

Sports Institute of Otago and Otago Badminton Association High Performance Academy

18th February 2008

To all players and interested parties,

Please find information about the “Sports Institute of Otago and Otago Badminton Association High Performance Academy”, a time line and application process for new inductees to the academy.

Applications close with the Academy Director at 5pm on Tuesday 4th of March, either via 25 Jackson St, St Kilda, Dunedin, email: dev-officer@badmintonotago.org.nz, or delivered to the Director at the hall.

If interested in applying for a place in the Academy, please send in a covering letter, a brief CV of your badminton history and a current athlete profile, including goals and aspirations. For those applying for year two please give a brief report on last season’s performances and goals for this year.

Important dates for all players.

- **Academy applications close Tuesday 4th of March, 5pm**
- **Academy players named Wednesday 5th March**
- **Meeting held on Monday 10th March**
- Training Monday 10th March, TBA
- **A grade Interclub starts Wednesday 19th of March, 7pm**
- **REP TEAM FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY, Friday 4th April, St Clair Golf Course**
- **Otago Open, 23-25 May, Dunedin**
- Southland Open, 20-22 June, Invercargill
- **Division 3 Event (Team 2), 13-15 June, Dunedin**
- SI & Canterbury Open, 27-28th June, Christchurch
- **Division 3 Event (Team 2), 25-26 July, Timaru**
- **Neill Cup (Team 1), 1-2 August, Dunedin**
- **Slazenger Cup (Team 1), 26-30 August, Wellington.**

2007 in Review

During 2007 the number one team survived a long week of Slazenger cup in Christchurch and beat Nelson for 7th place. We placed third in the Neill Cup and had some very close matches. Our members continued to dominate individual events in the South Island at both senior and junior level.

Practices and Trainings

Academy practices will consist of two 90 minute sessions per week, on a Monday and Thursday from 5.30pm (TBC).

And 2 morning gym sessions, also times to be confirmed, looking like Mon, Tues, or Wed though.

Costs

This year we have to impose costs of \$250 per player. This is due to a change at the SIO end. We have worked out that with 50 hrs of Gym work and approx 50 hrs of on/off court badminton training, the cost equates to \$2.50 per hour. If you are currently studying this fee can be added to your student loan. There will be no other costs associated with the Academy or in representing Otago at senior level. You will have interclub costs though. If you are not in the academy but playing in one of the senior rep teams you will pay \$150 for the year, plus interclub.

Interclub will be run under the following format:

We are looking at playing singles for the first rounds, aiming for 3 matches per night, then weeks of doubles and mixed. This should give players plenty of badminton and chances to push for selection in Otago team.

We are also holding two Sunday afternoon tournaments to help provide match play and give the selector more results. Dates to be advised.

The Otago senior teams will be selected on the 14th of April.

Played on Wednesday s from 7-9.30pm at Badminton Hall, Victoria Road.

Round 1. Starting 19th March

Round 2. April May, to be confirmed

Round 3. May June and July to be confirmed

Players will be asked to commit to the full program once announced.

Costs for interclub are set by the OBA and last year were \$8 per person per week and an affiliation fee of \$65 per person. Approx: \$150 last year.

There is a strong possibility it will be similar this year.

There will be discounts for prompt payment of invoices and players will be expected to pay before the competition begins.

I would like to add that at times we will have the opportunity to fundraise with the junior players, this is how many of them pay for their season and could be very useful for you to help cover the above costs.

This is all the information I have at hand and trust this is sufficient to enable you to commit to an exciting upcoming season of badminton in Otago this year.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Jeff Elliotte
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Academy Director