



Dublin & District Leagues and Cups Summary Report for Leinster AGM 2025

The 2024/25 Season was another great one for the Dublin & District Leagues & Cup Events. The numbers of Clubs and Teams entering the Leagues and Cups has increased to higher number even more that last season.

In total the DDLC this season had an entry of 483 Teams from 68 participating Clubs, this is the highest number of teams entered into the DDLC competitions for over 15 seasons.

Included in those 68 clubs were 7 new Clubs taking part in the DDLC for their very first time and 4 clubs returning.

The 7 new Badminton Clubs to the DDLC being: Buddies BC / Clane, St Brigids BC / Leixlip Phoenix BC / Liffey BC / Phoenix Kildare BC / Ryston BC and Shaheens BC

The 4 'returning' Clubs to the DDLC after a number of seasons absence, namely: DCU BC , Kildare CMWS BC, Naas BC and Mullingar BC

The Leagues and Cups competitions comprised of the following entries:

- Men's League : Divisions 1 to 9 – total of 225 Teams – highest in Divisions 7 and 8 with 40 teams in both
- Ladies League: Divisions 1 to 10 – total of 109 Teams – highest in Division 9 with 20 Teams.
- Mixed League: Divisions 1 to 10 – total of 149 Teams – highest Division 8 with 30 teams.

This Season the DDLC Committee welcomed 2 new volunteer members to the committee (Niamh Mangan and Ronan Dunford) who volunteered from the AGM held in May 2024. The additional committee members were most welcome as this season the DDLC committee undertook the task of entering the “full individual player” results for over 1,800 matches onto a new Tournament Planner Software system.

We would like to thank Badminton Ireland for their training, assistance and help in operating this new system which we hope all clubs and players will have found worked well.

At this time of writing only the DDLC Cup Competitions for this season have been fully completed with the Cup Finals being held, for a change, in January 2025 in the Baldoyle Badminton Centre.

The end of Season DDLC League Finals are well under way with Play-Offs to Semis taking place in both Leinster Badminton Center's with the Finals currently being held in the Terenure Badminton Centre.



We would like to thank the Bar Committees of both the Baldoyle and Terenure Badminton Centre's for hosting and looking after us over the course of the many League and Cup nights play.

This season, not only were the Finals in The Cup and The League , streamed Live – but we also had the Semi-Finals in both these Events streamed Live.

This required 14 streaming channels to be put in place to cover all the semis finals which were run concurrently in both the Terenure and Baldoyle Center's.

Special thanks goes to Philip McKeown for enabling this to happen, his expertise in this has no bounds.

Special thanks also go to the Court Officials group that provide Umpires at all the DDLC Cup and League Finals each season providing that extra level of professionalism for players of all standards from Divisions 1 to 10.

The 4 annual Leinster Badminton Graded Events – The Kick-Start Event, The Octoberfest, The Christmas Bonanza and The Easter Graded Event Tournament – were all also run by the DDLC Committee on behalf of Leinster Badminton.

This season the interest and numbers wishing to enter these Leinster Badminton Graded Events has grown to the extent that we have had to limit entries simply to ensure we can manage and run the Event and not be still there playing after midnight.

Thanks to all that enter these events, they attract players from so many different Clubs all around Leinster and apologies to those that we have had to turn away when these Event gets full. We very much appreciated the continued and growing support from all players that enter these graded events.

Finally, as Chairman of the DDLC this season I would like to thank the current members of the DDLC Committee (Anne Kelly, Elaine Horgan, Niamh Mangan, Patrick Nagle, Roby Vettoor, Ronan Dunford and Siobhan Stynes.) for their dedicated and excellent work over the 2024/25 season and we look forward to the completion of the League Finals and the coming 2025/26 Season.

Yours In Badminton.

Joe Byrne

Chairman

Dublin & District Leagues & Cups Committee