

Leinster Masters InterPro Teams 2023-24

1 POLICY OBJECTIVES

To select individuals to represent Leinster at the BI Interprovincial Tournament on Sunday April 7th 2024.

The rules of the BI 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 five Mixed doubles.
- The order of play for events shall be level doubles, singles and finally mixed doubles or as directed by the organisers.
- In Masters 40+ and masters 50+ Team Panels of up to 7 Male & 7 Female players must be submitted to BI.
- In Masters 40+ and Masters 50+ in each tie a team shall consist of up to six men and up to six women players from the team panel.

Therefore, to enable the selectors to maximise the winning potential of partnerships, players will be selected using results from either singles, doubles or mixed.

2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be an affiliated member of 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.
- Results from the tournaments listed below in Section 3 will be used for selection purposes.
- Should participate in Leinster squad session.
- A player shall be qualified to play:
 - For the Branch in which they were living at the time of their birth.
 - For the Branch in which they are residing providing they have been resided in the Branch for the calendar year in which season starts.
 - When a player is changing from one Branch to another they may continue to play for the first Branch during the qualifying period.
 - A player may not play for more than one team in a season.
 - All players must be a fully paid up registered member of BI by January 15th and be of the correct grade by January 31st of the current season.

- In Masters 40+ and Masters 50+ all players must be over the required age for the full year in which the season ends.

3 PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

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

1. Tournament Results in the following events:
 - i. Munster Masters Open
 - ii. Connacht Masters Open
 - iii. Leinster Masters Open
 - iv. Ulster Masters Open
 - v. Irish Masters National Championships
 - vi. Irish Masters International Open
2. Partnership considerations.
3. Head-to-head results against other Leinster players in National tournaments.

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

- Breda Connolly
- Fran Walsh
- Seamus Halpin
- Joe Wright
- Georgina Ward

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 Masters Committee.

9 SELECTION DATE, NOTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Leinster Badminton will notify all players who have been selected for the Interprovincial competition by email on 22nd March 2024 (subject to change if criteria amended).

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.