



# Dublin & District Leagues and Cups Summary Report for Leinster AGM 2026

The 2025/26 Season proved to be another success for the Dublin & District Leagues & Cup Events. The numbers of Club Teams entering the Leagues and Cups increased by 50 teams on the previous season and is up by 25% across the previous two seasons. This increase in turn has provided Leinster Badminton with €31.5k in income this year.

The DDLC in Numbers:

- ❖ Total DDLC Team Entry – 78 Clubs with 530 Teams.
  - Dublin County : 52 Clubs, 422 participating Teams
  - Kildare County : 9 Clubs, 40 participating Teams
  - Wicklow County : 5 Clubs, 36 participating Teams
  - Meath County : 4 Clubs, 12 participating Teams
  - Louth County : 4 Clubs, 12 participating Teams
  - Laoise County : 2 Clubs, 3 participating Teams
  - Carlow County : 1 Club, 4 participating Teams
  - Westmeath Cty. : 1 Club, 1 participating Team

The DDLC Competitions caters for League and Cups Events in 10 Divisions across three Disciplines as follows:

- Men's League: 242 Teams – 968 men (excluding subs) - highest entry in Divisions 8 with 42 teams.
- Ladies League: 122 Teams – 488 ladies (excluding subs) - highest entry in Division 9 with 23 teams.
- Mixed League: 166 Teams – 664 players (excluding subs) - highest entry in Division 8 with 29 teams.

Included in the 78 Clubs this season were seven new clubs taking part in the DDLC for their very first time and also four clubs returning after a few seasons absence – all most welcome.

- The 7 new Clubs to the DDLC were:  
AeroShuttle BC, Astro BC, Blackrock Utd BC, Fingal BC, Kilcock Phoenix BC, Pulse BC and Portlaoise BC.
- The 4 'Returning' Clubs to the DDLC were:  
Axis BC, Baltinglass BC, Smith Nirvana BC and Titans BC.



At the start of this Season, Patrick Nagle, retired after 6 years volunteering service on the committee. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Patrick for his contribution and service to the DDLC over many seasons.

This season, we continued with the full use of Tournament Planner (TP) for the entering of all individual match results for the League Competitions. This TP system provides us with more visibility and tracking of all player's performances. We now have two seasons recorded for all players. This data is invaluable in assessing and determining the grading across the Divisions in all the three disciplines, Mens, Ladies and Mixed, for the coming new season.

As a trial we also invited many clubs to enter league match results themselves and the reports back from the majority clubs is very encouraging - Our intention is to request that all Clubs start to enter their own Home League match results next season.

This season the Cup Finals were held in the Terenure Badminton Centre in January, while the League Finals took place in Baldoyle Badminton Centre in April. We would like to thank the Bar Committees in both Centre's for hosting and looking after us over the course of these event.

The Finals and Semi-Finals in The Cup and The League were once more streamed 'Live', special thanks goes to Philip McKeown for enabling this to happen.

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

The four 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 entry levels to these graded events has grown further to the extent that we have had to introduce "reserve lists" and limit entries across all the divisions to simply to ensure we can manage and run the Event within reasonable time frames.

Thanks to all that enter these events, they attract players from so many different Clubs all around Leinster. 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. It is worth noting that these tournaments generate €25.4k in income to Leinster Badminton

Finally, as Chairperson of the DDLC this season I would like to thank the current members of the DDLC Committee (Anne Kelly, Elaine Horgan, Niamh Mangan, Roby Vettoor, Ronan Dunford and Siobhan Stynes.) for their dedicated and excellent work over the 2025/26 season and we look forward to the coming 2026/27 Season.

Yours in Badminton.  
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Chairperson  
Dublin & District Leagues & Cups Committee