



LBBUI- LEINSTER BRANCH

Badminton Union of Ireland Rules of the Leinster Counties Graded Individual Championships

1.NAME: The competition shall be called the Leinster Counties' Graded Individual Championships.

2.ELIGIBILITY: The Competition shall be open to members of Clubs affiliated to the Leinster Branch who are registered members of the County they represent. Where a player is registered in more than one County, he/she must nominate in writing the County which he/she has decided to represent in this competition

All players must be registered, with the C.A.C Registrar, by 30th November in the current season, and allocated an inter-league points value, to be eligible to enter in these championships.

3.GRADING: A player may play only in one grade. A player may not play below the grade that is his / her registered inter – league grade and that his / her points correspond to.

A County may nominate two players in each singles event and two doubles pairs in each of the double's events.

Any player who is under 17 at midnight on 31st December in the current season is ineligible to play in Grades 6, 7 and 8. No exceptions.

4.EVENTS: MENS SINGLES, LADIES SINGLES, LADIES DOUBLES, MENS DOUBLES, MIXED DOUBLES

Minimum entry for any one event to take place is four.

5.ZONING: On a county basis, the Competition will be divided into zones. The zones will be so arranged to keep travelling to the minimum. Zones to be drawn up by C.A.C.

6.NO OPPOSITION: In the event of a County not having a representative in any particular event, then the opposing County will have a bye into the next Round in that event.

7.FIXTURES: First and second round matches will be arranged by representatives of the Counties involved. The C.A.C. will appoint one person as organiser in each zone. Semi-Finals and Finals will be organised by the C.A.C. with the assistance of the four zone organisers.

Where feasible the first and second round matches may be played on the same day.

Where only two involved in a semi-final, from the same zone, it will be played at the semi-final zone unless both sides agree to play locally.

8.ENTRIES:

(i) All entries, with fees, must be with the Zone Managers before closing date. Names need not be supplied at entry stage but the events being entered must be clearly stated. The minimum entry in any individual event must be 4. At the entry by numbers stage, each county should indicate on the entry form, if they have one or two entries in the events they are entering. Leave the events with no entries blank.

(ii) - A full list of players representing each County must be supplied to zone organiser seven days prior to first round.

(iii) - Entries will not be accepted from either individuals or clubs except as provided in (iv) below. All entries must be made OFFICIALLY by each County, together with fees and must be signed by two officers in the County and must be submitted prior to any play taking place.

(iv) - Where a county committee exists, but decides not to enter players or a team into a competition, there is a channel for players wishing to enter that competition:

ACTION BY PLAYERS

(A) - Contact your County Committee, to state your interest in entering.

(B) - B. If they are not willing to enter those players wishing to play, then contact the person on the County Affairs Committee responsible for the competition you wish to enter and inform him/her of the situation.

(C) - This CAC officer will contact your County Committee to see why they would not enter the player(s) involved.

(D) - If the County agrees to enter the player(s) – then item concluded.

(E) - If they refuse to enter the player(s) – without a good reason – then the entries will be taken directly from the player(s) by the organiser.

This is provided that all who enter in this manner are properly registered and graded.

REASONS: A county may refuse to enter player(s) on the following grounds:

1. Is not registered or graded correctly (if players fault).

2. May be suspended by County or CAC for various reasons.

3. May owe monies to County or CAC.

4. Any other genuine reason.

(v) - The winners of the South West Leinster League Championships can enter the individual championships on the following basis:

They will represent their County through S.W.L. and their County will accept that this will constitute their entry into that grade and event and will be part of that County's maximum of two entries per event. The Counties must notify this in writing at the time of entry. If a Doubles pair are from two Counties – they must decide which County they wish to represent. The player who is not representing his/her County must notify the organiser, in writing, that he/she wishes to represent the other County.

(vi) In Grades 1 & 2 only, where less than 4 entries received for any doubles event, the Organiser may accept entries comprised of players from different counties in order to keep the event (s) alive.

9.CHANGES: Changes may be made to entry list prior to commencement of first round, but all changes must be given to zone organiser prior to start of play.

10.SUPERVISION: The zone supervisor will either act as or appoint a Referee for first and second round games. The supervisor will also recruit assistance to ensure the smooth running of all events. The Competition Manager will organise Referees and Assistants for the Semi-Finals and Finals

11.RESULTS: The organisers for the first and second rounds will keep a full record of results and supply a list of all Qualifiers for the Semi-Finals to the competition Manager. The Referees in the Semi-Finals and Finals will be responsible for keeping a record of results.

12.QUALIFICATION: A County may select its representatives by any of the following methods:

(i) - By nomination

(ii) - By running a special qualifying competition

(iii) - By entering their own County Championships winners.

13. FINANCE: The C.A.C. will fix entry fees sufficient to cover costs of:

(i) - Shuttles for semi-finals and finals only

(ii) - Hall Hire for semi-finals and finals only.

(iii) - Trophies

(iv) - Expenses

(v) - where possible some funding will be provided for 1st and 2nd rounds to help cover cost of hall hire and shuttles.

14. SHUTTLES: Feather Shuttles will be used in all Grades. Change of shuttles will be at the discretion of the Umpire or Referee. Umpires will be used for semi-finals and finals if available.

15.TIMING: To commence early in April-complete late April or early May

16.COMPLAINTS: Complaints should be given to the organiser or Referee on the day. They may be referred to C.A.C. event Manager.

17. **PENALTY:** Any County found guilty of playing an illegal player or a player in the wrong grade may be fined up to €65. The guilty player will be eliminated.

A fine of €13 per event will be imposed for any player who has failed to turn up in respect of first and second round matches and up to €25 for semi-finals and finals or has failed to give 24 hours' notice of not playing. The failure to give notice applies to all rounds. The imposition of fines will be decided by County Representatives present at the finals. The County concerned may pass on this fine to the individual player if it wishes.

18. **GENERAL**

(A) - Any proposal to change these rules must be made in writing to the Secretary of the County Affairs Committee at least 3 weeks before the A.G.M. of the Inter-Counties.

(B) - Where 9 counties are represented at the A.G.M. and unanimously agree, they may waive the period of time

(C) - The L.B.C.A.C. shall have full powers to decide upon any points not covered by the foregoing Rules.

19. **REPLACEMENTS:**

(D) - The rules of the international badminton federation will apply, including the rules on points per game and setting rules. The new scoring system will be in use.

It was agreed that we must do our utmost to have four players or pairs in each semi-final. If a player or pair is not available to play the semi-final, then the Zone Manager will offer the place to a player or pair beaten during the play-offs, if none available to play, then another zone will be offered an extra entry to fill the vacant spot.

POINTS ALLOWED PER GRADE.

GRADE	POINTS
PREMIER	28,29 or 30
SENIOR	25,26, or 27
1	22,23 or 24
2	19,20 or 21
3	16, 17 or 18
4	13,14 or 15
5	10,11, or 12
6	7,8 or 9
7	4,5 or 6
8	1,2 or 3