



Dublin Schools Badminton

Review 2024 -2025

Dublin Schools Badminton have had another successful year. This year again we had over 50 schools taking part in U14, U16, and U19. We had 266 teams participating this year. Even though the number of teams are down from last year the schools are still playing and many new schools are interested in competing next season.

A couple of schools have declared for Kildare and their one day blitz event to qualify for Leinster rather than DSB league throughout the year. Though we have lost some schools also due to time constraints with teachers getting off for matches we feel it is easier for the teachers, in trying to follow the same format as last year being Round Robin. Some schools preferred to play blitzes, as it was difficult to find staff to bring the students to matches due to staff shortages. Since last year we noticed that age groups were shared out with teachers in schools, as teachers are multi-tasking, these days.

We note the lack of coaches entering schools therefore, many schools are having trouble in getting a coach and maybe this could be taken up with Leinster Coaching going forward.

Schools Numbers Playing:

League	Division	Teams 2024/^25	Teams 2023/^24
U19 Boys	Div 1 - 5	46	44
U19 Girls	Div 1 - 5	46	41
U16 Boys	Div 1 - 5	48	56
U16 Girls	Div 1 - 5	59	62
U14 Boys	Div 1 - 5	36	50
U14 Girls	Div 1 - 5	31	30
Total Teams Playing:		266	283

Review of the League:

It was noted this year there weren't as many teams as possible in Division 1 and 2 possibly due to less Leinster and Irish players playing this year in schools. An area to work on is to find out what schools our representatives play in by working with YAC's for information on the school a player plays in.

Results for Dublin Schools:

U19 Boys	Winner	Runner up	U19 Girls	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	Ardcoil Ris	Sandford Pk.	Division 1	Maryfield College	Mt. Temple Disqualified
Division 2	Castleknock	Sutton Pk	Division 2	Holy Faith Clontarf	Loreto Swords
Division 3	Kings Hospital	Sandford Pk	Division 3	Sion Hill	Loreto Foxrock
Division 4	Belvedere	Woodbrook	Division 4	Sandford Pk	Sancta Maria
Division 5			Division 5	Holyfaith Clontarf	Ard Scoil La Salle

U16 Boys	Winner	Runner up	U16 Girls	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	St. Fintans	Oatlands	Division 1	Loreto Foxrock	Santa Sabina
Division 2	Templeogue	Mt. Temple Disqualified	Division 2	Mt. Anville	Holyfaith
Division 3	St. Benildus	Oatlands	Division 3	Loreto Foxrock	St. Raphaelas
Division 4	St. Aidans	Sandford Pk	Division 4	Loreto Foxrock	Mt. Carmel
Division 5	Ardcoil La Salle	Chanel College	Division 5	Mercy Inchicore	Assumption

U14 Boys	Winner	Runner up	U14 Girls	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	Terenure College	St. Aidans	Division 1	Our Lady`s School	High School
Division 2	Templeogue	Ardcoil Ris	Division 2	Loreto Foxrock	St. Colmcilles
Division 3	Castleknock	Sandford Pk	Division 3	Maryfield	Loreto Bray
Division 4	Wesley College	St. Fintans	Division 4	Maryfield	St. Raphaelas
Division 5	High School	St. Laurence	Division 5	Sandford Pk	St. Joseph of Cluny

Congratulations to all the schools that reached the All Irelands:

St. Fintan's won the Under 16 Div 1. Our Lady's Terenure and Maryfield College were runners up in their respective age groups. It is noted that Dublin seems to be the only County running a professional league, but others can come in having not played a game, yet able to play in the Leinster's and win the All-Irelands.

Next Steps:

Once again this year the dates for the Dublin Finals and Leinster's coincided with the Mock exams and again we ask for communication with YAC's to come together before the Leinster Calendar is completed in June and have a review of dates to allow dates be printed on same – Students had to miss out on finals as not on Leinster calendar, and they were playing in Spain

The Teacher training Shuttle Time course would be good to have in September/October in Dublin which also gives advice on leading sessions, with large numbers. Score keeping requires to be taught as new teachers don't understand and are unable to teach their students. This would encourage teachers to get involved, even in a small capacity in their schools.

We wish to thank the Leinster Branch for their support over the year. On behalf of myself Schools Admin and Cllr. Lynn McCrave, Chairperson I wish to thank the committee members: Bernard Foley (St. Fintan's), Dermot Smith(Maryfield), Michael Feaney (Loreto Swords), Ray Tao(Loreto Foxrock) and Joe Wright for a successful year. Hopefully next year will be just as successful as this year.

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