

Ontario Coaches Week ...National Volunteer Week: April 14-22
Soong Badminton Academy honours the SBA leaders in our sport of badminton.

The Ontario Badminton Association describes a coach as: “much more than teaching athletes how to participate in a sport, they also fill the role of trainer, assessor, friend, mentor, facilitator, chauffeur, advisor, supporter, fact finder, motivator, counselor, organizer, and planner. In short, when you become a coach, you will help others reach beyond themselves, to reach higher, both in sport and in life.

Scott Russell of CBC Sports kicked off Ontario Coaches Week at a Toronto gala stating that "It takes a skilled coach to build confidence in a young person to encourage them to try something new. It takes an artful coach to inspire the passion to achieve their dreams. And it takes a caring coach to instill the values and work ethic to make an athlete successful in sport and in life beyond sport."

We have been honoured at the **Soong Badminton Academy** to have worked with, and helped to develop over a hundred super coaches - from NCCP Level 1 to 3 - who have shared their time, talent, money, and passion to help support and develop great badminton athletes, future sport leaders, and the sport of badminton across the Ottawa region.

On behalf of all the players who have been touched by your dedication and support, and as part of Ontario Coaches Week, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly issue a huge **THANK YOU** to each and every SBA coach – both those who are currently working with us, and those who have worked with us over the years.

To our wonderful group of volunteers (coaches and parents) ...our **sincere gratitude and thanks** for your wonderful support, encouragement and help. We have accomplished much together as a team, and we look forward to continued success in the future.

Sincerely,
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Soong Badminton Academy