegan Berry who was left off the list in last month's newsletter. Tegan received a Sporting Champions Grant for her selection in the Victorian U19 Team 2010 – Tegan joins the list of successful applicants mentioned in last months Newsletter

Team applications successful received \$3000.00 and individual awards \$500.00.

All players who make Victorian Teams or those who will travel to the Junior National events should look at applying for one of these grants for full details of the grants available please following the link below.

http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions

Representative Teams & Tournament Participation

Altona International & Graded June 9th – 13th

WSBA had two players enter in the Altona International and two players in the Altona Graded. Tegan Berry and Eric Vuong played in the International both players performed well to win their first round of singles before facing the number 2 seed in these events; Eric and his partner got through 2 rounds of the mens doubles before exiting the event this was a great effort for junior players!!! In the Altona Graded Tegan's good form saw her win the A Grade ladies singles without any drama well done Tegan!

Coaches attending day 1 of the International Jean Tyrrell & Michelle Rigg

Congratulations Eric Vuong & Jen Trinh!!!!

Due to a player injury Eric Vuong has been selected in the U19 Victorian Team; Eric had initially been named as the emergency but will now join the team and compete in the CP Maddern Carnival. Jen Trinh will also get a run playing in this event in the Combined Team; this is a team of players made up from the various states with surplus players. WSBA wishes Eric and Jen all the very best for a most successful carnival.

STATE PENNANT & DOUBLES LEAGUE 2011

WSBA will enter teams in both State Pennant and the Doubles League following are the dates and competition details for both events.

If you are interested in representing WSBA in either event *please register your interest with Michelle no later than June 30th.*

WSBA will pay the team entry fee for these events; players will be required to wear a WSBA shirt during the competition.

Please note this is an "Open Competition" recommended to players at the top end of the Victorian U17 & 19 age groups & open players only.

The 2011 State Pennant & Doubles League season returns with a brand new format.

The dates for these events are as follows

JUL	31	Rd 1 -10.30am, Rd 2 – 2pm
AUG	14	Rd 3 -10.30am, Rd 4 - 2pm
SEPT	11	Rd 5 -10.30am, Rd 6 – 2pm
OCT	16	Rd 7 -10.30am, FINALS – 2pm

State Pennant

This competition is primarily aimed at players of **Open and A Grade standard**. Depending on entries, State Pennant will be arranged in single round-robin league format with finals. **A prize money pool of \$1,000 will be made available in 2011, with \$150 specifically put aside for each match day for the best performed team of the day.**

- Each team will consist of a minimum of 3 men and 2 women who are registered with an affiliated association/member of Badminton Victoria.
- Players must play in 4 ties to qualify for Finals.
- Each tie will comprise 7 matches - 1 men's singles, 1 ladies singles, 2 men's doubles, 1 ladies doubles and 2 mixed doubles.
- **No more than 5 players (3 males, 2 females) may participate in each tie.**
- Rally point scoring will be used for all matches. Each match will be best of three games to 21 points WITH setting.
- **Only 1 male and 1 female player may play three matches (i.e. one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles) in each tie.**
- Where possible, each tie will be played on 1 court with a 3 hour time limit.

DOUBLES LEAGUE

Following a successful debut in 2010, this season will see the competition conducted over 4 weekends with 2 Ties to be held on each Sunday with starting times at 10.30am & 2.00 pm.

This is a unisex competition primarily aimed at players of **B Grade standard and below**.

Depending on entries, the Doubles League will be arranged in single round-robin league format.

- Each team will consist of a minimum of 6 players (with at least 1 female) who are registered with an affiliated association/member of Badminton Victoria.
- Players must play in 4 ties to qualify for Finals.
- Each tie will comprise of 9 doubles matches. The order of play will be pre-determined prior to each tie.
- **No more than 6 players (with a minimum of 1 female player) may play in each tie.**
- Rally point scoring will be used in all matches. Each match will be best of three games to 21 points with NO setting.
- No player may play more than three matches in a tie nor play with the same partner more than once.
- Where possible, each tie will be played on 2 courts with a 3 hour time limit.