



LBBUI- LEINSTER BRANCH

Badminton Union of Ireland Rules of the Leinster Inter-League Championships

NAME

The Competition shall be called the Leinster Inter-League Championships.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open to all Leagues controlled from within Leinster. The winners (subject to rule 7) of the various divisions will represent the Leagues in the Competition which will be divided into grades as determined by the Leinster County Affairs Committee. Each grade will be allocated a maximum points value per team. The maximum points value will be the top points in that grade x 8.

Example: Grade 3 would be 18 points x 8 players = 144 maximum points.

(B); Players from a higher grade will not be allowed play in a lower grade, except in Grade 1, where one male & one female player of 25, 26 or 27 points maximum may play on a Grade 1 team, provided the team remain within the combined maximum points allowed for that team.

MANAGEMENT

The Competition will be managed by the Leinster Branch County Affairs Committee (L.B.C.A.C) appointed annually by the L.B.B.U.I. Executive.

FILING OF ENTRIES

Entry forms will be sent to all Leinster League Secretaries and must be returned fully completed, including an email contact for each club, so that the club can be copied with all draws, notices and a copy of the rules, and with entry fees to the Inter – League Manager before the closing date shown on the entry form for entries for the competition

There must be at least 2 Leagues entering, with a minimum of 4 teams in each grade and each league may enter up to 2 teams in each grade.

PROGRAMME

The Competition will be on the knockout basis and the draw will be made by those nominated by the L.B.C.A.C. If two teams are drawn together in successive seasons the Home Team in the first season must travel in the second season. If 2 teams are from the same League, they should not meet in the first round.

FINANCE

The entry fee will be the amount fixed by the L.B.C.A.C. and approved by the L.B.B.U.I. Executive Committee and will be payable to the Leinster Branch B.U.I. and will be shown on the Entry form.

QUALIFICATION

The teams must be the winners of their respective grade in the League they are representing or a club team which has participated in that grade in the league nominated by the League organisers. If a team entering a County League has no other team to play against it in that grade in that County, that team may be nominated to play in this competition provided the team plays in that same grade in some other Leinster League. All players including substitutes must be members of clubs affiliated to the

L.B.B.U.I., must be registered with the club by 30th November and must have been allocated an inter-league points value.

They must be eligible to play for their club in the League which they represent and must be still eligible to play in that grade in their own League Competition.

Where a team has won two or more League Competitions it must decide which league it will represent. The other League will nominate its representative. A team which wins a higher and lower grade league must play in the higher grade. In this context a team is the same team where 50% + 1 of the team members constitute the team. A player on two league winning teams with different clubs must elect to play for one team only before either team plays a match in the competition.

Registration of all players must be made with the Registrar by 30th November.

Teams representing Dublin League will be allowed enter under rules and conditions agreed annually at our CAC AGM.

In Grade 6 not more than two players who would be eligible by age to play in the under 17 competitions can play on a grade 6 team. This means any player who is under 17 at midnight on 31st December in the playing season.

When two teams from the same club are playing in the same grade, the higher-grade team players may not substitute on the lower team

Grade 7 is a Novice League for adult beginners, two years maximum is allowed in this grade.

Grade 8 is an Improver League for adults. Two years maximum is allowed in this grade. Adult is deemed to be 18 years or over at midnight on the 31st of December in the playing season.

TEAMS & PENALTIES

A list of Team Players and Substitutes eligible to play must be submitted with the names of the winners and these must be received by the organiser before the first is played. Each League will be responsible for each team entered by it including the personnel of the Team.

If a team plays an illegal player, then that team will be disqualified.

If a team plays a partnership out of strength* then that team will be penalised as follows:

They will forfeit the games in which the infringement took place and any other games below it in that event

i.e. In Men's' & Ladies Doubles - the team would lose two games but in Mixed Doubles could lose two, three or four games.

When submitting names of winning teams for this competition, it must be indicated if their home hall is suitable. (See Home Venue Rule) Subject to extenuating circumstances, a fine will be imposed on the League where its nominated team fails to play its match and a fine where having played a match fails to compete in any subsequent round

SUBSTITUTION FOR INJURY IN FINALS AND SEMI FINALS ONLY

Should a player become incapacitated after play in an event has begun, so that he/she cannot continue playing and conceded the game in which the injury has occurred the Captain shall be entitled to include a substitute in any subsequent event in which such incapacitated player should have been taken part provided that:

(1) - The event is in Semi-Finals or Finals only.

(2) - The opposing Captain is informed and if any dispute arises it will be determined by the Referee for that day.

(3) - A Substitute, replacing an injured player, must be the same or lower points than the player he/she is replacing and must take the position on the team vacated by the injured player, with no alteration to the team formation declared before the start of play.

(4) Once the score sheet has been handed to the Organiser on the day, before play commences, any subsequent injury to a player, no matter how it happens, will be covered by the subbing rule.

CONSTITUTION OF TEAMS

A team shall consist of four men and four ladies who shall play two men's doubles, two ladies doubles and four mixed doubles. Pairs must play in order of strength*. Breaches of this Rule to be referred to the LBCAC whose decision will be final. A team found to be in breach will be liable to a fine as outlined in Rule 17 below and deduction of points or disqualification at the discretion of the LBCAC Committee. There will be no handicapping. Each team shall have a Captain.

Grade 7 & 8: A team shall be reduced to a four-person event, two men and two ladies, comprising of one man's double, one ladies' double and two mixed doubles. The mixed doubles must be played in order of strength. (see points index below for maximum points allowed in Grades 7 & 8)

Teams must play throughout this competition in order of merit, based on the combined points value of each pair in each event. This rule will also apply where a substitute or substitutes are being used. Where the combined points value of two or more pairs are equal, then the team management will decide which order of strength* the partnerships will play in. However, if two or more of these partnerships play in any subsequent ties, in the same competition, they must play in the same order of strength*.

All registered players, with a points value at 30th November each season, may substitute on a higher graded team without losing their right to play on a lower graded team.

ORDER OF PLAY

The first event on court in each round will be first Mens Doubles. The remaining order of play will be by agreement of the Captains, except that doubles must be completed prior to the mixed being played. Agreement of the order of events on court must be reached prior to any play commencing and the opposing Captains must exchange a list of team members in their partnerships and order of play before play commences. First Men's Doubles must be on court at the appointed time and all members of a team must be available thirty minutes later. All members of a team must remain available for play until they have played their mixed doubles.

RESULTS

The captain of the winning team is responsible for returning a fully completed score sheet to the Inter-League manager, with a result shown for all eight games in that match. Any game which may not have been completed needs to have a result shown i.e. walk over conceded by one side or the other. The score sheet must be signed by both captains and they should agree on all totals, games, sets, aces and the final result.

A team receiving a walk over in a game will be awarded the game, two sets and 42 aces. The team conceding the walk over will not be awarded any scores for that game. The losing captain is strongly advised to keep an exact copy of the agreed score sheet, signed by both captains.

OR

Both teams may agree to not finishing out all games, when a result has been reached and the scoresheet must reflect this decision and be signed by both Captains.

This result sheet will be accepted as final.

Should any match end with both teams having won four events each, games will be counted and if games are equal, points will be counted. Should the teams be equal on points, first mixed will play one game, to decide which is the winning team.

SHUTTLES

These will be provided equally by the teams in each match. Feather shuttles only will be used in all grades.

RULES

The Rules of the International Badminton Federation will apply, including points per game and setting rules.

UMPIRES

Neutral umpires will be used in the finals.

COMPLAINTS

All complaints must be sent in writing immediately to the Inter-League Manager or other official in charge of the competition.

HOME VENUE

The Home team will provide the hall and light refreshments free of charge. The Home Venue must be situated within the province of Leinster and the hall must allow 20ft in width for a court, 1ft extra each side, 44ft long and 18" at each end. The height must be at least 17ft at the lowest point over any part of the court.

GENERAL

(A) - A team which is in breach of these Rules is liable to a maximum fine of €130.

(B) - Any proposal to change these Rules must be made in writing to the Secretary of the County Affairs Committee at least 3 weeks before the A.G.M. of the Inter Counties.

(C) - Where 9 Leagues are represented at the A.G.M. and unanimously agree, they may waive the period of notice

(D) - The L.B.C.A.C. shall have full powers to decide upon any points not covered by the foregoing Rules

GRADING CHANGES

(A) - The C.A.C. has the authority to upgrade or downgrade players that they consider to be graded incorrectly.

THESE CHANGES WILL APPLY TO ALL C.A.C. COMPETITIONS.

Winners

(B) - Members of a winning team will be allocated additional inter-league points for the following seasons based on success rate of team members in events played:

0-50% add zero points: 51-75 % add 1 point : 76-100% add 2 points.

This system will apply to a player who plays 3 or more events in the competition.

If a player plays less than 3 events - the Grading Committee will decide the points.

The Grading Committee must give serious consideration to the winners of grade one, so as not to put players completely out of the league, unless of course, they are deserving by their own standard to be upgraded accordingly.

Others (C) - The C.A.C. has the authority to upgrade players, that they deem to be under-graded, even if they are not members of a winning team.

NON-ENTRY

Where a county/league committee exists, but decides not to enter players or a team into a competition, there is a channel for players wishing to enter that competition:

A. Contact your County Committee, to state your interest in entering.

B.If they are not willing to enter those players wishing to play, then contact the person on the County Affairs Committee responsible for the competition you wish to enter and inform him/her of the situation.

C. This CAC officer will contact your County Committee to see why they would not enter the player(s) involved.

D.If the County agrees to enter the player(s) – then item concluded.

E.If they refuse to enter the player(s) – without a good reason – then the entries will be taken directly from the player(s) by the organiser.

This is provided that all who enter in this manner are properly registered and graded.

Reasons a County may refuse to enter player(s) on the following grounds:

- 1 May not be registered or graded correctly (if players fault).
- 2 May be suspended by County or CAC for various reasons
- 3 May owe monies to County or CAC
- 4 Any other genuine reason.

ORDER OF STRENGTH

“ORDER OF STRENGTH, IS BASED ON THE COMBINED POINTS VALUES OF THE TWO PLAYERS”

INTER-LEAGUE MAXIMUM POINTS ALLOWED

Grade	Points per Team	Points per player
Senior	216	27
1	192	24
2	168	21
3	144	18
4	120	15
5	96	12
6	72	9
7	24	6
8	12	3

(Grades 7 & 8 are 4 person Leagues)

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL TEAM MANAGERS TO KEEP THEIR TEAM WITHIN THE POINTS ALLOWED

AGM 2014 – SEE NEW GENERAL RULE ON CLOSING DATES. (FILE ATTACHED BELOW)

AGM 2016: Rule 7 change in red rule 11A transfer from rule 10 in red