

BEC Athletes Commission Election – Para Badminton Player Nomination

ALAN OLIVER – SCOTLAND



Alan Oliver, a Scottish International Para-Badminton player.

As Scotland's first gold medallist in Para-Badminton, I have competed and continue to compete locally, nationally and internationally since 2008, travelling across the globe far and wide to represent Scotland gaining numerous international successes along the way. I am classified as a Standing Lower 3 player as I have Cerebral Palsy which affects the right side of my body. I have never let my disability stop me from achieving my goals in life, and I will continue to face and overcome new challenges that are placed in front of me. I can proudly say I have also represented my country in the sport of Football. I am a UKCC Level 2 qualified coach in Badminton and Cricket as well as a National Governing Body Coach Education Tutor. During my coaching career I have been privileged to be part of the coaching team for two National Squads.

My enthusiasm for creating and developing badminton opportunities stems from my own personal sporting background, from my further education obtaining a degree in Sport & Exercise Science and my full-time current job as a Disability Sports Development Officer. As restrictions, barriers and opportunities to progress are initially limited to individuals, it is my desire and passion to contribute, produce and amplify initiatives which are accessible to all whatever the athlete's circumstances. I seek to be elected onto the BEC Athletes Commission to not only convey my personal playing experience within Para-Badminton but to also bring my professional knowledge within such a relevant field to enable me to fully relate to athletes and their beliefs. I have seen a considerable transition within Para- Badminton over the past 11 years and have made everlasting relationships with fellow players around the world. This will enable me to have trustworthy and meaningful connections with those who wish to express their voice. Para-badminton is an ever-developing sport and I hope very much to be part of this exciting journey in years to come and assist Badminton Europe in shaping their forth-coming ventures.