

Leinster Senior County Championship Team 2023-24

1 POLICY OBJECTIVES

To select individuals to represent Leinster at the English Senior County Championships on:

1. November 11th-12th 2023 in Milton Keynes
2. January 20th – 21st 2024 in Milton Keynes
3. March 23rd – 24th 2024 in Milton Keynes

The rules of the SCC competition stipulate that:

- Each fixture can be played with a minimum of 4 men and 4 women. Leinster may choose to send 5 men and 5 women.
- Each match will consist of 2MS, 2WS, 2MD, 2WD and 3XD.
- The pairs in each doubles event shall be composed of entirely different players.
- One male and one female are permitted to compete in a maximum of 3 disciplines. All other players may only compete in a maximum of two events per tie.

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 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.
- Hold a valid passport with the appropriate travel documents.
- Results from the tournaments listed below in Section 3 will be used for selection purposes.
- Must participate in Leinster squad sessions, unless pre-agreed with squad manager or due to exceptional circumstances.
- Must be residing in Leinster or have been born in Leinster.
- Must be a member of a team which will compete in one of the following leagues in Leinster in 2023/24 – BPL or DDLC or SWLBL as published on the Leinster Badminton calendar.

3 PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

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

1. Results from the following tournaments:
 1. November SCC Fixture:
 - Leinster Yonex Autumn Open: 9-10th Sept 2023
 - Irish National Championships Feb 2023
 - Leinster Yonex Open Championships Dec 2022
 - Mount Pleasant Open Aug 2022
 2. January SCC Fixture:
 - Leinster Yonex Open Championships: 28-29th Oct 2023
 - Leinster Yonex Autumn Open: 9-10th Sept 2023
 - Irish National Championships Feb 2023
 - Mount Pleasant Open Aug 2022
 3. March Fixture:
 - Leinster Yonex Open Championships: 28-29th Oct 2023
 - Leinster Yonex Autumn Open: 9-10th Sept 2023
 - Irish National Championships 3-4th Feb 2024
 - Mount Pleasant Open Aug 2022
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

- Simon Keane
- Liza O'Rourke
- Martin O'Hanlon

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 Pathways Pillar.

9 SELECTION DATE, NOTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Leinster Badminton will notify all players who have been selected for the November 2022 fixture by email on 18th September 2023, (subject to change if criteria amended).

2. Leinster Badminton will notify all players who have been selected for the January 2023 fixture by email on 11th December 2023 (subject to change if criteria amended).
3. Leinster Badminton will notify all players who have been selected for the March 2023 fixture by email on 14th February 2024 (subject to change if criteria amended).

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.