



Dublin & District Leagues & Cups Summary Report for Leinster AGM 2023

From the Leagues & Cups Committee's perspective the 2022/23 season was a great year and a very successful one. This was our first full Season's after the "Covid Years" where both the League and Cup competitions were run in tandem, and both were completed successfully.

Overall the number of entries was down on pre-covid years with an entry this season of 362 teams in the Leagues and Cup across 9 Divisions in each event of Mens, Ladies and Mixed – that is still a big number and based on the amount of thanks we received from clubs and players for getting back to a full 'Leagues and Cups Season' we are confident that the number of team entries will rise in the coming seasons.

The number of Clubs participating was also down, there were 57 separate Clubs this season, pre covid was closer to 65 Clubs. Regrettably, for a number of reasons, a few long-standing clubs closed, most notably An Caislean Nua and Old Bawn BC.

Although we know that the majority of their players continue to play and have moved to other clubs. On the contrary, there were also a number of new Clubs formed, most notably The Park Badminton Club which we were delighted to see and encourage.

Both the League and Cup Semis and Finals were very well attended by clubs, team players and supporters and the atmosphere created in both the Baldoyle and Terenure Centres over the semis and finals was fantastic.

Many thanks are to be given to the other volunteer groups that support the DDLC finals events. To the Court Officials Group, who umpired and adjudicated at all our Finals, adding that extra level of professionalism for which we and the players are most appreciative. This Season we had 'Live Streaming' of many of the DDLC Finals and special thanks goes to Philip McKeown for his innovative work in allowing this happen.

We received so many thanks from players saying that due to the 'live streaming', their parents / loved ones at home, who could not attend, had a chance to see them play for the first time and were very appreciative.

The Graded Events, which are mainly run over bank holidays and festive times – The Octoberfest, Christmas Bonanza / St Patricks Event and The Good Friday Tournament - were also run by the DDLC Committee on behalf of Leinster Badminton and each Event was very well supported.

It is great to see the wide variety of club players partake, not just from Dublin, but from so many different Clubs around Leinster. This Season we even had players come up from Munster and Connacht clubs to partake in the events and we are very much appreciated of the support from all club players who attend these graded events.

This season, after some 12 years of volunteer work, Dave Murphy resigned from the DDLC committee to allow him concentrate on his new role as Leinster Badminton President. A small presentation was made to David following the Cup Finals by the committee to thank him for this "Trojan" work over the years and we all wish him the very best in his new role as President.

Finally, as Chairman of the DDLC this season I would like to thank all the DDLC Committee members for their excellent work and dedication over the last season and we look forward to the coming 2023/24 DDLC Season

Yours In Badminton.

Joe Byrne
Chairman

Dublin & District Leagues & Cups Committee.