

Bromborough Basketball Club

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Welcome back

We hope everyone had a great holiday, whether they went away or stayed at home. As the majority of members return to school or college, it's time to prepare for the coming season; and we have some changes. For training, these will take effect from Monday 10th September. This gives us a week for everyone to learn about the changes, understand the reasons why and discuss with the coaches.

Changes to the Seniors

Training will be extended on Mondays, which will also be our home game night, as we will enter the winter competition of the Wirral League. Training will be 8-10pm and games will tip at 8:15pm, all at Bebington High Sports College. As with last year, all over-18s are encouraged to attend under-18s training on Tuesdays.

No changes to Under-18s Training

Training will be exactly the same as last year: 6:30-8:30pm on Tuesdays at Wirral Grammar School for Boys. We have invitations to play in both a league in Liverpool on every Friday and the North Wales League at Flint on Tuesdays (probably 2 out of 5, like last year). Ali would like to enter both, but we need to be very careful about commitments, with most players playing for the seniors or the under-16s as well. As with last year, under-18s are encouraged to attend Seniors training on Mondays.

Under-16s: two teams and training on Tuesdays

By far the largest group of members are in this age group. This includes strongly committed (mostly older) and more social (mostly younger) players, so we will run two teams. **Players will be selected for these squads.** Parents may request that members are moved from one to the other, but that will only be allowed with my permission.

Team training for both squads will be between: 6:30 and 8pm on Tuesdays at Wirral Grammar School for Boys. Where players are also in the under-18s, the coaches will make arrangements on the night.

The **Merseyside League squad** will play on alternate Wednesdays in Liverpool. Players in this squad will be expected to attend the large majority of the Monday skills and shooting sessions as well. Thus members of this group will be able to commit 2 or 3 nights a week to basketball. This will be no change for most of the members involved, as all had high attendance last season.

The **North Wales League squad** will play on Tuesdays in Flint. Players in this squad will be encouraged to attend the Monday skills and shooting sessions as well, but it is understood that other commitments have restricted their attendance previously and are probably still relevant. Therefore attendance at either training or a game on a Tuesday will be no change for most of the members involved, who were only able to commit one night per week last season.

Subtle changes for the Under-14s

We have a talented bunch of year 8s and year 9s, who will train at Wirral Grammar School for Boys on Tuesdays between 6:30 and 8pm. The under-14s will play in the North Wales League on Tuesdays at Flint. As with previous seasons, the majority of the under-14s (in this case all of our current year 8s

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North Wales League 2009-10 Under 16 Playoff Winners

Wirral League 2006-7 Under-14 Playoff Winners.

Wirral League 2005-6: Under-11 League runners up, Under-14 Playoff Winners, Under-16 play-off runners up.

Wirral Club of the Year 2005

Ellesmere Port League 2004-5: Under-11 League Winners & Play-off Champions, Under-14s League runners-up

KBH Mini-Basketball Division 1 Runners-up 2002-3 and 2003-4

Merseyside Cup Runners Up 2003-4

Commended for our Junior Development Programme, North West Sports Awards 2002

North Wales Division 3 Champions 2000-2001

Merseyside Division 2 Championship and Cup "Double" 2001-2

Clwyd Cup Runners Up & Junior League Champions 1998-99

North Wales Handicap Cup Winners 1999-2000

and year 9s) will be encouraged to play North Wales League under-16s as well. Players in the under-14s squad will be expected to attend the large majority of the Monday skills and shooting sessions as well. Members of this group will be able to commit 2 nights a week to basketball. This will be no change for many of the members involved, as they had high attendance last season.

Subtle changes also for the Under-12s

Training will still be on Mondays 6-7:30pm at Bebington High Sports College. With changes to the “skills” session (see below), we will look to start the under-12s session promptly at 6:10, rather than trying to start a combined session sometime after 6:15. The players will have more space at the start of the session and the full court game part of the session at 7:15 will be more strictly enforced.

The under-12s will continue to play in the North Wales League on Tuesdays at Flint and fill in fixture “gaps” with friendlies.

Individual skills

This session will change to two shorter sessions on Mondays, meaning that **all members will still be able to train on Mondays.**

From 6:30 until 7:15 there will be a shooting session. Depending on how and what Heather is teaching, we may have five baskets, but will probably have three for “stations”. I intend to give each member a progress card to record their own scores before the end of September. I expect that the large majority of members will understand that honest recording is the only way to measure progress.

Between 7:30 and 8pm, we have the full court and members will be given fitness and skill drills for 30 minutes. When the Seniors have games, there will be the opportunity for suitably qualified members to earn money as table officials, so watch out for a table officials course.

Member gifts: basketballs

This season's “thank you” to members who paid their Standing Orders in August is a brand new, high quality Baden basketball. The balls will be handed out from Monday September 10th. The ball is yours to keep, but the gift is made on the conditions that **all members should write their own initials on the ball and bring it to every training session.**

Please return Kits

We need to have all kits returned, so that we can sort and re-distribute them for the coming season.

Membership forms

Emergency contacts, their telephone numbers and T-shirt sizes are always changing. Please return as quickly as possible the Membership Form that has also been sent with this E-mail.

Don't forget Twitter and Facebook for the latest news

While Ben and I will try our best to keep the Calendars up to date on the web site, sometimes it can be difficult to do, due to work and other commitments. Therefore Facebook and Twitter are easy ways to communicate quickly and easily. **Both the Facebook and Twitter feeds are visible as read-only frames on the home page of the web site** and you don't need to be a Twitter or Facebook member to see the information. Unfortunately, the Facebook feed doesn't update perfectly and the Twitter feed can be several hours behind.

Clicking on “Join the conversation” for **Twitter** opens an up to the minute read-only view where **only the Tweets from the Bulldogs (Trevor) are visible.**

Selecting “Bromborough Bulldogs” in the **Facebook** frame takes you to the Bulldogs “wall”, where **most of the posts have also been made by Trevor** and is very “newsy”. Go to www.facebook.com/pages/Bromborough-Bulldogs/91454369165 or simply search for Bromborough when you are in Facebook.

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