



Leinster Youth Activities Report 2018/2019

What an absolute Smasher of a season it has been, Action packed, very successful season for the Youth of Leinster Badminton.

Leinster Juvenile Leagues.

This season there were 83 teams in the Juvenile League, ranging in age U.11, 13, 15, 17 **AND** U.19.

There were **17 divisions** this season with 16 League Finals played in Baldoyle Centre. Leinster League Finals (U.11,13,15 and U.17 were played in Terenure Centre. Cup Finals were played in Terenure Centre in April.

An enjoyable season catering for all standards of play. Clubs are growing with most having a waiting list for membership. A huge thank to all the Club Secretaries, Match secretaries and volunteers, but a special thanks to Muriel Moles, Damien Lucas, Maire Curry Marshall, Fionuala Lennon for their tireless efforts over the season.

Leinster Team Events were all very successful again this season:

Leinster Under 13s travelled to Wales for the **Under 13 Celtic Challenge** and returned to Dublin Airport with the trophy after a very convincing win.

Leinster Under 15s travelled to Alpha badminton Club for the **Under 15 Celtic Challenge**, some fantastic badminton played and again Leinster triumphed.

Leinster under 17s took to the stage at the **Historic Notts** event and this was the most successful season in many years, the team came in 5th spot, barely missing out on a place in the final.

Its was a clean sweep for All 3 Leinster Juvenile teams at the All Ireland Inter Provincials 2019.

And again Leinster took all the Golds at the All Ireland Inter County Finals, Dublin taking the Under 13 & 17 and Kildare the Under 15s.

A big thank you to the mangers and Coaches for all their time and effort. A big welcome to our new young coaches Kate Frost and Jack Lawlor who have stepped up to the role of Leinster Coaches. Great role Models for the future.

The above doesn't happen by accident, the organisation of Juvenile Squads, Open Tournaments, B Tournaments and the Under 11 development squad managed by Liz Dinan for the last number of years, ensures Juvenile badminton is stronger than ever in 2019 and we will hopefully continue to develop for the season 19/20 and onwards.

All the teams are now very balanced with players from counties across Leinster.

Representative Players receiving Irish Caps for the season 2018/2019.

We are very proud of all our players who were selected to represent Ireland. Siofra Flynn, Neasa Flynn, Dylan Noble, Jack Bridgeman, James Fleming, Fionn Dowling, Senan O'Rourke, Darragh Murtagh, Michelle Shochan, Chloe McGrane, Vincent Pontenosa, Scott Guildea, David Downey, Fiona McAdams, Leonie Ward.

National titles:

Neasa Flynn, Siofra Flynn, James Fleming, Fionn Dowling, Senan O'Rourke, Sophia Noble, Leonie Ward, Vincent Pontenosa,

This report is only a brief outline of the Season 2018/2019. My thanks go to Joe Byrne, Jean Kelly, Shane Guildea who continually update the Leinster Youth Badminton Face book page, keeping us all updated with reports & Photos. I would like to thank the entire Youth Activity Committee and all who played their part in making Juvenile Badminton possible this season. These volunteers give their time and expertise freely and consistently. The coaches, managers, administrators, umpires, referees, parents and the players all remain fully committed to Leinster Badminton and long may it continue.

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their continued support and investment in Juvenile Badminton in the Province. The future of Leinster Badminton is in the Youth.

Yours in sport.

David Hogan
Chairperson
Leinster Youth Activities Committee
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Leinster Under 13 Inter County Finals