

## Youth Activities Committee

### AGM Report 2021-2022

Juvenile Badminton has been hit hard by COVID-19 over the course of the last two years. As with all badminton clubs, juvenile clubs have been closed for significant lockdown periods, and many have faced difficulty in re-opening due to restrictions on their facilities: such as schools, GAA halls, local community centers and so on. There were significant requirements for clubs to ensure that all COVID protocols were followed and that all volunteers and committee members fully understood the role of COVID officers and the “Pod of 6” rules.

However, we are delighted to say that juvenile badminton is back and in September 2021, the Youth Activities Committee(YACs) began the return to play by holding some Back-to-Badminton sessions in Baldoyle Badminton Centre.

Since the return to play, the Youth Activities Committee has run several tournaments including the U13/U17 Leinster Open, Autumn Open, Christmas Close, U15/U19 Leinster Open, the Leinster U14, U16 & U19 Schools Finals and the U13, U15 & U17 Leinster Intercounty Finals.

Furthermore, the Youth Activities Committee held the U16 Leinster Invitational Tournament in Terenure Badminton Centre and invited Alpha and Munster to submit teams to compete with two Leinster teams – the Leinster Tigers and the Leinster Lions.

Despite the absence of competition over the last two years, Leinster Representative Teams continue to perform well. Our Leinster Teams recently won Gold at the U13, U15 & U17 Interprovincial competitions. And to top off an extremely successful week, our Leinster U18 Team won Bronze at the 2022 English Intercounty Competition in Nottingham, which is the best result a Leinster team has achieved since winning Gold in 1994.



Congratulations to all the county teams who competed in the Leinster Intercounty finals this year.

The U15 Intercounty Finals were held in Baldoyle Badminton Centre on the 19<sup>th</sup> March with 12 teams competing from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth, Meath and Offaly. Dublin were overall winners on the day and will represent Leinster at the All-Ireland finals in May.

The U17 Intercounty Finals were held in Baldoyle Badminton Centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April with 10 teams from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Meath and Offaly. Once again, Dublin took the honours and will represent Leinster at the All-Ireland finals in May.

To complete the hat-trick, Dublin won the U13 Leinster Intercounty finals on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, in a competition of 10 teams from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Meath and Offaly.

Well done All!



# Leinster Team Competitions

Leinster Teams won Gold at U13, U15 and U17 Interprovincial Competition.

And Leinster won Bronze at the U18 Intercounty Competition in Nottingham.





## IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



2021

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

<b>U15 GS – Michelle Shochan</b>	<b>U19 GS – Sophia Noble</b>
<b>U15 BS – Pranav Erukattil</b>	<b>U19 GD – Sophia Noble</b>
<b>U15 GD – Orlaith Evans &amp; Nicole Joy</b>	<b>U19 BD – Scott Guildea &amp; Vincent Pontanosa</b>
<b>U15 BD – Fionn Dowling &amp; Senan O'Rourke</b>	<b>U19 XD – Sophia Noble &amp; Scott Guildea</b>
<b>U15 XD – Michelle Shochan &amp; Praneel Reddy Vallapureddy</b>	
<b>U13 GS – Hannah Shochan</b>	<b>U17 GS – Michelle Shochan</b>
<b>U13 GD – Amira Pender &amp; Hannah Shochan</b>	<b>U17 BD – Dylan Noble</b>
<b>U15 XD – Amira Pender</b>	<b>U17 XD – Michelle Shochan</b>

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

<b>GS – Nicole Joy</b>	<b>U19 BS – Vincent Pontanosa</b>
<b>U15 BS – Senan O'Rourke</b>	<b>U19 GD – Neasa Flynn &amp; Julia O'Reilly</b>
<b>U15 XD – Senan O'Rourke</b>	<b>U19 XD – Dylan Noble</b>
<b>U15 BD – Pranav Erukattil &amp; Praneel Reddy Vallapureddy</b>	
<b>U13 GS – Amira Pender</b>	<b>U17 BS – Dylan Noble</b>
<b>U13 BS – Robert Cowman</b>	<b>U17 GS – Neasa Flynn</b>
<b>U13 GD – Ananya Gopinath &amp; Carol Joy</b>	<b>U17 XD – Dylan Noble</b>
<b>U13 XD – Hannah Shochan &amp; Robert Cowman</b>	<b>U17 GD – Neasa Flynn</b>
	<b>U17 BD – Jack Bridgeman &amp; Robbie Frost</b>

Our Leinster players continue to go from strength to strength, which is clearly seen by the National titles above, and also by the players who made **Irish National Teams**:

**U13:** Ananya Gopinath, Carole Joy, Amira Pender, Hannah Shochan, Robert Cowman

**U15:** Orlaith Evans, Siofra Flynn, Nicole Joy, Ciara O'Shea, Michelle Shochan, Fionn Dowling, Pranav Erukattil, Senan O'Rourke

**U17:** Neasa Flynn, Siofra Flynn, Nicole Joy, Michelle Shochan, Robbie Frost, Dylan Noble

**U19:** Neasa Flynn, Sophia Noble, Scott Guildea, Vincent Pontanosa

## LEINSTER SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

This season saw schools badminton return to Baldoyle Badminton Centre.

Huge thanks goes to David Hogan, Brian Kelly, Margaret Fallon & Muriel Moles for running these events – no mean feat! Thank you to all the Teachers, Coaches and Schools for their continued support.

### Leinster U14 Schools Finals - March 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

	Gold	Silver
Div 1 Girls		
Div 1 Boys		
Div 2 Girls	Presentation Kilkenny	St.Mary's Naas
Div 2 Boys	kilkenny College	Sutton Park
Div 3 Girls		
Div 3 Boys	Mount Temple Clontarf	Kilkenny College

### Leinster U16 Schools Finals – March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

	Gold	Silver
Div 1 Girls	St.Marys Naas	St Brigids College, Callan
Div 1 Boys	N/A	
Div 2 Girls	Kilkenny College	Holy Faith
Div 2 Boys	Ard Scoil Ris	Ard Scoil Chiaran Naofa(Clara)
Div 3 Girls	Holy Faith	Kilkenny College
Div 3 Boys	Scoil Aireagail	Newbridge College

### Leinster U19 Schools Final – February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

	Gold	Silver
Div 1 Girls	St.Marys Naas	N/A
Div 1 Boys	CBS Naas	Scoil Conglais,Baltinglas
Div 2 Girls	Colaiste Naomh Cormac,Offaly	Presentation Kilkenny
Div 2 Boys	Kilkenny College	Colaiste Naomh Cormac,Offaly
Div 3 Girls	Banagher College	Kilkenny College
Div 3 Boys	Castleknock College	St Mary's DIOC

This report is only a brief outline of the Season 2021/2022. My thanks go to Liza O'Rourke and Kirsty Kelly, who continually update the Leinster Youth Badminton Facebook & Instagram page, keeping us all updated with reports & Photos. I would like to thank the entire Youth Activity Committee and all who played their part in making Juvenile Badminton possible this season. These volunteers give their time and expertise freely and consistently. The coaches, managers, administrators, umpires, referees, parents and the players all remain fully committed to Leinster Badminton and long may it continue. Thank you to the Office staff for all their help.

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their continued support and investment in Juvenile Badminton in the Province. The future of Leinster Badminton is in the Youth.

Yours in sport

Jean Kelly

Chairperson

Leinster Youth Activity Committee