

Basketball

The basketballscotland Talent Development Programme (TDP) for season 2008/09 is now well under way for potentially talented basketball players, with selection days and day camps being held in October and November.

The TDP is designed to increase the standard of the players and coaches just below Scotland National Team level. The four Tayside & Fife squads are operated by **SportTayside & Fife** for boys and girls at Under 15 (Born in 1994) and Under 14 (born in 1995 or 1996) age groups. All the squads receive fundamental and advanced coaching from some of the most promising coaches in Tayside and Fife.

The philosophy of the TDP is centred on identifying Scottish athletes with the potential to play elite level basketball and then helping them develop to their long term potential.

Full details of the TDP, including day camp dates, venues and downloadable player diaries can be found by clicking on www.basketball-scotland.com and navigating through the "For Players" menu and selecting "Talent Development Programme".



UKCC Level 1 Coaching Course

Saltire LC, Montrose Road, Arbroath, Angus, DD11 5JN

DAY 1

Sunday 25th Jan 09
9:00am to 5:00pm

DAY 2

Sunday 1st Mar 09
9:00am to 5:00pm

Cost: £160.00 per candidate

(basketballscotland scholarship available)

A maximum of 12 places are available on this course.

Candidates must complete and submit the course application form to **SportTayside & Fife** Basketball Development Manager three weeks prior to the first day of the course.

Candidates must be aged 16 or over on Day 1 of the course, and candidates must attend Day 1 and Day 2 in order to complete the course.

For full details of the course and the scholarship scheme please contact Chris Dodds, at **SportTayside & Fife**.



basketballTayside & Fife Senior Men's and Women's leagues

The leagues are in full swing with lots of games being played so far. There has been an increase in number of entries in both the Men's and Women's Leagues, showing good growth and the rising popularity of basketball in Tayside & Fife.

However, a lack of available and experienced referee resource is hampering the completion of some fixtures, and clubs and organisers are asked to bear in mind the limited resources when scheduling or re-scheduling games. Communication with respective league co-ordinator and Bruce Hendry, the **basketballTayside & Fife** official's co-ordinator, is paramount.

This season, the Men's League has been split in to two divisions, with eight teams in the first Division and six teams in the second.

Defending Champions Perth Phoenix and University of Abertay are the undefeated early pacesetters in Division 1. In Division 2, Dundee Sharks head the table (also undefeated) with closest challengers being Dunfermline Reign and Dundee Phantoms.

Abertay University Women have joined the Women's League for the first time, giving the league six teams, which is the most for over 10 seasons. University of Dundee head the table after winning all four of their fixtures so far, and Arbroath Musketeers are in second with only one loss.

The Men's Cup (Doug Whyte Trophy) and Women's Cup (Jean Findlay Memorial Trophy) draws have been made, and all club secretaries advised accordingly. The first round of the Men's Cup has already taken place, and both the Men's Cup and Women's Cup quarter finals MUST be completed by 31st January 2009.

Full details of all fixtures and league tables are available by visiting: www.basketballtaysidefife.org.uk



Mairi Innes -
Perth Phoenix

UKCC Level 2 Pilot

basketballscotland and **SportTayside & Fife** plan to host a UKCC pilot Level 2 course between January 2009 and the end of the season.

The pilot course will be 5 days of learning, over three weekends. The cost will be £340 per candidate.

basketballscotland UKCC Launch Scholarships maybe available.

basketballscotland is also working with **sportscotland** and Individual Learning Accounts Scotland (ILAs).

Prior to registration candidates must:

- ♦Be age 18 or over on day 1 of the course
- ♦Hold the UKCC Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Basketball or equivalent
- ♦Have evidence of having successfully attended the SCUK Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop or equivalent
- ♦Have evidence of having successfully attended an appointed persons first aid course or equivalent

Any Tayside & Fife coach who is interested contact me prior to Friday January 9th 2009.

Coaching

Coaching Development Seminar



The National Coaching Network gathered at sportscotland's National Sports Centre, Inverclyde on the 26th and 27th of November.

The two day seminar was staged to create momentum for moving forward. A core group of Officers was selected to represent the Network as the 'Coaching Network Task Group'. The group will create and establish a vision of best practice in the delivery of the nine key actions set out by Coaching Scotland.

A series of workshops were facilitated to create clarity and where potential strength and weaknesses lie, with regards to current delivery in a variety of organisations.

A 'Developing Fundamentals Skills' workshop was provided by Tommy Dowens, current Scottish Volleyball Director of Coaching.

Day two acknowledged the outcomes of the previous day and a 'Route Map for the Future' was agreed by everyone. This will allow all the Coaching Network to work more effectively to deliver the nine Coaching Scotland Actions. A vision to action was presented by Jock Peggie, SRU Coach Education and Development Manager.

To close, Billy Bell, Lead Manager, **sportscotland**, provided an information and consultation exercise to shape the agenda for the UK Coaching Summit, to be held in Glasgow during April 2009. The Conference will be delivered in conjunction with SportsCoach UK, with planned topics including: The Coaching Workforce 2009-16, Building a Leading Coaching System, School Sport Coaching, Creating CPD for High Performance Coaches. A further Coaching Network Seminar will be held during May 2009.

Any information for inclusion in the next newsletter should be submitted by Monday 16th February 2009.



Research Seminar Series

A series of seminars will be presented at University of Stirling, the Department of Sports Studies. For further details contact: Karen Caldwell on 01786 466498 or go to sports.stir.ac.uk

Coach Education

Jan 13th - How to Coach Disabled People. Contact P&K on 01738 637129 **clubgolf** Level 1. Contact Martin Ritchie on 01382 431851 Rugby Foundation and Referee Courses. Contact Doc McKelvey on 01382 431 829 or Paul Hunter on 08451 555555 Ex: 402599

Coach Awards

The Dundee Sports Awards were held on November 25th, with 7 **SportTayside & Fife** Scholarship Coaches being nominated. Beate Petersen, a previous Scholarship, won Coach of the Year, with Pam Bowie receiving the award of Community Coach.

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