

Leinster Open COVID-19 player safety protocol

The following procedures have been put into place for all Badminton Ireland sanctioned events for the foreseeable future. The Tournament Organisers may apply additional COVID-19 procedures to the Leinster Open event. The implementation of these procedures will work alongside any procedures set out by the local government.

Current Government regulations state that 50% capacity cannot be exceeded for indoor events. Furthermore, all events must be finished by 8pm.

Badminton Ireland stress that it is the social responsibility for each person involved in an event to ensure they follow the applicable procedures. If personnel refuse to apply these safety procedures, the National Events Committee hold the right to un-sanction an event if organisers do not follow the below procedures, remove ranking points from a player and ban a player from participating in future Badminton Ireland sanctioned events.

All tournament referees will submit a report after the conclusion of the event highlighting any potential issues that arose during the event. If a player, parent or guardian wishes to highlight any issues, they should make the referee or tournament organiser aware on the day.

Players/Parents/Guardians Procedures

Before you arrive

- Prior to the event, players must ensure their membership profile is up to date. This should include current phone number & email address. This information is needed for contact tracing. Juvenile's profile must have parent or guardian's current contact number.
- If a player feels unwell, they are not to attend. A full refund will be given by tournament organiser.
- All players and/or parents/guardians should download and use the HSE or NHS COVID-19 tracker app prior to entering the facilities to help with contact tracing.
- All players and / or guardians will be required to provide **must provide a valid COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate & ID** at the door of the venue to ensure all those inside the hall are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 6 months. Vaccination certificate check **will** be conducted before personnel enter the hall and not at Match Control.
- All players should sanitise their hands before and after each match. Players are advised to bring their own sanitising equipment however venue will supply communal stations.
- Check the time of your first match and do not arrive more than 30 minutes ahead of your first scheduled match.
- Changing rooms will be available, however, shower facilities will be closed. Players are asked to arrive ready to play.
- Players will refrain from high-fives or handshakes.
- Players are advised to use their own water bottles and refrain from sharing towels/clothing.
- Be advised there will be **NO** catering available for this event and players should bring food for the day

Whilst not playing

- All players and / or guardians will be required to provide **must provide a valid COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate & ID** at the door of the venue to ensure all those inside the hall are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 6 months. Vaccination certificate check **will** be conducted before personnel enter the hall and not at Match Control.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres must always be maintained during the competition.
- It is **mandatory** that all players, parents/guardians, officials & organisers wear facemasks whilst in the hall. Exception to those who are playing on court / officials on court.
- Only one parent/guardian per U18 player will be allowed in the hall provided they are fully vaccinated.
- Players must wear masks walking to and from court

During Match

- Players may remove masks once they have stepped onto court.
- Officials may remove masks once in chairs.
- If umpires are not present, players are asked to notify tournament referee by raising their racquet to request new shuttles. Players should refrain from approaching Match Control unless submitting scores.
- Coaching is **NOT** permitted at the Leinster Open.

After match is completed

- If there are no umpires present, once the match is completed, the winners will still be expected to report to Match Control with results. Players **MUST** put on facemasks before approaching Match Control.
- All players should sanitise their hands before and after each match. Players are advised to bring their own sanitising equipment however venue will supply communal stations.
- If an individual starts to feel unwell whilst in the hall, they should make the first aider or competition organiser aware.
- All players and parent/guardian are asked to leave the hall within 15 minutes of his/her final match.

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