



Leinster Badminton Senior Team Selection Policy for ICC Tournaments & Inter-Pro 2019/2020

1. Policy Objectives

- To select players to represent Leinster in Singles, Doubles and Mixed disciplines for the ICC Tournaments on dates to be advised at the start of each respective season.
- To endeavour to remain in the Premier Division.
- To select and introduce Leinster players with the aim of developing them into a Leinster Senior Squad.

2. Senior Squads

- All players graded at Senior / Grade A and those who are playing in tournaments to a high standard (semi-finals & finals) will be emailed and texted by the Leinster Senior Team Manager to advise of the next squad session date and to ascertain interest in playing for the team / on those dates.
- Each player contributes €5 per session to fund court hire and shuttles. Attendance at these squad sessions does not entitle automatic selection to travel to the UK on the ICC dates. Team selection will be based on criteria listed in section 4 – “Player selection criteria”.
- The Leinster Senior Team Trips are subsidised by Leinster Badminton and Sponsored by YONEX.
- All selected travelling Squad players are required to contribute €100 towards the overall cost of each Weekend Trip. Travelling team players will be provided with a YONEX Match Team Kit for the Season.

3. Players Eligibility

All Players must also meet the following criteria:

- Be an affiliated member of Leinster Badminton and be in good standing with Leinster Badminton.
- Not be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF, Badminton Ireland or Leinster Badminton.

- Be available to travel on the advised dates.
- The onus is on the players to inform Management well in advance of their unavailability. (Due notice is considered to be 10 working days prior to the date of travelling).

4. Player Selection Criteria

The Selection Panel will select the players that, in the Panel's view, are the strongest performing players. In reaching their selection, they may consider the following:

- Ability to compete under pressure in an extremely competitive environment in high profile matches against opponents of the same or higher standard
- Positive documented experience with team competitions
- Partnership Considerations

Should the Panel decide to select players for 'player development', the Panel may consider:

- Results in domestic and BWF recognised events
- Commitment to training over the past twelve months
- Head to head results against other Leinster players in domestic and international tournaments

The Selection Panel will endeavour to select a team that can compete with their opponents, with the emphasis on player development for future team competitions.

In order for players to be considered for selection, they must be committed to training and be seen to participate to a high level in at least 2 of the following tournaments:

Mount Pleasant Open

Munster Open

Autumn Open

Connacht Open

Ulster Open

For matches occurring after Christmas, the following tournaments will also be taken into consideration:

Irish Open

Leinster Open

Irish Nationals

For the 2019/20 season, these results will be reviewed on a rolling calendar year basis.

5. Selection Panel

The Leinster Senior Team selectors for the 2019/2020 season are as follows:

Siobhan Grehan

Seamus Halpin

Aisling Ryan

6. Over-riding Factors

- Should a player with an established record of high level results become injured and unable to compete in the required events, the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances. This will be subject to them passing a suitable fitness test – as deemed appropriate by the selection panel.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness to remain as a selected player.
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed through the season and continued selection will be dependent on these factors.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination, it is possible for a replacement to be selected.

7. Deselection

A player selected for travelling with the Leinster Team may be deselected if the player:

- Has been unable to participate in training prior to an ICC Match Weekend.
- Through illness or injury, in the opinion of the Management, becomes unable to perform to the required standard.
- Demonstrates a lack of commitment to training requirements and ICC preparations.
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton Ireland or the BWF.

Should a player have to withdraw from the team at short notice without a valid excuse in writing, they will have to pay the €100.00 contribution to the flight / travel arrangements.

8. Selection Date, Notification and Announcement

- The selection of the Leinster Team travelling to each of the three ICC Match Weekends will be announced 2 weeks in advance of the match weekend.
- Each player will also be notified of selection beforehand.

- If a player is not notified in person then they can assume that they have not been selected.
- All teams will be listed on Leinster Badminton Website & social media platforms.

9. Right of Appeal

Where a player has queries around the selection of the team, the appropriate path to manage these grievances is through the Chairman of Leinster Badminton Executive, within 72 hours of the team being announced. At this point, it is at the discretion of the Chairman to decide how to proceed with the complaint. To support the Chairman in these matters, each selection committee meeting should include reasons for selection / omission of individual players.