

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

to the 5th edition of
our Leinster Youth
Badminton
Newsletter

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Highlights

Juvenile achievements
Sue Peard Trophy
recipient
Dick O'Rafferty
Trophy recipient
County Champions
Leinster Teams





2022 Season Update

Since the start of the year, the Youth Activities Committee has run several tournaments including the U15/U19 Leinster Open, the Leinster U14, U16 & U19 Schools Finals, the U13, U15 & U17 Leinster Intercounty Finals, the U15/19 Leinster Fest and most recently, the U13/U17 Leinster Open. In addition, 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 continued 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.

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



2021 Sue Peard Trophy Winner

SOPHIA NOBLE

Sophia was presented with the Sue Peard Trophy at the Leinster Christmas Close. This trophy has been awarded over the years to a player who is now moving on from juvenile badminton. It recognises the commitment, dedication, effort and sportsmanship of that player.

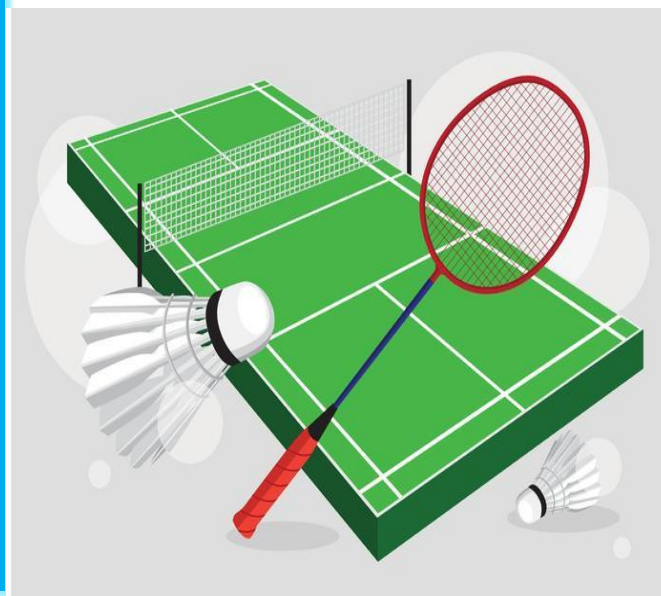
2021 Dick O'Rafferty Trophy Winner

SCOTT GILDEA

Scott was presented with the inaugural Dick O'Rafferty Trophy by Dick's wife Mona. Similar to the Sue Peard Trophy, this will be awarded to a player who is now moving on from juvenile badminton. It also recognises the commitment, dedication, effort and sportsmanship of that player.

Both Sophia & Scott have represented Leinster throughout their years in juvenile badminton. We look forward to seeing you both representing Leinster at a Senior Level.

Leinster Youth Badminton News



Everything you need to know

New Calendar

Badminton Ireland has changed the structure of the Juvenile Calendar. The new juvenile calendar will now run from January-December. This means that the eligibility deadline will be 31st December of the current year. For the 2022 season the eligibility deadline is 31st December 2022.

Therefore, up until 31st December 2022 the following applies:

U13: 2010 and younger

U15: 2008 – 2009

U17: 2006 – 2007

U19: 2004 – 2005

2022 Autumn/Winter Provisional

Tournament Dates for your Diary:

**** Please note that additional tournaments will be added to the listing below over the Summer.**

2 nd – 4 th Sept	FZ Forza U19 Irish Open
3 rd – 4 th Sept	FZ Forza U15 Irish Open
17 th – 18 th Sept	U13/U17 Ulster Open
8 th – 9 th Oct	U15/U19 Munster Open
15 th – 16 th Oct	FZ Forza U13/U17 Nationals
5 th – 6 th Nov	U15/U19 Connacht Open
10 th – 11 th Dec	FZ Forza U15/U19 Nationals

Leinster Players on National Teams in 2022

Huge congratulations to all of our Leinster players who made National Teams in 2022.

The work, time and effort of all these players must be acknowledged. Leinster is extremely proud of everyone.

U15 National Team: *Nicole Joy, Zarah Pender, Hannah Shochan, Andrew Hassett & Adhithyan Gopinath*

U19 National Team: *Sophia Noble, Neasa Flynn, Siofra Flynn, Vincent Pontanosa & Scott Guildea*

Date for your Diary:

2022 National Squad – 24th July 2022

2022 Open Tournament Results

Our players are having outstanding results so far this season with Gold & Silver Medals galore.

U15 Leinster Open: Andrew Hassett, Nicole Joy, Adhi Gopinath, Amira Pender

U19 Leinster Open: Vincent Pontanosa, Sophia Noble, Scott Guildea, Dylan Noble, Saumya Kothiyal, Aishlinn Murtagh

U13 Munster Open: Hannah Shochan, Carol Joy, Ananya Gopinath, Eoin Evans, Amira Pender

U17 Munster Open: Pranav Erukkatil, Michelle Shochan, Siofra Flynn, Fionn Dowling, Senan O'Rourke

U15 Ulster Open: Nicole Joy, Andrew Hassett, Lorcan McGrane, Zarah Pender

U19 Ulster Open: Scott Guildea, Sophia Noble, Siofra Flynn, Adam Daynes, Vincent Pontanosa, Dylan Noble, Neasa Flynn

U13 Leinster Open: Hannah Shochan, Amira Pender, Carol Joy, Ananya Gopinath, Lochlann O'Rourke

U17 Leinster Open: Dylan Noble, Pranav Erukkatil, Michelle Shochan, Nicole Joy, Eoghan Cooney, Fionn Dowling, Senan O'Rourke, Siofra Flynn, Chloe McGrane



INTERCOUNTY LEINSTER CHAMPS

U13 DUBLIN

U15 DUBLIN

U17 DUBLIN



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 19th March with 11 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 3rd April with 13 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 16th April, in a competition of 9 teams from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Meath and Offaly.

Many thanks to Managers, Coaches, Parents and Badminton Ireland for providing shuttles to the County Teams. Well done All!



Leinster Team Successes

1. Leinster Teams won Gold at U13, U15 and U17 Interprovincial Competition.
2. Leinster Tigers won Gold and Leinster Lions won Silver at the Inaugural U16 Leinster Invitational
3. Leinster won Bronze at the U18 Intercounty Competition in Nottingham.



Leinster Schools Finals

The Youth Activities Committee was delighted to hold U14, U16 & U19 Leinster Schools Finals in Baldoyle Badminton Centre. Thanks to all the schools and teachers involved. And thanks to Brian Kelly, David Hogan, Margaret Fallon & Muriel Moles for running these competitions.

Leinster U14 Schools Finals - March 10th 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 15th 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 3rd 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

Inaugural Leinster Juvenile Blitz

The May Bank Holiday saw the inaugural Leinster Juvenile Blitz take place in Baldoyle Badminton Centre. Six teams, consisting of U13/15/17 players competed in front of a full house. Teams from Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth & Meath played 3 matches in a round robin format before the final set of matches took place.

Congratulations to Carlow for winning Gold!

