



DUBLIN & DISTRICT LEAGUE & CUPS COMPETITION

Rules & Conditions for Season 2022 / 2023

1. Application of Laws of BWF

The laws of the Badminton World Federation shall apply to all games played in The Leagues & Cups Competitions.

2. Management of The League

The management of The Leagues and Cups shall be in the hands of the Leagues & Cups Committee (hereinafter called "the Committee") which is appointed annually by The Leinster Executive Committee.

3. Powers of The Committee

The Committee shall have the power to enforce all regulations governing these competitions. Any matters not provided for in these Rules will be investigated by The Committee and their recommendation sent to The Leinster Executive for approval.

4. Division of League

At the discretion of the Committee, "The League" will be divided into Divisions which may, if necessary, be sub-divided into Sections. The winners and runners up of the Sections to play off in the knock-out system to determine the winner of the Divisions. In the case of "The Cup" it is an Open Drawn Knockout competition.

5. Clubs Eligible to Compete

Only Clubs which are affiliated to Leinster Badminton and Badminton Ireland and have paid the appropriate entrance fee for each Team entered shall be eligible to make application to compete in The League. Acceptance of such applications shall, however, be subject to the approval of the Committee. Entrance Fees, payable to The Leinster Badminton, shall be sent to the Committee.

6. Registration of Teams

On or before the last date fixed for entries for the League and Cup Competitions, each Club shall submit the full names of the players and substitutes nominated to play for each Team indicating the last Division in which each Player and Substitute has previously competed, the year concerned, and the name of the Club which the player represented in that Division, **and their BI Affiliation number.**

No late entries will be accepted after the closing date unless otherwise previously requested and sanctioned by The Committee. Only Official Entry Forms will be accepted.

7. Registration After Closing Date of Teams

The acceptance of any further registrations of either Players submitted after closing date for receipt of entries shall be entirely at the discretion of The Committee.

Such registrations will **not**, however, be accepted for any Team subsequent to Teams having been allocated to their Division's if the registrations in question are considered likely to **strengthen** the Team.

Where such further registrations are accepted by The Committee, the Player/s in question must be registered in writing, or email, **48 hours** prior to playing a League Match – *(note the last date for new players / substitutes is 28th February 2023).*

8. Penalty for False Information on Registrations

Any Club which gives false or misleading information on Team registrations shall be liable, at the discretion of The Committee, to have the Team / Player / s concerned disqualified from both The League and / or The Cup.



9. Allocation of Teams To Divisions, Promotion or Relegation

The allocation of Teams to League Divisions and the promotion or relegation of any Team competing in The League and The Cup Competitions is entirely at the discretion of The Committee.

10. Substitutions

The allowance for substitutions to cover Team player injuries is generous to give Teams every opportunity to complete their fixtures and not cancel matches.

The rules concerning substitute are varied and follow the premise that no substitute should overly strengthen the original Team submitted.

The onus is on Clubs to familiarize themselves with and abide by these Substitute Rules.

Failure to do so will result in point's deduction for "illegal" use of substitutes.

Clubs can nominate Substitutions for each Team as follows:

- **Mixed Teams**
Each Team can nominate up to 6 Men and 6 Women Substitutes
- **Mens Teams**
Each Team can nominate up to 6 Men Substitutes.
- **Ladies Teams**
Each Team can nominate up to 6 Women Substitutes.

Note, there are 2 classifications of Substitute which is outlined here for clarity

- Sub Type 1: '**Team Player' Sub**: Players nominated on a Team and subbing up.
- Sub Type 2: '**Floating' Sub**: Players not nominated for any Team and used to substitute.

Note that the permitted 6 nominated substitutes for a team can be made up of a mix of "Team Player Substitute" or "Floating Substitutes". The "Floating Substitutes" are NOT in addition to 6 Standard Substitutes.

1. Only Players who are of the 6 nominated Substitutes for a Team may be used as a Substitute.
2. In the case of "**Team Player**" Substitute – they can only **sub up to Three times** as required and revert to their original Team level in a given Season.
3. In the case of "**Floating**" Subs – Should they sub **Twice** at a given Level and have a 75%-win ratio (3 out of 4 games) then they cannot substitute below that Level for remainder of the Season.

The onus is on the Club/Match Secretary to monitor the performance of "Floating Subs" and if they attain a 75%-win ratio at a higher level than the DDLC Graded Level, they will be automatically regraded to that level. Furthermore, they will not be allowed to play below that regraded level. If they play any matches below the regraded level, all their matches will be declared null and void and the matches will be awarded to the opposing team.

4. Once a sub is removed from the Substitutes list for a team, they cannot be reinstated as a substitute for that team for the remainder of the season.
5. Where a player is only playing in one League Event, (Mixed or Mens/Ladies) they cannot substitute in the other League Event as follows.
 - a. Below their individual Grade, or
 - b. The Grade of the League Event they are playing in, **whichever is the highest.**
6. Team Substitute list can be changed during the season, but notice, by email or in writing, must be at least **5 days** before that player is needed to substitute.



7. Only the **Club Chairperson, Secretary and / or Match Secretary** may add or remove a player as a substitute and notify Leagues and Cups Committee by email or in writing – **Not Team Captains**.
8. For new Players (not beginners) who have **not competed** in the Dublin & District Leagues before and **as a result** are graded by a Club for their first Season. The Committee reserve the right to change that “Club” grade if it is considered that the player is subsequently found not to be suited for that level.
9. Where a Club has more than one Team playing in the same Division of the League or Cup, each of these Teams shall be considered as a complete unit and graded accordingly. Consequently, substitutions for the higher Team may be drawn from the lower Team, but the higher-grade Team players may **not** substitute down on the lower Team.
10. No new substitutes may be registered to play in The Cup Semi-Finals or Finals, or in the League Playoffs, Quarter Finals, Semi –Finals or Finals.
11. **The last date to register a new player as a Member or as a Substitute to any team for a club will be 28th Feb 2023.**

12. Players Eligible for Club Representation

To represent a Club in The League & Cup Competitions of a current season a Player:

- i. Shall be registered with The Committee
- ii. Shall be affiliated to Leinster Badminton.
- iii. Shall be affiliated to Badminton Ireland.
- iv. Shall not have represented any other Club in the Leagues & Cups Competitions of the current season.
- v. Shall be 16 years of age on or before 31st December of the current Season.
- vi. All players under 18 years of age who have played on a Leinster representative team cannot play in a Section below **Division 3**.
- vii. Players under 16 years of age on or before 31st December of the current Season are not eligible to compete in the Dublin & District Leagues and Cup.

Any Team playing a Player in breach of any section of this rule shall be penalized by way of loss of points or disqualification at the discretion of The Committee.

13. Match Fixtures Notification to Committee.

Match fixtures shall be arranged at a meeting of Secretaries of Clubs called for that purpose. Clubs have 2 weeks after the Fixtures Meeting to rearrange Matches. All Clubs Fixture Lists must be finalised and submitted to The Leagues & Cups Committee, before or on the **31st October**.

14. Postponement of Fixtures

After the submission of agreed Fixture Lists, 31st October, Matches can only be postponed for one of the following reasons.

1. **Hall Unavailability**
2. **Bereavement of a Club Member**
3. **Clashing with International B.I. Events**
4. **Severe weather conditions.**

These rules apply to both Home and Away Fixtures, in all cases The Committee is to be notified in advance when possible.



15. Closing Date for Completion of Fixtures

In "The League", each Team shall play one Home and one Away Match against each Team in their Division, or Section where a Division is sub-divided.

All "Section Stage" League Matches must be completed by **Friday 31st March**.

League Matches not completed by that closing date can be considered null and void at the discretion of The Committee.

League Group Stage Matches not completed by the closing date of March 29th will be declared Null and Void and points deducted from the Table (refer also to Clause 13 on Walkovers)

In "The Cup", which is an Open Drawn Knockout Competition, all preliminary Rounds have a defined "Play-By" date. All Cup Matches within each Round must be completed by the relevant "Play-By" date.

Cup Matches not completed by the relevant "Play-By" date can be considered null and void at the discretion of The Committee.

16. Same Club Fixtures

Two Teams from the same Club grouped within the same Section must play both their Home and Away Matches against each other **before Christmas and before** playing any other fixture.

17. Composition & Order of Play

MIXED EVENTS:

For All Divisions: 1 to 10 - The Team Format and Order of Play in the following order:

- **Mixed League Competition (All Divisions):**

Team shall consist of 4 Players: 2 Men and 2 Ladies who shall play in the following order:

- Men's Doubles, 1 Ladies Doubles and 2 Mixed Doubles.
- No Player shall take part in more than 2 Matches.

- **Mixed Cup Competition (Divisions 1 to 4):**

Team shall consist of 4 Players: 2 Men and 2 Ladies who shall play;

- 1 Ladies Doubles, 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Mixed Doubles, 1 Ladies Singles, 1 Men's Singles.
- No Player shall take part in more than 2 Matches.

- **Mixed Cup Competition (Divisions, 5 to 10):**

Team shall consist of 4 Players: 2 Men and 2 Ladies who shall play;

- 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Ladies Doubles and 2 Mixed Doubles,
- No Player shall take part in more than 2 Matches.

MEN'S & LADIES DOUBLES EVENTS:

For All Divisions: 1 to 10 - The Team Format and Order of Play is as follows:



- **Men's & Ladies League Competitions:**

Team shall consist of 4 Players and each Match consists of 4 'Straight' Doubles.

- No Player shall take part in more than 2 Matches.
- No Pairing shall take part in more than 1 Match.
- All 4 Players must play in the 1st two Doubles Matches and reversed for the 2nd two.

- **Mens & Ladies Cup Competition (Divisions 1 to 4):**

Team shall consist of 4 Players: Players who shall play;

- Three Ladies / Mens Doubles and Two Ladies / Men's Singles.
- No Player shall take part in more than 2 Matches.
- No Pairing shall take part in more than 1 Match
- All 4 Players must play in the 1st two Doubles Matches and be reversed for the 2nd two with one pair splitting to play 2 Singles.
- Players cannot play in both Singles

- **Mens & Ladies Cup Competition (Divisions, 5 to 10):**

Team shall consist of 4 Players and each Match consists of 4 'Straight' Doubles.

- No Player shall take part in more than 2 Matches.
- No Pairing shall take part in more than 1 Match.
- All 4 Players must play in the 1st two Doubles Matches and reversed for the 2nd two.

18. Grading

The Dublin and District Leagues and Cups Committee retain and maintain our own grading database based on individual and team performance in these Leagues. This database is updated annually based on the results of the previous Season and takes account of graded competitions also.

Our grading structure is also checked and compared with the CAC grading structure and BI's new grading system to try ensuring consistency across all systems.

19. Exchange of List of Players

In all matches the Captains of the Team must, prior to the commencement of play, exchange a list of the names and playing order of their respective Teams. Teams cannot change the Result sheet after the first Match is started on court, (unless it is as per Clause 24).

20. Shuttles

Only Feather Shuttles may be used in all League and Cup Matches

In the League, the Home Team supplies the shuttles, while in the Cup both Teams supply shuttles, and these are used alternately. A toss of a coin is to be made to decide which Clubs shuttles are to be used first.

21. Commencement Time and Order of Play of Matches

The first game in all matches should commence at the appointed time which is stated in the handbook for all Clubs. The Men's and Ladies Doubles must be played prior to the Mixed Doubles.

In the case of the Cup the order of play is: 1 Ladies Doubles, 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Mixed Doubles, 1 Ladies Singles and finally 1 Men's Singles.

Order of Games may change if agreed to by the two Captains. If agreement cannot be reached the order of play shall be according to the standard Match Report Sheet.

All Players of both Teams not engaged in the first Match on court must be available within thirty minutes of the appointed commencement time unless otherwise agreed.



22. Points Awarded for Matches

The following are the Points awarded for League Matches

- **Four Person Mixed and Doubles Teams:**
There will be 4 points available for each Match as follows:
 - 2 points each to Team for a Draw Result.
 - 4 points to the winners for and no points to the losers for a 4-0 result.

In the League Play-Off Stage onwards where **Mixed Teams** finish level in Games, Sets and Points, the Match will be decided by the first Mixed Doubles playing one game (set) to 21 points.

In the League & The Cup Play-Off Stage onwards where **Men's & Ladies Teams** finish level in Games, Sets and Points, the Match will be decided by the first Men's & Ladies playing one Game (Set) to 21 points.

23. Walkovers

Taking into account the set criteria for postponing Matches (see Clause13), there should be no valid reasons evident for the giving or taking of Walkovers and consequently they will **not** to be accepted.

Teams are expected to complete their agreed Fixtures and if necessary, play with a depleted Team
Where a Match / Game has not been completed on a night it is not at the discretion of the Team Captains to concede / accept Walkovers for un-played Matches / Games. It shall be entirely at the discretion of The Committee to decide on the issues involved in any incomplete Match or Game.

League Group Stage Matches not completed by the closing date of Friday March 31st will be declared Null and Void and all points deducted from the League Team. (refer also to Clause 14 on Fixtures)

The Committee also has the authority from the Executive to fine Clubs that consistently give Walkovers. This fine and its implementation will be at the discretion of The Committee.

24. Points allocation for Conceded Matches / Games

Where a Team has to concede a Game/Games through lack of Players on a night, ie with a Depleted Team, the opposing Team is awarded not only the appropriate Points Score for the Matches not played, but also the maximum amount of Games (Sets) and Points available, ie 21-0 / 21-0 .

25. Injury to Player

Generally, where a Player is unable to complete his or her Game due to injury or illness, the game/games shall be conceded.

In the League Play-Offs, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals a nominated substitute may be used for the injured player's subsequent game.

For the Game conceded in this scenario:

Teams conceding in the event of injury shall, retain Games (Sets) and Points already won on court.

Teams being awarded Games in such circumstances shall be granted maximum Games (Sets) and Points in respect of all unfinished and unplayed Games (Sets) in addition to Points and Games (Sets) already won on court.

26. Notification of Match Results

The Captain of both Teams shall, within three days of completion of a Match, submit the completed Official Match Result Sheet to the Leagues and Cups Committee.

The Match results sheet should give the complete Result, including the total number of Games won and lost, the full scores, and full names of players (initials will not be accepted).



The **Match Result Sheet** can be submitted by e-mail to DDLResults@lbbui.ie or by post to “The Leagues & Cups Committee, Leinster’s Terenure Badminton Centre, 12 Whitehall Road, Terenure, Dublin 12”. Note when posted, Match Result Sheets shall be completed in ink.

Only the Official Match Result Sheet should be used and The Division and Section must be inserted on the Sheet (eg Division 3 – S2) and must be signed by both Team Captains.

27. Teams to Qualify

Two teams from each Section within each **Division** shall qualify for League Play-Offs. In the event of a tie in a Section for any position, the winner and runner-up shall be decided by the results of the Matches (Games, Sets and Points) as played between the two Teams concerned – ‘**Head-to-Head**’ comparison.

27. Clothing

Only appropriate Badminton clothing **must** be worn. For Semi-Finals & Finals, tracksuits may be worn during warm up but must be removed before the start of the Match. Shirts, shorts and skirts designed for leisurewear are not allowed and players will be asked to change them before the start of the game.

Examples of Unsuitable Clothing / shirts would be as follows:

- Those advertising a clothing manufacturer other than a Sports manufacturer,
- Those advertising a Club other than the Club the player is representing on the night.
- Football shirts or those advertising a product or place.
- Cycle shorts are not permitted.

28. Penalties For Breach of Rules

Unless otherwise provided for in the Rules, The Committee may, in respect of any Club, Team or Player guilty of contravening any of these Rules, impose, where applicable, penalties involving loss of points or disqualification from the Competitions. Where a Team is disqualified all League Points awarded for and against that Team shall be declared null and void.

The Committee has the final decision in any dispute on the interpretation of the Rules.

29. Appeals

Any Club Team or Player shall be entitled to appeal to The Committee, within 48 hours of the decision being conveyed, against any ruling made or penalty imposed by that Committee.

In the event of the Committee’s final decision on the appeal being considered unjust, the appeal (accompanied by €20) may then be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Leinster Branch, within 48 hours of the decision being conveyed. The Executive Committee’s findings and conclusion shall be final and binding.

PLEASE NOTE – ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE SENT TO:

The Leagues & Cups Committee, Leinster’s Terenure Badminton Centre, 12 Whitehall Road, Terenure, Dublin 12.

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