

Policy Objectives

To select players to represent Leinster in Singles, Doubles and Mixed disciplines on Juvenile teams to compete at international and interprovincial levels.

Team selection Policy

1. Players Eligibility

All Players must meet the following criteria:

- Be an affiliated member of Leinster Badminton and be in good standing with Leinster Badminton.
- Not be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF, Badminton Ireland or Leinster Badminton.
- Be available to travel on the relevant event dates.
- The onus is on the player's guardian to inform the Team Manager well in advance of their unavailability.
- Each player must have a signed parental consent form submitted to the Team Manager at the start of the season and prior to any trips.
- Players must hold a valid passport with the appropriate travel documents.

2. Player Selection Criteria

The Selection Panel will select the players that, in the Panel's view, are the strongest performing players for the event.

In reaching their selection, they may consider the following:

- Results in ranking events (BI), Leinster Juvenile Underage Open(s), Leinster Juvenile Autumn Open, Christmas Close and other provincial open events. Players are expected to play these events in the relevant age group.

- Ability to compete under pressure in an extremely competitive environment in high profile matches against opponents of the same or higher standard.
- Positive documented experience in team competitions.
- Partnership Considerations.
- Consideration of the format of the upcoming matches.

Should the Panel decide to select players for ‘player development’, the Panel may consider:

- Results in domestic and recognised overseas events.
- Head to head results against other Leinster players.
- Commitment to training over the past twelve months.

For players to be considered for selection, they must be committed to training and participate in tournaments across Ireland. Players are encouraged to participate in all three disciplines.

It is recommended that, where possible, the selectors should confine their selection to the same age group. For season 2021/2022, an additional focus will be on maximising the number of participating players across the age groups.

3. Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will be selected by the Leinster Youth Activities Committee on an annual basis and will be published on the Leinster Badminton website separately.

4. Overriding Factors

- Should a player wish to play in a tournament outside the jurisdiction which clashes with a domestic tournament, the Team Manager must be advised in advance and written acknowledgement received. At this stage, the Team Manager can then inform the players parents how their decision to not play the domestic tournament may affect the player selection process.
- Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured and unable to compete in the listed event, the player may still be considered for selection. However, they will be asked to prove their fitness to play, two weeks prior to the event.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player, a replacement player may be selected.
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed through the season and selection will be dependent on these factors.

5. Selection Date, Notification and Announcement

- The selection of the Leinster Team for events will be announced on the Leinster Badminton Website and social media pages as soon as practicable. This will normally be two weeks in advance of the event..
- The Players Parents/Guardians selected will be contacted individually in advance of the announcement to confirm availability.

6. Right of Appeal

Where a Player has a query around the selection of the team, the appropriate path to manage these queries is through communication of their parent or guardian. The process will be as follows:

- The issue will be discussed with the Team Manager.
- If this fails to resolve the issue the query must be referred to the Chairperson of Leinster Youth Activities Committee within 72 hours of the team being announced. At this point, it is at the discretion of the Chairperson to decide how to proceed with the query.
- To support the Chairperson in these matters, each Selection Panel will provide the rationale behind the selection.
- In the event of further queries, the parent / guardian may approach the Chairperson of Leinster Badminton.

Contact details for all queries are available on the Leinster Badminton Website.