

BI League Finals 2016/17

BI League Finals Regulations

1. The Irish League Finals are played under the Badminton Ireland League Rules and will be played in the following grades:
 - Grade C For Grade C (or lower) players only.
 - Grade D For Grade D (or lower) players only.
 - Grade E For Grade E (or lower) players only.
 - Grade F For Grade F (or lower) players only.
 - Grade G For Grade G (or lower) players only.
 - Grade H For Grade H players only.
2. The Finals shall be open to Club Teams who are the winners of Branch League Finals.
 - With 4 entries semi-finals will be drawn by lot.
 - With 3 entries a round-robin will be played.
 - With 2 entries a final will be played.
3. Qualification of Players:

To be eligible to represent a Club in the finals **all players** must fulfil all of the following requirements:

 - Be a registered and fully paid up member of the club and Badminton Ireland on **January 15th** of the year in which the competition is held.
 - Be on a team panel which has been previously checked by Badminton Ireland.
4. Teams:
 - Team panels of up to 6 men and 6 women must be submitted to Badminton Ireland.
 - For each tie a team shall consist of three or four men and three or four women from the submitted panel.
 - No player shall play in more than once in each type of event and in not more than two events in each tie.
 - Players may not play in more than 1 grade or for more than one team.
 - Players must be available to go on court when required. Failure of any player to appear on court within 5 minutes of a match being called will result in the match being conceded
 - A 3 minute warm-up time is the maximum allowed.
 - Play must be continuous with a maximum of 120 second breaks allowed between games during which coaching is permitted on court
 - The mixed doubles pairs shall play in order of merit.
 - The BI regulations on Clothing and Advertising will be strictly enforced. Only Badminton clothing allowed. (NO TRACKSUITS, LEGGINGS, FOOTBALL JERSEYS OR FOOTBALL SHORTS ETC. ALLOWED)
 - The team composition must be given to the Tournament organiser 30 minutes before the scheduled match time and no change may be made to these lists except in the event of a player having to concede a match through injury such that they cannot continue playing the referee may allow a substitute in any subsequent matches in which the incapacitated player should have taken part provided that:
 - The injury or other incapacity was caused entirely after play in the tie had begun and was not due solely to tiredness or the worsening of an existing ailment.
 - The substitute selected shall not cause the team to break the order of merit rules.
 - The incapacitated player may not participate in any further tie in the round.

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5. Constitution of Ties and matches:

Each tie shall consist of 7 matches, 1 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles, 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 3 Mixed Doubles.

The order of play for events shall be Singles, level doubles, and finally mixed doubles or as directed by the organisers

Umpiring- Teams shall provide alternate umpires. Ensure umpires are not due on court next.
Mixed Doubles MUST play in order of strength of the partnership.

In round robins the final positioning shall be determined by the number ties won (7 matches in each tie). Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

- If three teams have the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two teams equal the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three teams have won the same number of ties and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two teams equal the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two teams equal the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots

6. Penalties:

- Doubles played not in order of merit:
Where matches are not played in order of merit (strongest doubles must play 1st Doubles, second strongest must play 2nd Doubles and so on) the effected match and all matches below in order of merit in the same event shall be conceded by the offending Club to their opponents.
- Illegal Players:
The following players are deemed illegal for the purpose of playing in a BI League Final Match.
 - Players who are not registered members of BI on January 15 of the year in which the competition is held.
 - Players who are not on the BI approved list of League players for the Club.
 - Players who exceed the maximum number of permitted players (4 men or 4 women in a tie).
 - Players who are graded in a higher grade.If any such players are involved in a match all events (an event being a singles or doubles) played by the illegal players and all matches below in order of merit in the same event shall be conceded by the offending Club to their opponents. In addition a penalty of 1 point per event played by illegal players shall also be deducted from the offending Club's final score.

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7. Shuttles:

- The Clubs shall share the provision of shuttles.
- Only Forza shuttles may be used.

8. Code of Ethics & Presentations:

- To comply with the BI Code of Ethics photography is not allowed in the Hall
- Presentation of medals will take place following the completion of all matches in the hall. Cups will be presented to the winning team but may not be removed from the hall.