



LBBUI- LEINSTER BRANCH

Badminton Union of Ireland Rules of the Leinster Inter – County Championships

NAME

The Competition shall be called the Leinster Inter-County Badminton Championships and shall be held annually in accordance with these Rules, for open age and veterans if sufficient entries received.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open to all Leinster Counties whose players are affiliated to the L.B.B.U.I. and have been registered with the C. A. C. and have been allocated a points value for the LEINSTER inter-league competitions by 30th November of the current season. All players, to be eligible to compete in the Inter-county Class 5, must be 18 or over at midnight on 31st December in the current season. The age for the veterans, shall be the day of the competition. Players will only be allowed to play in the class for which they are registered by the County Affairs Committee or in any higher class.

MANAGEMENT

The Competition shall be organised by the Manager, elected at the LBBUI CAC AGM each season.

FILING OF ENTRIES

Entry Forms to be sent to all Leinster County Associations and must be returned fully completed and with Entry Fees to the Competition Organiser before the date shown on the entry form as the closing date for the competition.

Proof of postage will be necessary if entry is late due to being lost or delayed in the post. Otherwise entry will not be included in the draw.

METHOD OF COMPETITION

All competitions shall be divided into grades known as Grade 1, Grade 2 and so on. The County Affairs Committee shall have the right to determine the classification of each competing team. Each Grade may be divided into groups on a geographical basis. The veterans may be divided into different age groups and higher and lower divisions. Veterans may play on one team only on the day.

MINIMUM ENTRIES REQUIRED TO RUN ANY GRADE IS THREE TEAMS.

In the veterans competition only, when a player sustains any injury on the day of play, which forces him/her to concede the game in which the injury occurred, a player from another team may be allowed sub on the that team, if no other sub is available. This permission to play on two teams is not automatically granted and depends on the opinions of the other team captains involved. The final decision will be made by the organiser on the day.

PROGRAMME OF COMPETITION

The Competition will be on the knock-out basis, but teams may be divided into groups and each team may play against all other teams in its group. A draw will be made by the Inter – County Manager.

FINANCE

The Entry Fee which will be shown on the Entry Form will be the amount fixed by the County Affairs Committee and approved by the Leinster Branch Executive Committee and will be payable to the Leinster Branch B.U.I.

QUALIFICATION

A player shall be qualified to play:

A. For the County in which his/her parent's home was situated at the time of his/her birth.

B. For the County in which he/she is residing providing that:

(1) - He/she has resided in the County for one year prior to 1st October of the season in question.

(2) - In the case of players not eligible to represent the B.U.I. in International matches, he/she has resided in the County for two years prior to the 1st October of the season in question.

When a player is changing from one County to another, he/she may continue to play for the first County during the qualifying period.

A player may not play for more than one County in a season.

Should any question arise as to qualification, it shall be decided by the Leinster Branch C.A.C.

CONSTITUTION ASSOCIATION

(a) - A team shall consist of three, four or five men and three, four or five ladies. The County shall appoint a Captain of its team for each tie and in default a team shall choose its own Captain.

(b) - The team shall be arranged in such a way as to provide for one men's singles player, one ladies singles player, one men's doubles pairs, one ladies doubles pairs and three mixed doubles pairs. A player may not play more than once in the mixed doubles events and in not more than two events. The mixed doubles pairs must play in order of strength, based on combined points value of the two players.

If the combined points value of two or more of the mixed doubles pairs are equal, then the team management will decide which order of merit the partnerships will play in.

But if two or more of these partnerships play in any subsequent ties, in the same competition, they must play in the same order of merit.

(c) - The opposing Team Captains shall exchange a list of their teams before the match starts and no change may be made to these lists except as provided in sub-paragraph 9(d)

Subbing

(d) - In the event of a player being incapacitated after play in a tie has begun, so that he/she cannot continue playing and concedes the game in which the injury has occurred, the Captain shall be entitled to include a substitute in any subsequent matches in which such incapacitated player should have taken part provided that:

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

(ii) The substitute selected must be the same or lower points value as the player he/she is replacing, there will be no alterations to the original team format declared and the substitute must not cause the team to break rule 9a or 9b.

(iii)

A player, only declared to play in one event in a match, may be considered as a substitute for an injured player, but can only play in one mixed event.

(e) 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.

GRADING

Teams will be graded by reference to the maximum number of points allowed, for the combined total of the top six players per team and in accordance with the maximum points allowed for any one player in that class.

NOMINATION AND ELIGIBILITY

(A) - Only players on the registered graded list may play for the County.

OF PLAYERS

(B) - The total points for the players on a team must not exceed the maximum number of points allowed for teams playing in that class.

(C) - all players must be registered with the C.A.C. and have a points value at the 30th November of the current season.

(D) - All registered players may substitute, provided the total number of points of the top six players on the team does not exceed the maximum number of points allowed for that class or that the maximum points allowed for any one player is not exceeded.

(E) - A county with small inter-county panels, may appeal to the inter-county appeals committee, for permission to include one player only, from the next highest inter-county class. This permission to apply to the highest-class team entered only.

The Inter-County appeals committee will decide on all these requests.

(F) Where a county has two teams competing in the same grade, then players from one team may not play on the other team at any stage of the competition.

CONSTITUTION

(A) - In all open classes the order of events shall be singles, men's and ladies' doubles and finally mixed doubles. The order of play in each of the events shall be per the score sheet, unless mutually agreed otherwise. However, where competition is running late, and courts are available the organiser has authority to alter the sequence.

(B) - The mixed doubles must be played in order of strength.

(C) - The scoring system to be used is best of three sets to 21 points.

(D) - The results sheet shall be returned by the winning Team Captain to the Manager of the Inter - County Competition or his/her representative at the venue.

(E) - In a round robin event, if two teams finish level, the team that won the match between the teams involved, shall be deemed to have finished higher than the Losing Team.

COMPLAINTS

(A) - Any complaints regarding any match must be reported immediately to the Manager of the Inter-County Competition or his/her representative in charge of the at the venue on the day.

(B) - Where illegal players have been played the penalty to be imposed is that the guilty team shall be eliminated from the Competition. If a player on a team plays in a lower position than permitted, the team will forfeit the points for events played by that player and for each lower event. A team in breach of these rules is liable to a maximum fine of €130.

(C) - Referees on the day of competitions must be issued with up to date list of Registered Players of the participating counties.

SHUTTLES

Each competing team will be responsible for 50% of the cost of Shuttles in each match in which they participate. Feather Shuttles of a good quality to be used and provided by each team.

HALLS

For regional group stages, the counties involved must share the cost of venue hire.

POINTS

The maximum points values allowed per team per class and the maximum points value allowed for any one player per class will be set by the C.A.C. AGM each season.

WINNERS

(A) - Members of a winning team will be allocated additional inter-county 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.

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

GRADING CHANGES

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

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

GENERAL

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

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

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

WITHDRAWING

Any County withdrawing from a Competition after the draw has been made, may be liable to pay a fine of €30.00.

RULES

These Rules are under the jurisdiction of the Leinster Branch, Badminton Union of Ireland Executive Committee. Any County Association wishing to propose changes may do so by sending them to the Secretary of the Leinster Branch County Affairs Committee. The Leinster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland Executive Committee will consider proposed changes from the Leinster Branch County Affairs Committee and if thought fit, modify them.

ACTION BY PLAYERS

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

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

(B) - 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.

LISTED BELOW: POINTS VALUES PER TEAM AND PER PLAYER FOR CURRENT SEASON

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM MANAGER ON THE DAY, TO ENSURE THAT THE POINTS LIMITATIONS ON BOTH TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS ARE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

Grade	Points Per Player	Points Per Team
Senior	27	162
1	24	144
2	21	126
3	18	108
4	15	90
5	12	72

Grade 5 – (player must be 18 or over at midnight on 31st December of the current season)

ORDER OF STRENGTH:

“Order of strength, is based on the combined points values of the two players.”

BREACHES OF THE RULES, WILL BE PENALISED, WHEN THE RESULTS SHEETS ARE CHECKED BY THE C. A. C. INTER-COUNTY MANAGER AND THE REGISTRAR. THIS CHECKING MAY TAKE A FEW DAYS.