

Leinster Grade-A Interprovincial Team

1 POLICY OBJECTIVES

To select individuals to represent Leinster in the Grade A interprovincial on Sunday 7th April 2024.

The rules of the Grade-A Interprovincial competition stipulate that:

- Each tie shall consist of one Men's singles, one Women's singles, two Men's Doubles, two Women's Doubles and three Mixed doubles.
- Each tie a team shall consist of up to five men and up to five women players from the team panel.
- In each tie a player may not play more than once in each type of event and in not more than two events.
- The doubles pairs shall play in order of merit (based on National Ranking on the closing date of entries).

Therefore, to enable the selectors to maximise the winning potential of partnerships, players will be selected using results in a minimum of two events i.e. singles and doubles, doubles and mixed or singles and mixed.

2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

For players to be considered for selection they must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a fully paid affiliated member through a Leinster Badminton Club and be in good standing with Leinster Badminton.
- Not be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of BWF, Badminton Ireland or Leinster Badminton.
- Must be residing in Leinster for the calendar year in which the season starts and/or have been born in Leinster.
- Have a minimum of a BI Grade D.
- Players must attend the Grade A Leinster squad sessions unless pre-agreed with squad manager or due to exceptional circumstances.
- Must be at least 15 years of age at midnight on the 31st December of the year in which the season ends.
- Results from the tournaments listed below in Section 3 will be used for selection purposes.
- Be playing in any one of the following Leinster league competitions e.g. BPL, DDLC, SWLBL.

3 PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

In reaching their selection the selection panel will consider the following:

1. Results from the following tournaments:
 - Irish National Championships: 3-4th Feb 2024
 - BI Grade A: 24-25th Feb 2024
 - Mount Pleasant Open: March 2024 (exact date TBC)
2. Partnership considerations.
3. Head-to-head results against other Leinster players in National tournaments.
4. Head-to-head results from matches held at the Leinster Squads.

4 PLAYER AVAILABILITY FOR PREPARATION AND COMPETITION

Upon selection for the team, the player must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition. A further condition of selection will be the player's commitment to the preparation process prior to the event. For instance, if the squad manager organises additional team sessions to the original squad schedule, selected players are expected to participate, unless the Manager grants permission to miss the session.

5 OVERRIDING FACTORS

- Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured and be unable to compete in the events listed in Section 3, the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances (i.e. the player's results from the same event 12 months previously will be used) and subject to passing a suitable fitness test.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after selection, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Leinster Badminton) to remain as a selected player.
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed throughout the season and continued selection will be dependent on these factors.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination, it is possible for a replacement player to be selected if it is in the interests of the team.

6 APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals to the selection may be made in writing to the Chairperson of Leinster Badminton within 72 hours from the date and time players have been notified by Leinster Badminton of the team selection.

The sole ground for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed. An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of €150.00, payable to Leinster Badminton. If an appeal is upheld the deposit will be refunded in full.

Within three working days of receiving the appeal, the Chairperson (or an appointed deputy) will appoint a group of three selected people with relevant experience ('Appeals Committee') that will investigate the appeal.

Any person with a perceived conflict of interest/bias must not participate on the Appeals Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall have been involved in the original selection process.

The Chairperson will in writing inform all parties about the Appeals Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal.

7 Deselection

A player selected for the Team may be deselected from the team if the player:

- Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the Squad Manager becomes unable to perform to the required standard. Medical advice may be taken.
- Demonstrates a lack of commitment to squad sessions and designated tournaments listed above.
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton Ireland, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.

8 Selection Panel

The selection panel will comprise of

- David Murphy
- Martin O'Hanlon
- Sylvia Campion

In the event of a member of the selection panel becoming unable to participate in the selection process, a replacement will be chosen by the Senior Team Committee or the Performance Pathway Pillar.

9 Selection Date, Notification and Announcement

Leinster Badminton will notify all players who have been selected for the Grade-A Interprovincial team by email on the 22nd March 2023.

The selection will also be published on the Leinster Badminton website after emails have been sent to selected players. Any player who might be difficult to contact by normal means during this period should inform Leinster Badminton in advance of alternative contact details.

If a player has not received notification personally on that day, it is his/her responsibility to contact Leinster Badminton to confirm the situation.