

| | Current Rule (2018) | Proposed Rule Change |
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| 1 | 1.1 The Branch shall be called the Leinster Branch Badminton Ireland or in a shortened format, Leinster Badminton, hereinafter called the "Branch". | 1.1 The Branch shall be called Leinster Branch Badminton Ireland, hereinafter called "Leinster Badminton". |
| 2 | 1.2 It shall have for its object the provision of facilities for the playing, promotion and management of Badminton within the area of the Branch as played under the Laws and Rules of the Badminton World Federation and Rules of the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. | 1.2 It shall have for its object the provision of facilities for the playing, promotion and management of Badminton within the area of the Branch as played under the Laws and Rules of the Badminton World Federation and Rules of Badminton Ireland Ltd. |
| 3 | 1.4 The government and management of the Branch shall be exercised through: - a) The Council b) The Executive Committee (c) The General Secretary (appointed by the Executive Committee - this position is that of a salaried employee, subject to contract of employment and appointed by the Executive Committee) | 1.4 The government and management of the Branch shall be exercised through: - a) The Council b) The Executive Committee |
| 4 | 1.5 The Branch may extend support, financial or otherwise to the Badminton Ireland Ltd., or another Branch or any affiliated Club with the object of promoting badminton, and may co-operate with other sporting organisations for the development of sport generally or badminton in particular. | 1.5 The Branch may extend support to Badminton Ireland Ltd., or another Branch or any affiliated Club with the object of promoting badminton, and may co-operate with other sporting organisations for the development of sport generally or badminton in particular. |
| 5 | 2.1 The Council shall consist of the following, all of whom shall have one vote • The President of the Branch. • The Vice-Presidents of the Branch. • The Chairman of the Executive Committee • The Honorary Treasurer of the Branch. • Members of the Executive Committee. • One representative of each Club that has paid the full affiliation fee, and any agreed levy, to the Branch, either directly or through a County Association (rule 2.13 & 2.13.1). • Honorary Life Members. | 2.1 The Council shall consist of the following, all of whom shall have one vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President of the Branch. • The Vice-Presidents of the Branch. • The Chairman of the Executive Committee • The Honorary Treasurer of the Branch. • Members of the Executive Committee. • One representative of each Club that has paid the full adult affiliation fee, and any agreed levy, to the Branch, either directly or through a County Association (rule 2.13 & 2.13.1). |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary Life Members. |
| 6 | 2.2 The Council shall meet in General Meeting annually in April of each year | 2.2 The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall take place annually in the second quarter of each year. |
| 7 | | 2.4 (O) No officer or member of the Executive Committee shall serve for more than four consecutive years in any single role. However, they become eligible for election again twelve months after retiring. |
| 8 | 2.5 In addition to the specific business mentioned in Rule 2.4 General Meeting shall have power to deal with such business as may come before it including changes in the Rules (subject to Rules 7.1, 7. 1.1 and 7.1.2) and the appointment of an individual or a sub-committee for a specific undertaking, provided that such appointment is not normally made by the Executive Committee | 2.5 In addition to the specific business mentioned in Rule 2.4 the Annual General Meeting shall have power to deal with such business as may come before it including changes in the Rules (subject to Rules 7.1, 7. 1.1 and 7.1.2) and the appointment of an individual or a sub-committee for a specific undertaking, provided that such appointment is not normally made by the Executive Committee. |
| 9 | 2.9 A Special General Meeting may be held at any time at the request of the Council or the Executive Committee or upon a requisition signed by at least 15% of Council Members. | 2.9 A Special General Meeting may be held at any time at the request of the Council, the Executive Committee, the Trustees (see Rule 5.6) or upon a requisition signed by at least 15% of Council Members. |
| 10 | 2.11 The Chairperson and Honorary Treasurer shall hold office from the termination of the General Meeting at which he/she was elected until the termination of the corresponding meeting two years later | 2.11 The Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and each member of the Executive Committee shall hold office from the termination of the Annual General Meeting at which he/she was elected until the termination of the corresponding meeting two years later. |
| 11 | 2.12 Each member of the Executive Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of the General Meeting at which he/she was elected until the conclusion of the corresponding meeting two years later. | Delete Rule 2.12 |
| 12 | 2.15 Ten days notice, at least, specifying the date, the hour and the place of a General Meeting or of a Special General Meeting shall be given by the General Secretary of the Branch to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1. | 2.15 Ten days notice, at least, specifying the date, the hour and the place of an Annual General Meeting or of a Special General Meeting shall be given to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1. |
| 13 | 2.15.2 An advisory note of the intended date of the AGM shall be sent to all those entitled to vote not less than 60 days prior to the AGM for the purpose of enabling nominations for the role of Officer or ordinary membership of the Executive | 2.15.2 An advisory note of the intended date of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to all those entitled to vote not less than 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of enabling nominations for the role of Officer or ordinary membership of the Executive. |
| 14 | 3.2.1 In support of the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. it shall endeavour to secure and maintain for | 3.2.1 In support of Badminton Ireland Ltd. it shall endeavour to secure and maintain for Irish |

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| | Irish badminton a place in the forefront of the international scene | badminton a place in the forefront of the international scene. |
| 15 | <p>3.4 The Chairperson of the Executive Committee will have the responsibility to lead the Executive:</p> <p>(a) In devising ways and means of promoting Badminton in all its aspects throughout the Branch and in particular in assisting the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. in implementing its policy.</p> <p>(b) In setting short-term and long-term targets, again having regard to the Badminton Union of Ireland's policy.</p> <p>(c) In achieving the aims set out in these targets.</p> <p>(d) In developing the administration of the game in the Branch at all levels</p> | <p>3.4 The Chairperson of the Executive Committee will have the responsibility to lead the Executive:</p> <p>(a) In ensuring that the Strategic Plan for the Branch is prepared and reviewed annually.</p> <p>(b) In devising ways and means of promoting Badminton in all its aspects throughout the Branch and in particular in assisting Badminton Ireland Ltd. in implementing its policy.</p> <p>(c) In acting as Spokesperson for the Branch.</p> |
| 16 | 3.4.1 At all meetings of the Executive Committee five shall form a quorum | 3.4.1 At all meetings of the Executive Committee six shall form a quorum. |
| 17 | <p>3.5 To be eligible to be considered as a candidate for election as President, Vice-President, Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer or a member of the Executive Committee, a person: -</p> <p>(a) Shall be a fully affiliated member of a club fully affiliated to the Branch.</p> <p>(b) Shall be proposed and seconded by two persons who are fully affiliated members of a Club or Clubs fully affiliated to the Branch, both of whom shall sign a proposal form, which must be received by the General Secretary at least 21 days prior to the scheduled date of the General Meeting.</p> <p>(c) Shall sign a declaration on the proposal form that he/she is prepared to act if elected and is aware of his/her responsibilities under Rule 3.2, 3.2.1, and 3.2.2.</p> <p>(d) Honorary life members of the Branch shall be eligible for these offices and shall be entitled to propose or second a candidate.</p> | <p>3.5 To be eligible to be considered as a candidate for election as President, Vice-President, Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer or a member of the Executive Committee, a person: -</p> <p>(a) Shall be a fully affiliated member of a club fully affiliated to the Branch.</p> <p>(b) Shall be proposed and seconded by two persons who are fully affiliated members of a Club or Clubs fully affiliated to the Branch, both of whom shall sign a proposal form, which must be received at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the General Meeting.</p> <p>(c) Shall sign a declaration on the proposal form that he/she is prepared to act if elected and is aware of his/her responsibility under Rule 3.2, 3.2.1, and 3.2.2.</p> <p>(d) Honorary life members of the Branch shall be eligible for these offices and shall be entitled to propose or second a candidate.</p> |
| 18 | 3.11 Unless it is otherwise stated to be the case on appointment, the term of office of an appointee or sub-committee shall terminate on the subsequent 31st May. | 3.11 Unless it is otherwise stated to be the case on appointment, the term of office of an appointee or sub-committee shall terminate on the 31 st May of the following the election of that appointee. |
| 19 | 3.11.2 The Executive Committee may appoint Assistant Honorary Treasurers and delegate to them such powers and duties, as it may consider desirable. | 3.11.2 The Executive Committee will appoint a Finance Committee consisting of the Treasurer and two other Executive Members. |

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| 20 | <p>3.13 The General Secretary shall give seven clear days notice of each meeting of the Executive Committee and shall notify each member of the Committee individually in writing, indicating the business of the meeting, provided that in the case of urgency, the term of notice may be abridged.</p> | <p>3.13 The Honorary Secretary shall give seven clear days notice of each meeting of the Executive Committee and shall notify each member of the Committee individually by email, text message, or in writing, indicating the business of the meeting, provided that in the case of urgency, the term of notice may be abridged.</p> |
| 21 | <p>4.3 Cheques drawn on the account of the Branch, whether the said account is overdrawn or otherwise, shall be signed by any two of three persons authorised by the Executive Committee.</p> | <p>4.3 Cheques drawn on the account of the Branch, whether the said account is overdrawn or otherwise, shall be signed by any two of a maximum of four persons authorised by the Executive Committee.</p> |
| 22 | <p>4.4 The Honorary Treasurer, at his/her discretion, may make disbursements by cash provided always that any one disbursement shall not exceed the amount currently agreed by the Executive Committee.</p> | <p>4.4 The Honorary Treasurer, at his/her discretion, may make disbursements by cash provided always that any one disbursement shall not exceed the amount currently agreed by the Executive Committee. (See Rule 4.8.3).</p> |
| 23 | | <p>4.10 The Branch's Financial Management Policy and the Purchasing Policy will both be agreed, implemented, and reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.</p> |
| 24 | <p>5.7 An entry in the Minutes records kept by the General Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of: - (a) The appointment, resignation or removal of a Trustee or Trustees. (b) All directions at any time given to the Trustees by the Executive Committee in pursuance of the powers hereinbefore given to such Committee</p> | <p>5.7 An entry in the Minutes records kept by the Honorary Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of: - (a) The appointment, resignation or removal of a Trustee or Trustees. (b) All directions at any time given to the Trustees by the Executive Committee in pursuance of the powers hereinbefore given to such Committee</p> |
| 25 | <p>6.1 The Badminton World Federation (BWF) is the body recognised universally as governing badminton and legislating for it. The Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. is a member of the BWF and the Leinster Branch is a constituent part of the B.U.I. The Branch's Rules are designed to accomplish the affiliation through Clubs or directly of all Badminton players in its area.</p> | <p>6.1 The Badminton World Federation (BWF) is the body recognised universally as governing badminton and legislating for it. Badminton Ireland Ltd. is a member of the BWF and the Leinster Branch is a constituent part of Badminton Ireland. The Branch's Rules are designed to accomplish the affiliation through Clubs or directly of all Badminton players in its area.</p> |
| 26 | <p>6.1.1 Fully affiliated members of a fully affiliated club will be deemed to be affiliated to the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. and to the Branch</p> | <p>6.1.1 Fully affiliated members of a fully affiliated club will be deemed to be affiliated to the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. and to the Branch. An individual may affiliate directly to the Branch on payment of the affiliation fee.</p> |
| 27 | <p>6.1.2 A club may become a member only if it comprises of eight or more members with at least three elected club officers (President or Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) together with a club Children's Officer</p> | <p>6.1.2 A club may become a member only if it comprises four or more members with at least three elected club officers (President or Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) together with a club Children's Officer if a club has a member or members below the age of 18 years.</p> |

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| 28 | 6.4 Such fees should be paid to the Badminton Union of Ireland before a date fixed by Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. | 6.4 Such fees should be paid to Badminton Ireland Ltd. before a date fixed by Badminton Ireland Ltd. |
| 29 | 6.6 Each affiliated Club shall furnish to the appropriate official of the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd./Branch or County Association to which it is affiliated on or before a named date in each season, a return setting out: - (a) The name, address and telephone number or numbers of the Hon. Secretary of the Club elected to hold office for the ensuing year. (b) The names and addresses of all members of the Club in all categories, e.g., playing, non-playing, Juvenile etc. (c) The address of the premises wherein the Club normally plays. (d) The normal times of play of the Club | 6.6 Each affiliated Club shall furnish to the appropriate official of Badminton Ireland Ltd./Branch or County Association to which it is affiliated on or before a named date in each season, a return setting out: - (a) The name, address, telephone number or numbers and the email address of the Hon. Secretary of the Club elected to hold office for the ensuing year. (b) The names and addresses of all members of the Club in all categories, e.g., playing, non-playing, Juvenile etc. (c) The address of the premises wherein the Club normally plays. (d) The normal times of play of the Club. |
| 30 | 7.1 The Rules of the Branch may be altered by a Resolution or Resolutions of a General Meeting or a special General Meeting, provided that when it is proposed that an alteration be made at a General Meeting other than a Special General Meeting the requirements of Rule 7.1.2 have been complied with. No addition, alterations or amendments shall be made to the Rules of the Branch for the time being in force unless the same have been previously submitted to and approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners. | 7.1 The Rules of the Branch may be altered by a Resolution or Resolutions of an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, provided that when it is proposed that an alteration be made at an Annual General Meeting the requirements of Rule 7.1.2 have been complied with. |
| 31 | 7.1.2 Any proposed alteration of the Rules, together with the name of proposer and seconder, must reach the General Secretary of the Branch six weeks before the date of the General Meeting. | 7.1.2 Any proposed alteration of the Rules, together with the name of proposer and seconder, must reach the Honorary Secretary of the Branch thirty days before the date of the General Meeting. |
| 32 | 7.1.3 The General Secretary shall forward details of any proposed alterations to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1 with the notice of the relevant General Meeting. | 7.1.3 The Honorary Secretary shall forward details of any proposed alterations to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1 with the notice of the relevant Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. |
| 33 | | 7.2.3 A copy of any updated or amended Rules shall be circulated to all members of Council. |
| 34 | 9.5.2 A right of final appeal, in respect to decisions from the Appeals Committee relating to the International Laws of Badminton or National Rules and Codes of Conduct, may be made to Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. | 9.5.2 A right of final appeal, in respect to decisions from the Appeals Committee relating to the International Laws of Badminton or National Rules and Codes of Conduct, may be made to Badminton Ireland Ltd. |

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| 35 | 9.7 The Branch shall notify forthwith the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. in writing of any disciplinary action whatsoever taken against any member or club. | 9.7 The Branch shall notify forthwith Badminton Ireland Ltd. in writing of any disciplinary action whatsoever taken against any member or club. |
| 36 | 10.3 The income and property of the Branch shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main objects as set forth in these Rules. No portion of the Branch's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Branch. No Officer shall be appointed to office of the Branch paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Branch. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Branch of: a) Reasonable of proper remuneration to any member of the Branch (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Branch b) Interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by officers or other members of the Branch to the Branch. c) Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Branch (including any officer) to the Branch. d) Reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Branch. e) Fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such company. | 10.3 The income and property of the Branch shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main objects as set forth in these Rules. No portion of the Branch's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Branch. No Officer shall be appointed to a role in the Branch paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Branch. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Branch of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reasonable or proper remuneration to any member of the Branch (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Branch b) Interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by officers or other members of the Branch to the Branch. c) Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Branch (including any officer) to the Branch. d) Reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Branch. e) Fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such company. |