#### CAC Report 2025

C a c ran its usual three events this year, all three were very successful.

Paddy O Connell ran the individuals competition in December and I have attached his report

Kevin Delaney ran the inter co I have also attached his report

I myself ran the inter league with the help of Deirdre Murray.

The finals took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of april in Terenure. 61 teams entered from the various leagues throughout the province. All seven grades had entries. Unfortunately due to the short window between

Leagues finishing and the finals on the 14<sup>th</sup> we lost 9 teams.All the major leagues were represented

Except Dublin which was disappointing nevertheless we had representatives from counties Meath, Louth, Westmeath, Longford, Killdare, Wicklow, Carlow, Laois and Kilkenny. All sections ran except grade 1 and an excellent days badminton was had by all who took part. The winners were well spread out coming from Wicklow, Carlow, Westhweath, Laois and Longford. There were some very close games and all matches were played in a very sporting atmostphere.

I would like to thank all the league reps who done an excellent job getting the panels of players to me on time. Also those people who had the job of arranging the preliminary matches. Thanks to our president Dave Murphy who not only done referee and presented the prizes but also ran one of the semi final venues. Thanks also to Deirdre Murray from Meath who insured that allmonies were paid on the day and kept all matches moving smoothly along

On a general note it was disappointing that we did not have Baldoyle for the semi finals. Also some juvenile events ran on the same day as our inter co and inter league events. I would ask that next season we should be consulted about dates when the calander is been finalized

Yours in sport WALTER



### Leinster CAC Individuals 2025 Championship Review

From Patrick O'Connell < Patrick.OConnell@anpost.ie > Date Wed 30/04/2025 17:29

To Patrick O'Connell <Patrick.OConnell@anpost.ie>

Cc walter rountree <walter.rountree@LIVE.IE>

Re: 2025 Leinster CAC Individuals Championship Leinster Badminton Centre Baldoyle Dublin

Saturday 30th Nov & Sunday 1st Dec 2025

Tournament Organiser - Patrick Jose O'Connell

All Grades: 1-7 were contested.

It was an awesome weekends play - amazing support from Louth, Meath, Wicklow, Wexford, Laois, Kildare, Westmeath and Longford. Alas no Dublin Badminton players or Carlow players or Kilkenny players too.

The majority of counties submitted entries this year – unfortunately some Counties did not including **Dublin**, Carlow and Kilkenny – very sad as some county associations are refusing to enter?

A special thanks needs to go to **Meath, Kildare and Wicklow and Wexford for** their continued exceptional support with numbers of entries and engaging in this tournaments survival.

Thanks needs to be given to Walter Roundtree who without it would not have been possible to run the event this year.

Thanks also needs to go to Leinster Badminton President **Dave Murphy** for again he was there for the finals day - and it's great for the finalists that they got presented the trophies by the President of Leinster. Thank You Leinster Badminton for the use of Baldoyle Hall and the supply of **YONEX** Shuttles and payment of Trophies for finals day.

Costs are rising — nothing new I know. Trophies, Hall Hire and Shuttles are the main costs, so maybe entry fee might soon need to rise to counter this.

Final note – A huge thank you to all those **CAC committee members** who give up their time, accept the problems and work tirelessly for their county players to have this chance to represent the Counties at every level of play.

Regards

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## **Inter Counties 2025**

48 teams from 11 counties took part in this year's competition. The qualifiers for Grades 2, 4 & 6 were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February across 6 venues: Baldoyle, Baltinglass, Carlow YM, Newbridge & Mullingar. The qualifiers for Grades 3 & 5 were held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February across 6 venues: Baltinglass, Carlow YM, Newbridge, Roundwood & Vicarstown. In total 50 matches were played to produce the semi-finalists. Grade 1 had just 2 teams, so they were straight to the final.

The semi-finals & finals were held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March in Marino Institute of Education and Baldoyle. Baldoyle was absolutely packed with both players and supporters for both morning and afternoon sessions. The games themselves were of a very high standard and played in a sporting spirit.

The format of 9 games per match was continued this year and proved very successful with 6 of the 16 semi's & finals matches going down to the wire, 5-4. A further 5 matches were won 5-3 indicating that the standards across the grades are very even.

As usual, a big shout out to the volunteers who ensured that the competition ran smoothly. Best of luck to our finalists who will take part in the All Ireland's in Galway on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May

# Leinster Inter Counties Decision Day in Numbers

Leinster Inter Counties Results			176 Players	22 Teams	289 Sets
Grade	Winner	Runner Up	10	12	9
1	Dublin	Meath	10 Semi Finals	Courts	Counties
2	Dublin	Meath			
3	Kildare	Meath			
4	Dublin1	Dublin2	129	6	2
5	Laois	Meath	Games	Finals	Locations
6	Louth	Carlow			

## Counties report 2024/2025.

- ➤ Very active season throughout the majority of the counties, pleased to report badminton in the following counties is busy, thriving and participate in the following;
  - Dublin: Fests/competitions, schools badminton, Clubs play in DDLC, juvenile league.
  - Kildare; Westside fest, Clubs playing in Kildare juvenile league, SWLBL and Carlow leagues.
  - Carlow: Carlow fest, clubs play in Carlow adult & Juveniles league, SWLBL, & DDLC.
  - Laois: Clubs play in DDLC, SWLBL, Carlow leagues, Laois graded county championships, juveniles, and new Laois league.
  - Meath: Meath/Navan fest, clubs play in Meath league & juvenile league, DDLC & county championships.
  - Westmeath; Midlands league DDLC, SWLBL, Meath league & juvenile league
  - Kilkenny; SWLBL & Carlow leagues
  - Wicklow; DDLC, SWLBL, Wicklow league and county championships
  - Longford: clubs currently play in the Midland league.
  - Louth: Clubs play Louth league and DDLC
  - Wexford; hoping to revive their county league.
- ➤ Inter counties had large number of entries this year again. 11 counties participated .
  - Offaly missing out at senior level and Wicklow missing out at juvenile level, work to be done there again, hoping to have all 12 counties playing next season.
- ➤ A "one off" county badminton association grant scheme worth up to €1000 was created.
  - Purpose was to encourage counties to establish county associations, host yearly AGMs to elect committees.
  - Help maintain a relationship between clubs within their county and their county badminton association.
  - Increase participation in CAC events.
  - Completed forms returned from Laois, Wicklow, Louth, Westmeath, Meath, Longford, and Wexford associations. Payments still to be arranged, was waiting on remaining applications from remaining counties first.

Steven

April 2025