

1. Policy Objectives

To select players to represent Leinster in Singles, Doubles and Mixed disciplines for the Leinster master's teams (0 – 40 & O – 50) for the inter-provincial competition.

2. Expression Of Interest

- Any player interested in participating in Masters Squad training sessions must submit an “Expression of Interest” Form – see attached. This will be available on the Leinster website & social media.
- Players attending squad sessions must pay a nominal fee to fund court hire and shuttles and coaching.
- Completion of an expression of interest form or attendance at squad sessions does not entitle automatic selection on to the Masters Teams. The nominated Squad players will be selected based on section 4 - “Player Selection Criteria.”
- Squad players will be provided with a YONEX t-shirt for the match.

3. Players Eligibility

All Players must 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 play on the relevant date
- 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 the match).

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.

The Selection Panel will endeavour to select a team that can compete with their opponents.

For players to be considered for selection, they must be committed to training and be seen to participate in some Masters' Level tournaments across Ireland, including:

Munster Masters Open	Ulster Masters Open
Connacht Masters Open	Irish Masters National Championships
Leinster Masters Open	Irish Masters International Open

5. Selection Panel

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

Breda Connolly	Fran Walsh
Imelda Breen	Joe Wright
Seamus Halpin	

6. Over-riding Factors

- Should a player with an established record of high level results become injured and unable to compete in the listed events, the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances subject to passing a suitable fitness test.
- 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 the Leinster Team may be deselected if the player:

- Has been unable to participate in training.
- 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.

8. Selection Date, Notification and Announcement

The selection of the Leinster Team for the Masters events at inter-provincial level will be announced on the Leinster Badminton Website and social media pages no later than 3 weeks in advance of the event.

All players selected will be notified individually in advance of the announcement to ensure availability.

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.

Leinster Masters Squads - Expression of Interest Form

Players wishing to be considered for Leinster Masters Squads must fill in this “Expression of Interest” form and submit.

Player Name: _____ **Badminton Club:** _____

Mobile No: _____ **B.I. Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Player Selection Agreement Statements:

1. I confirm that I wish to be considered for selection for the Leinster Masters Squads for coming Season and understand that a contribution payment of €150 per Trip is required should I be selected on any travelling Team.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. I confirm that I have read and understand the Anti-Doping Policy as set by Badminton Ireland (<http://www.badmintonireland.com/page/21489/Anti-Doping>).

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. I confirm that if I were selected onto any Leinster Team, I will represent Leinster to the best of my ability on court, while at all times being fair, honest and polite to my fellow players and manager(s) both on and off the court.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____