

To

Players, Parents and Coaches

The 2018 season is now upon us and we have some changes at hand to start us off. Firstly we would like to thank Andy for all his hard work over the last few seasons to get us to where we are now, we wouldn't have been able to do any of this without him. He has now been appointed the Head Coach for the East of England Aspire, Congratulations Andy. This means his duties as head coach at Bucks squash will be passed on to his understudy, Matt. Congratulations to both on their new roles as we head into the new season! Andy will of course still work very closely with us and be part of the coaching team.

With some changes being made to the way the ICC process works this season, here is a quick breakdown of what the season will entail –

- Both the U11 and U19 teams will now be made up of 3 players as opposed to 5 (The other teams are all made up of 5 players still). We intend to enter teams in the following categories
 - BU11's A, BU11's B, BU13's, BU15's A, BU15's B, BU17's A, BU17'S B, BU19'S A, BU19'S B, GU13'S, GU15's, GU17's
- The age cut off to represent an age group this season is 22/02/19
- There will only be two weekends of play this season. The first round will be at a Brighton based venue for us on the weekend 17th/18th November: Stage one is best of 3's matches. The U11/u15/u19 will play on the Saturday with the u13 & u17 on the Sunday.
- The finals this season will be on the 23rd/24th Feb in Nottingham.
- For any more information, please follow this link
<https://www.englandsquash.com/competitions-and-events/junior/junior-major-events/junior-inter-county-championships>

We now ask if your Son/Daughter would like to represent Bucks this season. We have also sent a document with the players in a non-merit order of who we feel could play for us this season.

To be considered for selection to play for Bucks in the ICC:

- 1) Please Indicate availability for the above dates, and your willingness to travel to play. Please reply to Matt Davies – matt@coachingandfitness.co.uk
- 2) Deadline for responses is Friday 28th of September 2018 emailed to Matt Davies. Each team costs the county £50 and we want to ensure we enter teams where players are available and keen to play and avoid pulling the team out at the last minute.
- 1) Each player must have an activated ES membership, all players including u19's must wear goggles. Each player must have a completed and returned consent form, also sent to Matt. All resources can be found at: www.bucks-squash.co.uk/resources/

Once we have had responses from everyone, a County Merit Order will be finalised.



The coaching team will formulate a merit order based upon:

- All players will represent their actual age group, provided we enter a team for that age group. Your playing age is determined by how old you are on 22nd February 2019.
- Where we run 2 teams in an age group we will run an 'A' team and a 'B' team.
- Merit order positions will be decided upon:
 - 1) Performance at the County Closed
 - 2) Performance at the Regional Closed
 - 3) Head to head results in National Competition or County League matches. Significant information relating to the latest head to head results should be submitted through the player's coach and emailed to Matt Davies no later than Monday 15th October for stage one. A deadline for stage two will be introduced nearer the time.