



# LONDON SPORT AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

MY INFORMATION	
Name	Henry T. Gaspard
How did you hear about the awards?	Word of mouth
Organisation (if applicable)	Black Arrows Badminton Club
Phone number	
Email address	
Relationship to nominee (if you are nominating someone else for an award)	Club Chairman
Twitter handle (if you have one)	

I WANT TO NOMINATE ...	
Name of club/organisation/person	Black Arrows Badminton Club
Category	Club of the Year
London Borough where club/organisation/person is based	Hackney
Email address	
Phone number	
Twitter handle (if they have one)	@BlackArrowsBC

REASONS FOR NOMINATION (500 words max)
<p>Black Arrows founded in 1984, by Henry T. Gaspard, has a long successful history of Badminton Development across London and further afield. In the 80's &amp; 90s the clubs exploits and victories were regular reported in a number of local newspapers in East and North London, where Black Arrows was hailed as one of the most dominant clubs in London, winning numerous, league cups, as well as domestic team tournaments in the "UK &amp; Ireland Corporate Games", where Black Arrows still hold the record of the most consecutive Badminton titles. In the "World Corporate Games", similar team success was also achieved, in Seville, Croatia and Budapest.</p> <p>For the past 15 years the Club's focus changed from senior Badminton development to Junior Badminton development in order to produce the players of the future. During that time the Clubs main session was and still is at Clissold Leisure Centre, Stoke Newington on Sundays 11am to 1pm offering coaching and playing opportunities for young people aged 8-18 years.</p> <p>During those years Henry and the committee have worked hard at developing partnerships with a number of Schools, Colleges, Universities, Clubs, Local Authorities, and other organisations such as Badminton England, Greenwich Leisure Limited, University of East London, City University, Arsenal Football Club and others in the development of Junior &amp; adult Badminton.</p>



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In order to manage the delivery of this expanding programme, Black Arrows have invested in encouraging volunteers to become qualified Level 1 coaches, which the Club has 14, and then Level 2 coaches. The Club now has 16 qualified Level 2 coaches who deliver on average 30 coached sessions per week, which includes sessions to primary and secondary schools, Colleges, Universities, a disability session as well as a 50+ session. An average of 450 participants per week are taking part in Black Arrows delivered sessions across North & East London.

Black Arrows works with the sports Governing Body, Badminton England in the delivery of a number of its key participation programmes such as "Essentials" and "No Strings" and "Smash Up" Badminton which seeks to increase adult and Junior participation in the sport.

The Club is also part of the Badminton England "Community Badminton Networks" (CBN), in the London Borough of Newham and Islington. The CBN consists of a number of partners from Education, Community, Sports, Leisure and others who are involved in the development of Badminton opportunities across their borough. Black Arrows plays an active delivery role in both boroughs.

Black Arrows is your one-stop-shop for Badminton, and is regarded by Badminton England and others as a leading club in the development of Badminton.

### **FACTS AND FIGURES TO SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION** (200 words max)

In 2009 in partnership with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), Black Arrows set up the GLL Badminton Academy at East Ham Leisure Centre in Newham, which provides junior coaching on Saturdays 10am to 12 noon, and senior badminton club coaching on Friday's 7-9pm. Over the years these sessions have introduced hundreds of new participants to badminton and still continue to do so now run by Active Newham.

As part of the Premier League 4 Sport Programme in partnership with Arsenal Football Club, Black Arrows have and continue to deliver a number of after school Badminton sessions to a number of senior schools in Islington and Camden. This delivery has helped Arsenal gain National recognition for the delivery of its PL4S programme. In 2012 Arsenal Boys were crowned National PL4S Badminton Champions at Milton Keynes, by winning the boys tournament. In May 2013 the Boys successfully defended their title to be crowned 2013 National Champions, with the girls losing the finals to Portsmouth 3-2, to deny Arsenal the double.

In 2012 Black Arrows were awarded "Premier Club" Status from Badminton England, as a club which has met all the necessary requirements for this award. The Club was also awarded the "Active Westminster Club Mark" by Westminster council in June 2013 for the junior development work they did in the borough, and currently still hold both club marks.

Black Arrows currently delivers 30 coached Badminton sessions per week, to 1 Primary and 10 Secondary schools, 4 Colleges and 3 Universities, 1 women's only session, 1 Disability session, 6 Satellite clubs and 1; 50+ session, with an average of 450 participants per week.



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To create exit routes into club and league Badminton for those accessing our coaching programme, Black Arrows run 3 junior club, Barnet, Hackney and Newham, 3 senior clubs, 1 in Islington and 2 in Newham.

In addition to this large volume of work, Black Arrows also run a yearly "Women's only" Badminton Tournament at City University for women new to the sport and who have not previously competed in league or tournaments.

They also host "Clash of the Scholars" tournament at City University, three separate tournaments, same time & venue, targeting 4 universities, 4 Colleges and 4 Secondary Schools, that they currently work with, in the hope of inspiring players to continue playing Badminton through their educational journey and beyond.