

# Sussex S.R.A.

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### Letter to all Potential Sussex Junior Girls.

Hi Sussex Girls,

After several disappointing years, when there has been a shortage of Squash-playing Girls in the County, and we have been unable to field Teams in the England Squash National Inter-County championships, things are about to change...

I am really excited to have taken on the role of Sussex Girls' County Coach (having been involved on the Boys' side for many years), but to succeed, and rediscover the great success Sussex has enjoyed in the past, **I NEED YOUR HELP:**

1. As an enthusiastic player, to come and join me at the **Trial Squad Session on 12<sup>th</sup> September**, and then at other Sussex Squad sessions this coming season, with a view to re-forming Sussex Girls' Teams.
2. To tell me about / provide contact details for **any Girl of similar standard to yourself**, who you may know at your Club etc.
3. To **encourage any other Girls you know to play lots of Squash**, and to tell them all about the County set-up, so that they can aspire to the Squads.

I attach a **Poster** for you to please print-off and display at your Club, and I would like to personally invite you to join me on **SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009, 1.00pm to 6.00pm, at the BLUECOAT LEISURE CENTRE at CHRISTS HOSPITAL SCHOOL, HORSHAM (RH13 0YB.) for the first Squad/Playing Session.**

Then, why not have a go at the **SUSSEX CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS, at Corals Club, Hove**, over the **Weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September?** This will be a really **friendly Event**, for **Sussex Juniors only**, and is the perfect opportunity to have some **fun playing Squash** (Forms available from me soon, and/or at the 12<sup>th</sup> September Session), and this will be useful to me in selecting an **U-15 Sussex Girls' Team** of 6 players, for **Stage 1** of the **National Inter-County Championships**, to be played on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October** (venue to be confirmed).

There will be a **Sussex Squad Coaching Session on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm to 6.00pm**, again at Christs Hospital, alongside the U-13 Boys, for some last-minute honing of matchplay!

**So, in summary, please make a note of the following important dates:**

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b>	- Sussex Squad / Trial / Playing Session (Christs Hospital)
<b>26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b>	- Sussex Closed Championships (Corals Club, Hove)
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b>	- Sussex Squad Coaching (Christs Hospital)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b>	- Girls U-15 National Inter-County Championships – Stage 1.
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010</b>	- Girls U-15 National Inter-County Championships – Stage 2.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> March 2010</b>	- Girls U-15 National Inter-County Championships – Finals.

There will then be a **monthly Sussex Squad** (either alongside the Boys' U-13 Squad, or if numbers permit, as a separate Girls' Squad) get-together, leading to the **U-15 Inter-County Stage 2 in the New Year**. All dates will be publicised well in advance, so players can plan ahead.

Players who would like to be involved will be expected to show some **commitment** by trying to attend **Squad Sessions on a regular basis**, but there will be some 'flexibility', especially for those seriously pursuing other sports etc., so do make contact with me, and we'll see what can be worked out.

With regard to fees, there will be a 'one-off' **Sussex S.R.A. Registration Fee of £20** for the year (used to fund Junior County events), and a **£20 Squad Fee** for each 4 hour Squad Session. All Registered Players will be entitled to a **free Sussex Team Shirt**.

I hope this all makes sense to you, and that you are keen to be involved with Sussex Squash this year, but if you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I shall look forward to seeing you at the Squad/Trial, and at the Sussex Championships.

Best Wishes,

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