



# COMING TOGETHER

**Deadline Approaches - Friday 27th June 2014**

## Only a week to go...

The YBL is shaping up nicely. There have been several clubs confirm their interest with them entering teams for the upcoming season, with a slow and steady increase in teams in the North and South leagues. Unfortunately, the Triangular leagues have not been very popular, with no teams entering. However, a lot can change in a week!

The leagues have been on a slow increase over the past week, with several clubs promising to enter teams of their own. Therefore, with these promising clubs, it looks set that each league will have approximately five to seven teams. This is what it looks like at present (some of these clubs are still yet to confirm).

### Under 12s

North	South
Tornadoes Basketball A	Bromsgrove Bears
Tornadoes Basketball B	Bournville Bears
Birmingham A's	Worcester Wolves
City of Birmingham	

### Under 14s

North	South
Tornadoes Basketball	Bromsgrove Bears
Birmingham A's	Bournville Bears
West Bromwich B.C	
City of Birmingham	

### Under 16s

North	South
Tornadoes Basketball	Bromsgrove Bears
Birmingham A's	Bournville Bears A
City of Birmingham	Bournville Bears B
	Bromsgrove Blaze
	Worcester Wolves

With a week until the deadline for team entries, teams haven't got much time to confirm their interest. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the YBL.

## Basketball Remains Popular with Young People

Source: EB

In the latest Active People Survey figures released June 13 by Sport England, basketball has recorded a promising six months, proving especially popular with under 25 year olds. Over the past six months there has been an 18,600 increase in the number of 16-25 year olds playing basketball regularly each week taking the overall figure for that age group to 127,800.

With 14-15 year olds accounting for 27% of all participants aged 14+ and 16-19 year olds accounting for a further 34% it is young people who are really driving the popularity of the sport.

This increase in participation mirrors the trends for sport in general across the country. The Active People Survey results show that the number of over 16s playing sport once a week, every week has risen to over 15.6 million, an increase of 180,000 in the last six months and 1.7 million more than 2005 when London won the bid to host the Olympic Games.

Minister for Sport, Helen Grant, said: "It's really encouraging that there are more people getting out there and playing sport than ever before, with 15.6 million participating regularly every week. I am pleased that many team sports are getting their numbers up."

For basketball, the increase in young people getting on court has been accompanied by a continued increase in BME participation, an increase in organised participation such as those players who are members of a club, receiving coaching or playing in a competition and a slight dip in the number of 26+ year olds playing the sport regularly.

## YBL Web Site is a Big Hit

The YBL web site went on-line for the first time on Wednesday 4th June. We wanted YBL.com, however this was already taken! So we decided on youthbasketballleague.co.uk instead. With a lot of information and content, the site is beginning to build up quite nicely. The site has only been going three weeks and has already had a lot of hits, 381 to be precise (from 4th until 19th June). With views from the UK, Canada, Germany, France and even Israel! Good things travel fast!

We have every bit of information you'll need for when the leagues start in September. We have our, Twitter feed, a list of table officials and referees for clubs to use, a calendar and a courses page. We have our news section, information about memberships, league tables and our constitution is there.

But more importantly we have a fixtures and results section. This has been split into the individual leagues, therefore you're not looking at every other league, just your own. You can also click on a club name to get all their information, like their home court and coaches names! And when a game is complete (and the league has received the score sheet), there is a detailed game report for every game! So if you have a budding journalist that would like to write match reports, send us that to!

We hope that you find the web site useful? Have a look around and see what you think!

## Courses Announced

Three courses have been organised ahead of the upcoming season. A Level 1 Referee and Level 1 Table Official. Followed by a Level 2 Table Official course. If you would like to attend any of these courses, please contact the organiser.

### Level 1 Referee Course (R114/043)

Saturday 19th July 2014 09:30-13:00 £20  
**The Factory (Young People's Centre)**  
**Devon Way, Longbridge, Birmingham. B31 2TS**  
 Course Organiser - James Davies - 07581 095 033

Limited spaces, therefore bookings will be on a first come first serve basis. The course will be four hours, two hours practical and two theory. Please come ready to run around! Appropriate clothing. Aged 12 and over.

### Level 1 Table Official Course ( )

Thursday 24th July 2014 19:00-21:30 £10  
**The Tooth, Coventry and Warwickshire YMCA**  
**Stretton Avenue, Willenhall, Coventry. CV3 3AE**  
 Course Organiser - Paul Adams - 07928 243 235

Competent and qualified table officials are an important requirement for all basketball games. Table officials are trained and assessed through courses and examinations during the officiating courses.

#### Level 1

This award is an introduction to basketball and is aimed at the pure beginner. It gives an insight into the basic work of a timekeeper and scorer at a basketball game. A Level 1 table official is qualified to officiate at school matches, central venue and local league (youth leagues) and recreational level basketball.

### Level 2 Table Official Course ( )

Thursday 31st July 2014 &  
 Thursday 14th August 2014 19:00-21:30 £10  
**The Tooth, Coventry and Warwickshire YMCA**  
**Stretton Avenue, Willenhall, Coventry. CV3 3AE**  
 Course Organiser - Paul Adams - 07928 243 235

#### Level 2

This award is for table officials who operate in regional and local leagues. Experienced Level 2 table officials are used to officiate at senior national league level.

## #YBL Launch #ExcitingTimeForBall



Ball 4 All @ball\_4\_all - Jun 18  
 Follow @WestBromBC new basketball club entering the  
 @YBLOfficial West Midlands Basketball League #JuniorBasketball  
 pic.twitter.com/X5FF7rY2Ko  
 Reply Retweeted Favorite

follow us @YBLOfficial



Raising money  
 for Myeloma UK  
 and  
 CRY UK  
 (Cardiac Risk  
 in the Young)

**West Midlands  
 All Star  
 Charity Day**

@Doug Ellis Sports Centre - Birmingham  
 FROM 10.00 a.m.

**Saturday 28th June 2014**