

Middlesex Badminton Dome – Form for Nominations to the Committee – AGM - 29th September 2022



Name of Nominee	Nominated By:	Seconded By:	Position Nominated for: Secretary/Treasurer Other - specify
Emma Thompson	STERRELONGE	SHINDI PANDHEL	Coaching & Development

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Statement from Nominee (200 words max) - to include ideas & proposed actions for the next 2 years at the Dome

As an experienced Level 2 Coach, league and county player, it is my pleasure to offer insight into improving badminton performance and tactical understanding. I am passionate about promoting and developing badminton for players of all ages and abilities and have actively engaged with Badminton England initiatives in order to be at the forefront of change within the badminton community.

There are many facets within badminton that are currently underserved & under-supported, particularly in relation to beginners & intermediate players (adults & juniors). The potential for links and development within the Middlesex Badminton communities would be hugely advantageous. I strongly believe that players of any age, level or ability should have the opportunity to participate in competitive badminton and the availability of development for adults and juniors to ultimately join clubs and leagues can only benefit the county performance as a whole.

Proposed ideas: 1) Regular 'Performance Centre' training sessions for: Senior County and Junior County; aimed at optimising performance and development overall, thus providing a platform on which to build the Middlesex Badminton Dome. Partnerships can be formally established and competitive performance will inevitably be enhanced. 2) With Badminton England's new Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) strategy, this currently unserved remit should be at the forefront of Middlesex Badminton Dome development. By offering sessions for: Women only, LGBTQ+, adults/juniors with disabilities and minority groups, these sessions would open up a broad spectrum of opportunities for underserved and overlooked groups.

Relevant Personal & Business Background

I have been coaching badminton since I was a junior (half my lifetime!) and I have received and undertaken coaching opportunities with players of varying experience, but have found that I have a particular knack with the development of beginner and intermediate players. I have previously worked alongside Nick Rimmer as part of Badminton England's Community Advisory Group Committee, and have experience working with and being coached by Julie Bradbury of Oxfordshire County Badminton. Most recently, I was shortlisted to become part of Badminton England's new EDI Committee; an aspect of badminton and sport that I feel passionately about.

Relevant Dome Background

I am a member of Sudbury Smashers Badminton Club and offered my coaching services as part of the COVID-19 crowdfunding effort for the Dome. I compete for Middlesex in the County Senior Championships and have done so since 2014/15.