



CAC Report 2025-2026 Season

Reports from the three key CAC events are below:

1. InterCounties from Kevin Delaney
2. InterLeagues from Gerard Morgan
3. Graded Individuals Paddy O'Connell

It has been very gratifying to note that participation in the three competitions increased all around during 2025-2026. Thanks to all the players, organisers and volunteers who make it such a successful season.

The increase in numbers, however, has put pressure on the CAC teams to secure halls and courts for these events. We will look to Leinster Branch to support our requirement in this area in 2026-2027 by making the Leinster Centres available for the county events.

It was a pleasure to use the new facilities in Baldoyle and we hope that next season they will be in a position to provide catering on site for the players, taking part in these events.

Walter Rountree

Chairperson

1.CAC - Inter Counties 2025-2026 Season

47 teams from 11 counties took part in this year's competition over 3 separate dates. The qualifiers for Grades 2, 4 & 6 were held on the 1st of February across 7 venues: Aura Trim, Baldoyle, Baltinglass, Carlow LTC, Carlow YM, Kildalkey & Whitehall Road. The qualifiers for Grades 3 & 5 were held on the 22nd of February across 5 venues: Baldoyle, Baltinglass, Carlow LTC, Kildalkey & Roundwood. This year, 60 qualifier matches were played in 13 sections to produce the semi-finalists. Grade 1 had just 2 teams, so they went straight through to the final.

The semi-finals & finals were held on the 22nd of March in Tolka Rovers and Baldoyle. Baldoyle was absolutely packed with both players and supporters for both morning and afternoon sessions. The quality of the matches played were a testament to everyone involved.

As usual, a big shout out to the volunteers who ensured that the competition ran smoothly. The All Ireland finals of the InterCounties took place in the Kingfisher Hall in Galway on the 17th of May. Home ground was a great advantage to the Galway teams who were almost unbeatable on the day, but well done to the Westmeath team who kept the Leinster flag flying by winning the Grade 6.

Leinster Inter Counties		
Results 2026		
Grade	Winner	Runner Up
1	Meath	Dublin
2	Kilkenny	Meath
3	Dublin	Wicklow
4	Laois	Westmeath
5	Carlow	Meath
6	Westmeath	Meath

2. Leinster Inter League 2026

Competition Snapshot

The 2026 Leinster Inter League was another strong and competitive season across all grades, showcasing excellent participation and commitment from clubs throughout the region.

- The competition ran across all grades. Grade 1 – 7.
- Strong representation across all grades except grade 1 with 55 teams taking part. Grade 1 just had a straight final.
- A total of 46 matches were completed during the competition.
- Congratulations to all participating clubs, players, captains, organisers, and volunteers who contributed to another successful Inter League season.

Grade Winners

Grade	Winners
G1	Roundwood
G2	Portlaoise
G3	Mullingar
G4	Boyne
G5	Bough
G6	Boyne
G7	Carlow LTC

Thanks to all clubs and coordinators for their continued support and commitment to the Leinster Inter League. In particular all who helped and were flexible with fixtures due to the hall availability issue.

The competition continues to provide valuable opportunities for competitive play, player development, and club engagement across the province. However, 2 venues must be secured for Semi Finals and Finals Day in 2027. (Baldoyle & Terenure)

3. Leinster C.A.C. Graded Individuals Report 2025-2026

Baldoyle | 3–4 January 2026

The 2026 Leinster C.A.C. Graded Individuals tournament was held in Baldoyle on 3 and 4 January 2026. The event was very successful overall, with strong player participation, increased revenue compared with previous years, and very positive feedback from those attending.

Event format. The tournament was run across two days, allowing players the opportunity to compete in two grades if they wished, as in previous years.

Grades 2, 4 and 6 were played on Saturday 3 January, while Grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 were played on Sunday 4 January.

Participation and revenue. The scheduling approach worked well and continued to give players the flexibility to compete across both days in two grades where desired. Entries and revenue were significantly higher than in previous years, helped in part by securing a more favourable post-Christmas date for the event.

Financial management. As in previous years, every effort was made by me as Tournament Organiser, together with Chairman **Walter Rountree**, to keep overall costs to a minimum. A detailed breakdown of income and expenditure is provided in the attached Excel sheet.

The most significant expense over the two days was the use of **Victor Gold Champion** shuttles. In my view, these did not meet the standard of shuttle used in previous years and performed poorly during the event. I would recommend that this shuttle not be used again, if possible.

Venue and facilities. The two-day hire of Baldoyle Hall was arranged successfully and, as always, the standard of support from the manager and staff was excellent. They went out of their way to ensure that all players, officials and spectators had a positive experience throughout the tournament.

The new flooring was especially well received, both by spectators and by players, and it added noticeably to the overall quality and presentation of the event.

Overall feedback. Player response to the tournament was extremely favourable, and the general view was that the event was very well run and enjoyable.

Acknowledgement. Special thanks are due to **Anneke De Jonge**, who once again gave her time generously throughout the weekend to manage check-in and on-the-day payments. Her support made a significant contribution to the smooth running of the event.

Overall, the 2026 Leinster C.A.C. Graded Individuals tournament was a successful event, delivering strong participation, improved revenue and a very positive experience for those involved.

Paddy O'Connell

Tournament Organiser – 2026 C.A.C. Graded Individuals

2026 C.A.C.
 Individual Championship
 Baldoyle 3rd & 4th Jan 2026

	Income/Entries	Expenses
Cash 2 days - most counties	€ 1,760	
Chas		
Meath	€ 370	
Wexford	€ 300	
Paid direct to LBBUI		
Dublin	€ 480	
Revoluit payments		
To LBBUI	€ 930	
TOTAL	€ 3,840	
Expenditure		
Trophies		€ 880 Invoiced to L.B.B.U.I. - RS AWARDS - Anthony Co Meath.
Baldoyle Centre		€ 1,000 LBBUI internal issue - 1500 per day approx
LBBUI - Supplied Victor		€ 1,320 LBBUI internal issue - 80 per tube approx
Paid		€ 25 Paid -by/ to organiser
Medal label printing costs		€ 40 Paid -by/ to organiser
Sundry Exp. On days		€ 3,255
Total		€ 575 This approx figure can be adjusted if differing rates above need applying.
Profit (approx)		

Notes - 44 Tubes of Victor shuttles used - very poor - might have been a bad batch. LBBUI Secretary informed.

Costs of €10 per person per event to be reviewed if necessary - for 2027

Doubled revenue this year from circa €2000(last year) to €3840 - a 100% increase in monies - an amazing increase in entry numbers.

Huge thanks to Westmeath (biggest entry by far) and their committee and county coach for pushing this tournament.

Also thanks to Dublin, Laois, Wexford, Wicklow , Louth and Meath for again being the standard bearers & supporters of this event.

Again !!!! no entries from Carlow and Offaly - for their own reasons - they can explain these at the AGM if asked to.

Must be thanked - Walter Rountree, Anneke de Jong one for their tireless unseen work behind the scenes and the other for the unbelievably well run 2 days in Baldoyle.

Last but most Important - Thank You LBBUI and Sec Betty - for organising the hall, the shuttles supplied and the payment for the trophies - Your help is invaluable as always.