



RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Tournament Secretary's Report 2022/2023 season.

- 8 Open Tournaments were run this year.
 - Fermoy – first of the new season with 33 players entered. Slightly **up** on the previous year of 30.
 - Galway – hosted 34 players, again, slightly **up** on the 32 that entered last year.
 - Ballinrobe – (Irish Open 2022) 47 players entered compared to 44, up on the previous year.
 - Tralee – hosted the first tournament of the new year. 39 players entered. Tralee did not run a tournament last year.
 - Kingscourt – hosted 43 players and again, did not run a tournament last year.
 - Castlebar – hosted 42 players, up from 37 last year.
 - Kilkenny – hosted 43 players, again up from 42 last year.
 - Arklow – (Irish Open 2023) hosted 66 players up from the previous year of 35. Entries closed 2 weeks before the closing date as court capacity maximised out.
- 3 Junior Tournaments were run this season.
 - Junior Irish Open – hosted 42 players, up from 23 last year, but down from the high of 75 in 2019.
 - Junior Even Nationals – 30 players competed, Down from 40 last season and from 48 pre Covid.
 - Junior Uneven Nationals – 28 players competed, no event last year. Down from a pre Covid high of 56.
- All Irelands run 2022/2023 season.
 - Overage Nationals – 20 players competed, up from 17 last year.
 - All Ireland Singles and Doubles – 46 players competed last year, Down from 60 the previous year.
 - 60 x 30 All Ireland Singles – 52 players competed in this competition. Has not taken place for the last 5 years. My Thanks to Sean Lyng for organising and running this event.
- Provincial Closed events run 2022/2023 season.
 - Munster Closed – 23 players competed, last run in 2018/2019 season. Down from 36 that year.
 - Leinster Closed – 27 players competed, last run in 2018/2019 season. **Up** from 12 that year.
 - Connaught Closed – Last run in the 2018/2019 season.
- Women's Racquetball – Irish Women's Open held In Kilkenny 23 players competing.
- Provincial Championships Women, 23 players took part in the Leinster Championships and 21 players took part in the Connaught Championships. This compares to 19 last year in total.

There were no disciplinary issues in the 2022/2022 Season

Results of all tournaments are posted on the website www.racquetball.ie/results

Generally speaking, numbers were up in all Tournaments this year but we are still rebuilding after Covid-19.

All Irelands were down on last year and work needs to be put in place to encourage numbers to compete.

Encouraging Juniors, Club nights, Women's nights, coaching, internal leagues and competition, Racquetball for fun and fitness nights are all valuable in expanding our competitive base and will ensure greater numbers attending all competitions.

Promoted/Regraded players for 2022/2023 season.

See Seeding Committee Report.

Please forward any suggestions that you or your club may have and I will respond to them all. Thank you.

Jimmy Gannon,

Tournament Secretary RAI.

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