



Dublin District Leagues & Cups

Summary Report for Leinster AGM 2019

From our perspective and considering what had happened halfway through the season of 2019/2020 our season went very well. Overall, we had 61 clubs in the League which was a slight increase on last season in which we only had 59 one of which three were new called Flaming Feathers, ACBC and Old Grange.

On behalf to the committee I would like to give Pembroke Badminton Club a huge big welcome back and hope that they stay playing in our league for many years to come.

As well as the League our committee also ran seven graded tournaments when I know that the players who take part in them really enjoy themselves.

Unfortunately, two of these had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown but are hopeful that all seven of the tournaments can be run next season.

A huge to thank you goes to the club members from Baldoyle District Badminton Club who give up their time to help with the running of the seven graded tournaments and would like to thank them for their continued support and commitment that they give the League and cups committee.

We very much appreciate the support that Badminton Ireland gives to the Leagues and Cup Committee each year.

The League & Cup Semi-Finals and Finals took place in Baldoyle centre this season and this was very well attended by clubs, teams, players and supporters and the atmosphere at these events was electric.

Normally after the Cup competition is over, we would run the League play offs, quarter finals, semi-final, and finals. But alas that was not meant to be. The

League came to a sudden stop when we were told that we had to go into Lockdown.

At this point I would like to thank the Umpires for their hard work and support to the Leagues and Cups throughout the season and ask every person reading this if they would consider doing a course. This would help elevate the problem

of not having Umpires for the semi-final as happened in cup semi-finals this season. Should you wish to consider doing this then please contact the office and they will give you all the details as to who to contact.

We would like to extend thanks to our main supporters Yonex without whom neither the League, Cups nor the graded tournaments could be run so successfully.

At this point we feel that a special mention should go to the staff and management of both Terenure and Baldoyle Badminton Centres for their help throughout the season.

As always, the aim of the Dublin District Leagues and Cups Committee is to increase the number of people playing badminton and entering our competitions. One of the ways that we do this is through our Kick Start tournament which we run in August alas this never took place. Please god we will be able to run it next year.

At this point in time we would be congratulating a club on becoming club of the year but due to the covid19 and not being able to finish the League this year we unable to select a club of the year for the 2019/2020 season.

Veronica, as well as speaking for me I can also speak for the committee when I say a huge thank you for all her hard work this season. As always, her help is invaluable. I hope that she will continue as our Administrator for many more years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank the rest of my Committee members Joe Byrne, David Murphy, Elaine Horgan, and Roby Vettoor for the work that they have also put into both league and cups. Thanks, guys, for giving up your valuable time to help in the running of the tournament.

I am stepping down as Chairperson of the Leagues and Cups as my two years is up. I want to take the opportunity to wish Elaine Horgan the b

Looking forward to the 2020/2021 Season may it be a better season for all of us.

Yours in Badminton

Anne Kelly

Chairperson

Dublin District Leagues & Cups Committee

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