



Dublin Schools Badminton

Review 2025 -2026

Dublin Schools Badminton have had another successful season. This year again, we had over 50 schools taking part in U14, U16, and U19 age groups with 322 teams participating within the league this year.

We found teachers have had great difficulty getting off for matches, due to not being able to get cover for their classes. Other schools that are lucky enough to have outside coaches were able to bring the students to matches. As like last year we noticed that age groups were shared out with different teachers in schools, as teachers are multi-tasking, these days.

Schools Numbers Playing:

League	Division	Teams 2025/'26	Teams 2024/'25
U19 Boys	Div 1 - 5	56	46
U19 Girls	Div 1 - 5	54	46
U16 Boys	Div 1 - 5	60	48
U16 Girls	Div 1 - 5	59	59
U14 Boys	Div 1 - 5	53	36
U14 Girls	Div 1 - 5	40	31
Total Teams Playing:		322	266

Review of the League:

Badminton has become extremely popular in the lower divisions though not so much in division one and two as Leinster and Irish players are not playing in the league. We would like the Youth Activities Committee (YAC) to come on board with Dublin Schools Badminton (DBS). Could YACs form please request what school they attend as many teachers are not aware they are playing badminton to such a high level and are unaware of the DBS League. New schools are gaining a four court hall and we would like them to enter.

Once again another good year for Loreto Foxrock winning four out of five finals. We also had a new school Stepside who also did very well across all age groups winning four out of five finals. It is nice to see new schools getting into finals.

Results for Dublin Schools:

U19 Boys	Winner	Runner up	U19 Girls	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	Sutton Pk.	Terenure	Division 1	Maryfield	Edmond Rice
Division 2	Mt. Temple	Sandford Pk.	Division 2	Mt.Temple	St. Joseph`s of Cluny
Division 3	Templeogue	Sandford Pk.	Division 3	Loreto Foxrock	Loreto Bray
Division 4	Blackrock	Firhouse	Division 4	Nord Anglia	Mt. Temple
Division 5	Stepaside	Holychild	Division 5	Stepaside	Ardcoil La Salle

U16 Boys	Winner	Runner up	U16 Girls	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	Templeogue	St. Fintans	Division 1	Loreto Foxrock	Santa Sabina
Division 2	St. Aidans	St. Benildus	Division 2	High School	Maryfield
Division 3	Wesley	Oatlands	Division 3	Loreto Foxrock	Sutton Pk.
Division 4	Blackrock	Sandford Pk.	Division 4	Sandford Pk	Mercy Inchicore
Division 5	Stepaside	Mt. Temple	Division 5	Scoil Dara	Stepaside

U14 Boys	Winner	Runner up	U14 Girls	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	Wesley A	Terenure	Division 1	Loreto Foxrock A	Loreto Bray
Division 2	Sandford Pk	Sutton Pk	Division 2	Maryfield	Santa Sabina
Division 3	Wesley B	Nord Anglia	Division 3	Our Lady`s A	Loreto Foxrock B
Division 4	Templeogue	Wesley C	Division 4	Loreto Foxrock C	Our Lady`s B
Division 5	Stepaside	Ardcoil La Salle	Division 5	Our Lady`s C	Ardcoil La Salle

Congratulations to all the schools that reached the All Irelands:

First and foremost we would like to congratulate Loreto College Foxrock under 14 girls for taking gold medals in the All Ireland finals. Is this a team to be watched over into the future! Further congratulations goes to Maryfield College, Santa Sabina and Wesley College who all received silver medals at the All Ireland's with Templeogue College receiving third place. Well done to all our DSB schools in the All Ireland's.

Next Steps:

The Teacher training Shuttle Time course would be good to have in September/October in Dublin which also gives advice on leading sessions, as there are new teachers on board and have very little knowledge of badminton. Score keeping requires to be taught as new teachers don't understand and are unable to teach their students correct scoring for a match. 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 Administrator, Cllr. Lynn McCrave, Chairperson and Joe Wright Treasurer we wish to thank the committee members: Bernard Foley (St. Fintan's), Dermot Smith (Maryfield), Ray Tao (Loreto College Foxrock) Stephan Graham (Assumption Secondary School, Walkinstown), Maeve McCarthy (Mount Anville) and Margaret Cox (Terenure College). Hopefully next year will be just as successful as this year.

Yours in Sport
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On behalf of Dublin Schools Badminton