

Youth Activities Committee AGM Report 2019-2020





2019/20 Season Highlights

At the beginning of the 2019/20 season the Youth Activities Committee had a number of objectives including, the launch of the Festival of Tournaments, an increase in participation rates in our Leinster Juvenile Opens, improved Social Media Communication with the launch of our leinsteryouthbadminton Instagram account, an increase in participation rates in the Leinster Intercounty Competitions and continued success for our Leinster Squads and Teams.

The Festival of Tournaments has proven to be extremely popular and we saw participation rates increase by 40%. We broke records in the number of County Teams that competed at the U11, U13 & U17 Leinster Intercounty Competitions and were expecting the same for the U15 event until it was cancelled due to the Pandemic. The participation rates at the U13/U17 & U15/U19 Leinster Opens increased by 26% and our Leinster Players have been hugely succesful at all ages in all Provincial Opens. We have seen our Leinster Squad players become National Champions across all ages and disciplines. And we have taken tremendous pride in our squad players making Leinster Teams and Irish National Teams.

In March we found ourselves in the middle of a Global Pandemic where priorities suddenly changed, daily routines were interrupted and for a while, badminton took a back seat. The remainder of the season was cancelled, including the U15 Celtic Challenge, the U15 Glasgow Youth International, the U18 Intercounty Competition in Nottingham and the Interprovincials. In the near future, we will all see our fellow team mates & rivals on court again and continue where we left off.

Festival of Tournaments



The Festival of Tournaments was launched in Sept 2019. The objective of the Festival was to rebrand our tournaments that target club players and to increase participation rates. We were delighted to see success on both fronts and participation rates grew by 40%.

The Festival included the OctoberFEST, the NovemberFEST, the WestsideFEST & the February FEST.

Our Festival of Tournaments has gone from strength to strength. We are proud to say that we had over 430 players competing from 42 different clubs from around the province. An additional tournament has been added to the Festival for the coming season and will be hosted by Dunboyne – the DecemberFEST.

A total of 21 clubs had players who won Gold medals

and we have been keeping count over the course of the season. In third place, with 10 Gold medals was *Mullinavat*. Second place, with 14 Gold medals went to *Dunboyne*. First place, with 18 Gold medals went to *Whitehall Road JBC*.

We also counted the participation rates from the clubs. We were delighted to see new clubs send players up in the second half of the season.

However, at the end of the Festival, *Dunboyne* was in third place, *Naas* was in second place. The club with highest participation rates across the Festival was *Whitehall Road JBC*.

Well done to all the Coaches, Parents, Volunteers and Players at all of our Clubs.





ROLE OF HONOUR

FESTIVAL GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



Ellen Berney – Baltinglass

Aiden Biju Joy – Olypmia BC

Julia Carr McCrea – Boyne

Serena Chen – Dunboyne

Cian Cobbe – Portarlinton Parochial

Robert Cowman – WHJBC

Rachel Davis – Terenure College

Seana Davis – Mullinavat

Satvik Desai – Lucan

Sarthak Desai - Lucan

Eoin Evans – Naas

Hayley Gallagher – Waterford

Mishaline Gopi – ABC

Neha Ann Joseph – KADCA

Dylan Keane – KADCA

Ceira Kennedy – Smashers Coleraine

Peter Kosutic – WHJBC

Catriona McCann – Skerries

Abby Lewis – Naas

Amy Lewis – Naas

Aaryan Mahesh – Dunboyne

Grace McDonald – Ballinabranna

Jack McIvor – Naas

Conor McKeown – WHJBC

Holly Malone – Carlow LTC

Katie Moore – Carlow LTC



Jack Nolan – Myshall/Drumpeha

Tom Nuzum – Naas

Finn O'Connor – WHJBC

Sean O'Malley - Mullinavat

Tomas O'Malley - Mullinavat

Lochlann O'Rourke – Terenure College

Finnian O'Rourke – Terenure College

Jack O'Shea – Tullahought

Patrick O'Sullivan – WHJBC

Aoife Pakenham-Barry – WHJBC

Amira Pender – Baltinglass

Conor Power – Baltinglass

Jack Power – Baltinglass

Rigertas Rutkauskas – Carlow Cavaliers

Yuna Luque Sakka – KADCA

Dev Santhosh – Lucan

Smrithi Santhosh – Lucan

Alana Savio – Lucan

Hannah Shochan – WHJBC

Alanah Sunil – Lucan

Pranav Vasudeva – WHJBC

Rathi Viswanathan – Dunboyne

Shravan Viswanathan – Dunboyne

Swathi Viswanathan – Dunboyne

Maya Sosa Villоторo – Kildare CMWS

Clíodhna Walsh – Mullinavat





ROLE OF HONOUR



PROVINCIAL OPEN MEDAL WINNERS



Anastasiya Bogoslovskaya – KADCA

Eoghan Cooney – Baltinglass

Robert Cowman – WHJBC

Cillian Dowling – Dunboyne

Fionn Dowling – Dunboyne

David Downey – Carlow Cavaliers

Kevin Downey – Carlow Cavaliers

Levina D’Silva – Terenure College

Eoin Evans – Naas

Kerry Fallon – Naas

Kim Feehily – BI Academy

Neasa Flynn – South Dublin BC

Orla Flynn – Mount Pleasant

Siofra Flynn – South Dublin BC

Robbie Frost – Terenure College

Hayley Gallagher – Waterford

Adhithyan Gopinath – Lucan

Ananya Gopinath – Lucan

Scott Guildea – Stamullen

Andrew Hassett – Mount Pleasant

Carol Joy – WHJBC

Nicole Joy – WHJBC



Saumya Kothiyal – Terenure College

Sean Patrick Laureta – PBAI

Ben Lawlor – South Dublin BC

Peter McDonald – Thomastown

Chloe McGrane – Baltinglass

Lorcan McGrane – Baltinglass

Megan McLoughlin – Naas

Nessa Mooney – WHJBC

Aishlinn Murtagh – Kildare CMWS

Dylan Noble – Mount Pleasant

Sophia Noble – Mount Pleasant

Julia O’Reilly – Phoenix

Lochlann O’Rourke – Terenure College

Senan O’Rourke – Terenure College

Amira Pender – Baltinglass

Zarah Pender – Baltinglass

Vincent Pontanosa – Mount Pleasant

Hannah Shochan – WHJBC

Michelle Shochan – WHJBC

Sabrina Steinberga – KADCA

Leonie Ward – Mount Pleasant



INTERCOUNTY LEINSTER CHAMPS



U11 DUBLIN

U13 DUBLIN

U15 TBD

U17 KILDARE

The **U17 Intercounty** competition was held in Baldoyle Badminton Centre, the 10th November, with a record entry of 10 County Teams from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Meath & Offaly

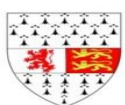
The **U11 Intercounty** competition took place Feb 2nd in Terenure Badminton Centre. We set another new record with 5 U11 County Teams, and it was a pleasure to see so many 8 & 9 year olds representing Dublin, Kildare & Kilkenny.

The **U13 Intercounty** competition was held in Baldoyle Badminton Centre on 1st March with a record entry of 12 County Teams from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth, Meath & Offaly.

Unfortunately, the **U15 Intercounty** competition had to be deferred. The All-Ireland Finals have been rescheduled for Oct 24th. At the time of writing it is planned to hold a reduced Leinster U15 Intercounty competition before the Finals on Oct 24th.



Thank you to all the Managers, Coaches, Volunteers and Parents who bring the County Players to these competitions.



CARLOW



DUBLIN



KILDARE



KILKENNY



LAOIS



LONGFORD



LOUTH



MEATH



OFFALY



WESTMEATH



WEXFORD



WICKLOW

Leinster Team Competitions

Gold at U13 Celtic Challenge

Congratulations to the U13 Leinster Team for winning Gold at the Celtic Challenge in Lisburn, 8 – 9th Feb. This team had a phenomenal competition beating Wales 12-3, Alpha 14-1 & Lothian 15-0. Many thanks to everyone at Alpha for hosting a great event. Congratulations to Team Manager, Kirsty Kelly and Coaches, Kate Frost, Jack Lawlor & Sam McKay. Most importantly, congratulations to our players: *Siofra Flynn, Senan O'Rourke, Michelle Shochan, Fionn Dowling, Nicole Joy, Aman Kothiyal, Chloe McGrane, Darragh Murtagh, Orlaith Evans, Pranav Erukattil, Ciara O'Shea, Praneel Reddy Vallapureddy*



U15 Celtic Challenge



The U15 Celtic Challenge was due to take place in Edinburgh 28-29th March. However, this event needed to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Congratulations to the following players for making the team: *Eva Bogoslovskaya, Jack Bridgeman, Neasa Flynn, Eoghan Cooney, Siofra Flynn, Alan Doyle, Eva Hassett, James Fleming, Saumya Kothiyal, Robbie Frost, Aishlinn Murtagh, Dylan Noble*

The U18 Inter County Tournament in Nottingham was cancelled due to COVID-19.

All-Ireland InterProvincial Competition has been deferred to October 2020.



IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



2019-2020

Congratulations to our Leinster Players who have won the following National Titles:

Sophia Noble - U19 GS

Orla Flynn – U19 GD

Sophia Noble – U17 GS, U17 GD, U17 XD

Siofra Flynn – U15 GS, U15 GD

Eoghan Cooney – U15 BD

Nicole Joy – U13 GS, U13 GD, U13 XD

Sean Patrick Laureta – U19 BD

Neasa Flynn – U19 GD

Vincent Pontanosa – U17 BD

Dylan Noble – U15 BS, U15 BD

Andrew Hassett – U13 BD, U13 XD

Zarah Pender – U13 GD



Congratulations to our Leinster players who won Silver Medals at this year’s Nationals.

Sean Patrick Laureta – U19 BS, U19 XD

Orla Flynn – U19 GS, U19 XD

Scott Guildea – U17 BD, U17 XD

Michelle Shochan – U17 GS

Neasa Flynn – U17 GD

Senan O’Rourke – U15 BD

Siofra Flynn – U15 XD

Zarah Pender – U13 GS

Adhithyan Gopinath – U13 BD

Sophia Noble – U19 GD

Sabrina Steinberga – U19 GD

Vincent Pontanosa – U17 BS

Siofra Flynn – U17 GD

Ben Lawlor – U17 BD

Fionn Dowling – U15 BD

Eoghan Cooney – U15 XD

Andrew Hassett – U13 BS

Robert Cowman – U13 BD



Irish National Teams 2020



Congratulations to the following Leinster players who have been selected on Irish National Teams.

U13 Irish Team: *Nicole Joy, Zarah Pender, Andrew Hassett, Adhithyan Gopinath, Jack Power*

U15 Irish Team: *Siofra Flynn, Michelle Shochan, Nicole Joy, Dylan Noble, Eoghan Cooney, Senan O’Rourke*

U17 Irish Team: *Sophia Noble, Neasa Flynn, Siofra Flynn, Scott Guildea, Vincent Pontanosa, Ben Lawlor*

U19 Irish Team: *Kerry Fallon, Orla Flynn, Sophia Noble, David Downey, Sean Patrick Laureta*

LEINSTER SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

This season saw 42 schools across Leinster participate in Schools Competitions. Baldoyle Badminton Centre was lucky to have been able to host all the Leinster School Finals Pre-Covid 19. Unfortunately, the schools did not get to compete at the All-Ireland Finals Day in Gormanstown.

Huge thanks goes to David Hogan, Brian Kelly & Muriel Moles for running these events – no mean feat!

Leinster U14 Schools Finals - March 10th 2020

	Gold	Silver
Div 1 Girls	St.Mary's College Naas	Holy Faith Clontarf
Div 1 Boys	Templeogue College	Lycee Francais
Div 2 Girls	Kilkenny College	St. Joseph's Cluny
Div 2 Boys	Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale	St. Fintans
Div 3 Girls	Loreto Kilkenny	St. Raphaelas
Div 3 Boys	De La Salle, Churchtown	Kilkenny College

Leinster U19 Schools Final - January 23rd 2020

	Gold	Silver
Div 1 Girls	St. Mary's College Naas	Pipers Hill, Naas
Div 1 Boys	Terenure College	Wesley College
Div 2 Girls	Loreto Kilkenny	Loreto Bray
Div 2 Boys	De la Salle Churchtown	Blackrock College
Div 3 Girls	Presentation Kilkenny	Moate College
Div 3 Boys	Kilkenny College	St. Kevin's Finglas

Leinster U16 Schools Finals – March 5th 2020

	Gold	Silver
Div 1 Girls	St.Mary's College Naas	Our Lady's, Templeogue
Div 1 Boys	Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass	Templeogue College
Div 2 Girls	Kilkenny College	Gormanstown College
Div 2 Boys	Kilkenny College	Naomh Cormac, Offaly
Div 3 Girls	Loreto Kilkenny	Naomh Cormac, Offaly
Div 3 Boys	De La Salle, Churchtown	Good Council, Wexford

