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**Attention: Staff, Munster Affiliated Clubs, Registered Coaches, Parents/Guardians**

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Significant new competitions for Juniors were run by Munster Tennis in 2024. The main new competition was the new Munster Tennis Junior Leagues. This was a very strong success for the first year running it with good levels of participation and exciting finals held in Larkspur Park, Cashel, Co. Tipperary in spring and Nenagh Tennis Club Nenagh, Co. Tipperary in Autumn/Winter showcasing some of the upcoming talent in the Province. Many players who do not normally play competitions played in it as it is a graded event with a focus on Doubles and Mixed.

The next set of Munster Junior League competitions will be published online in the next week or so. They will remain open online for entries for 2 to 3 weeks. Please go to the Munster Tennis page on Tournament Software to enter and for more details including all rules. There is also further info on the Munster Tennis Website Juniors Page.

The new Munster Tennis Junior competitions will again cover all parts of the Province and are regionalised as much as possible.

They include events tailored towards a “Tennis for Life” Stream which are the **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Leagues** and others more towards a “Competitive” stream which are the **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Premier Leagues**.

#### **Junior Super League:**

We have also introduced a new **Junior Super League** above the Junior Premier League again which will have entries by invite based on Junior Ranking as it will involve 4 teams broadly representing each of the 3 Munster regions and Cork City. More details on this will follow very shortly. A player can still play in the Premier Leagues for their club if they get an invite to play in the Super League. The Super League will only be played on a few carefully selected dates and is meant to be an additional event for the very top players only. Sponsorship has already been secured. The first Super League for under 16's was held in December indoor in Killaloe Ballina LTC and it was a very successful day.



## **What is the Entry Structure for the Leagues?**

As previously advised and just like in spring the **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Premier Leagues** are open to all players who wish to play in them.

The **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Leagues** are open to all players outside the top 150 in the Tennis Ireland Junior Rankings. We have WTN in as a guide for this year, WTN will be monitored however to ensure that there are no obviously very strong players playing outside the Junior Premier Leagues.

In the Under 12 events there is an additional “Green Ball” event that is aimed more at beginners or players who haven't transitioned to Yellow Ball in clubs. It is important that coaches in particular give guidance on which under 12 events are suitable for specific players within clubs. There will be a review again after the finals of the Leagues which will help us formulate any adjustments for future events next year. The Junior Leagues like the Adult Leagues will continue to be run every year.

The events are regionalised to reduce the travel required up until the Semifinals and Finals stage. How this is done is dependent on the entries that come in.

The winner of each regional league will qualify for the semi finals and then finals will be played to see who are the Munster Champions. If there are smaller numbers of teams in an age group in a particular region teams may play home and away to ensure that the minimum participation for a player would be 4 individual ties and 8 matches.

## **The Munster Tennis Junior Cups 2024-2025:**

The Annual Junior Cup competitions for 2024 were postponed due to the large entries we had in the Junior Leagues and also the Adult Leagues and resources were stretched. We are still going to run the competition early this year and then in Autumn again we will revert to the more traditional time. This event will remain strictly a knockout competition. We are looking at additional events here too to cater for players below 150 in the Junior Rankings. If we don't manage to introduce them in spring 2025 we will do so in autumn 2025. It is envisaged that the Junior Cups will be published on Tournament Software in the next few days with entries open for approximately 2 weeks.

## **The Munster Tennis Schools Competitions 2025:**

The Annual Munster Tennis Schools competitions will start much earlier in 2025. We are looking at further events and adjustments to allow for more participation in these events going forwards. It is envisaged that the Schools Competition will be published on Tournament Software in the next week with entries open for approximately 2-3 weeks. The Competitions will therefore have all of February, March & April to run next year and allow more flexibility for Schools to organise players and ties.



## What is the idea of all this?

“Again the overall idea is one of inclusion and the Junior Leagues are intended as additional events and are not designed to replace any existing events in the province. In years to come we hope to have junior leagues in the province as large, as successful and as strong as the Munster Tennis Senior Adult Leagues. “

To achieve this and grow our sport it will take cooperation between Munster Tennis, staff, affiliated Clubs, registered Coaches and Parents from all 3 regions in the Province.

Together we are stronger.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Munster Tennis office.

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## ABOUT

# MUNSTER TENNIS

## Leadóg na Mumhan

Munster Tennis is the administrative body for tennis in the province of Munster which works in tandem with Tennis Ireland (the National Governing Body for all of the island of Ireland) for the betterment of tennis in the province. Leading Munster Tennis the Munster Branch Council which is elected annually by the members of the individual Clubs in Munster oversees all the activities and programmes under its remit. Operating under the council are several Branch Council sub-committees where much of the work is carried out. The Branch Council and sub-committees are also supported by dedicated staff and other volunteers. The focus of Munster Tennis is in tennis activities and driving competitions in the Province. e.g (*The Munster adult Senior Winter League is the largest Tennis League in Ireland and the largest independent Tennis League in Europe*). Munster Tennis also strives to support clubs to be better tennis clubs by giving advice and direction on relevant Tennis Matters. Furthermore Munster tennis helps to organise, select and coordinate the various Inter-Provincial Teams each year from Junior under 14 all the way up to the various Masters Level Teams. Munster Tennis strives to field the most competitive Munster Interprovincial Teams for to represent Munster in the Tennis Ireland Interprovincial Championships (which are held each year) while also supporting the Irish Tennis circuit including the Munster based events.

Munster Tennis nominates one representative Director to the Board of Tennis Ireland and also members to relevant National Committees. Munster Tennis is also fully committed to the National Inter-Branch Forum with representatives attending up to 6 meeting a year.

Is é Leadóg na Mumhan an chomhairle riarthach le haghaidh na leadóige i gCúige Mumhan a oibríonn in éineacht le Leadóg na hÉireann (an Bord Stiúrtha Náisiúnta d'oileán na hÉireann ar fad) chun feabhas a chuir ar leadóg i gcúige Mumhan. Déanann Comhairle Chraobhacha na Mumhan, a stiúran Leadóg na Mumhan agus a thoghtar go bliantúil ag baill na gClubanna aonair i gCúige Mumhan iad, maoirseacht ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus na cláir ar fad faoina sainchúram. Tá roinnt fo-choistí de chuid na Comhairle Craoibhe ag feidhmiú faoin gcomhairle ina ndéantar cuid mór den obair. Chomh maith, faigheann Comhairle an Bhrainte agus na fochoistí tacaíocht ó fhoireann thiomanta agus oibríthe deonacha eile. Is é príomhchúram Leadóg na Mumhan ná gníomhaíochtaí leadóige agus comórtais a chuir chun cinn sa Chúige. e.g. (Is é Sraithchomórtas Sinsir Cúige Mumhan an Gheimhridh an tSraith Leadóige is mó in Éirinn agus an tSraith Leadóige neamhspleách is mó san Eoraip). Dréimeann Leadóg na Mumhan le tacú le clubanna a bheith ina gclubanna leadóige níos fearr trí chomhairle agus treoir a thabhairt dóibh ar Chúrsaí Leadóige ábhartha. Ina theannta sin cabhraíonn Leadóg na Mumhan le Foirne Idir-Chúige ar fad ón roinn Sóisear faoi 14 go dtí Foirne na ranna Máistreacht éagsúla a eagrú, a roghnú agus a chomhordú gach bliain. Dréimeann Leadóg na Mumhan leis na Foirne Idirchúige Mumhan is iomaíche a cuir chun páirce le n-imirt ar son Cúige Mumhan i gCraobhchomórtas Idirchúige Leadóg na hÉireann (a reáchtáiltear gach bliain) agus tacaíocht á tabhairt do camchuairt Leadóige na hÉireann na himeachtaí atá bunaithe i gCúige Mumhan san áireamh.

Ainmníonn Leadóg na Mumhan Stiúrthóir ionadaíoch amháin go Bhord Leadóg na hÉireann anuas ar bhall coiste do Choistí Náisiúnta ábhartha. Tá Leadóg na Mumhan go hiomlán i bhfabhar an Fóram Náisiúnta Idirbhrainte; freastalaíonn ionadaithe ar oiread agus 6 chruinniú in aghaidh na bliana.