

Cricket Leinster Youth Competitions Committee

Honorary Secretary's Report for 2025

The 2025 Cricket Leinster Youth Competitions Committee was **Chaired** by **Stephen Tonge** and the members included:

Honorary Secretary: Shirley Doyle

Members: Nicola Rautenback, Andy Hill, Pavan Kumar Vadlamudi

Naomi Scott Hayward from Cricket Leinster joined the committee as a non-voting member and we would like to thank her for her input and advice.

The Committee met monthly from January to September via Zoom and I would like to thank each member for their time, enthusiasm and commitment to progressing youth cricket within our Clubs and within Leinster. Huge thanks to Stephen Tonge for his invaluable help and support over a very busy season.

For the 2025 season, over 2,000 youth were registered across 22 clubs from the Leinster region, which is on par with 2024. Substantial work has been done to ensure all players were registered before playing games. This will be continued for the 2026 season

From those registered, 160 teams were entered into 18 league competitions, made up of 9 Leagues for Girls and 19 leagues for Open/ Boys. In addition we had non competitive leagues for the U7 and U9 age groups fielding 9 and 13 teams respectively. In the Cup competitions 102 teams were entered across 8 cups.

Despite the fine weather for most of the season, only 72.7% of fixtures were played compared to 81% in 2024 and 75% played during the 2023 season. Walkovers and rained off fixtures at the end of the season with no time for refixes being the main reasons for the decline. In comparison, the U7 and U9 age groups were all played in blitzes organised by each club. Of these 78% of U7 and 85% of U9 blitzes were played and were well attended by other clubs.

The season commenced with the Youth Forum held on 8th February in the Talbot Hotel where 16 Clubs were represented. From the feedback gained changes were introduced this year by the Youth Committee, including:-

- Scorecards to be submitted for all, U15, U17 and U19 games
- Teamsheets to be submitted for all Cup games
- 18 yard wicket for all U11 games introduced
- Number of balls a batter faced before retirement reviewed for all leagues and amended where necessary
- Removal of lbw for the U11 leagues, with the emphasis to be on fun and player retention

All the above changes were introduced in the 2025 season. The feedback from both Clubs and players has been very positive.

Fixtures and results were recorded by Cricket Leinster with League tables uploaded to the CL website on a weekly basis. Result submissions were inconsistent on occasions and work will be required in this area next season in order to maintain accurate league tables.

Furthermore it would be strongly advised that for the 2026 season that the initial fixtures are submitted to CL at least 4 weeks in advance of the first game to allow time for these to be validated and uploaded to the CL website.

The results for the 2025 season are as follows:

	YOUTH COMPETITIONS CUP WINNERS 2025	
Youth	Girls U17 Cup	Clontarf
Youth	Girls U15 Cup	Merrion
Youth	Girls U13 Cup	Merrion
Youth	Girls U11 Cup	Clontarf
Youth	Boys U17 Cup	Merrion
Youth	Boys U15 Cup	Adamstown
Youth	Boys U13 Cup	Phoenix
Youth	Boys U11 Cup	Phoenix
	YOUTH COMPETITIONS LEAGUE WINNERS 2025	
Youth	Girls U19 League	Clontarf
Youth	Girls U17 League	Clontarf & Merrion
Youth	Girls U15 League - North	Clontarf
Youth	Girls U15 League - South	Leinster
Youth	Girls U13A League - North	Clontarf & Malahide
Youth	Girls U13A League South	Merrion
Youth	Girls U13B League	Leinster
Youth	Girls U11 League - North	Clontarf
Youth	Girls U11 League - South	Leinster
Youth	Boys U19 League - North	Malahide
Youth	Boys U19 League - South	Adamstown
Youth	Boys U17A League - North	The Hills
Youth	Boys U17A League - South	Adamstown
Youth	Boys U17B League	Phoenix
Youth	Open U15A League - North	Phoenix
Youth	Open U15A League - South	Adamstown
Youth	Open U15B League - North	The Hills
Youth	Open U15B League - South	Terenure
Youth	Open U13A League - North	North County
Youth	Open U13A League - South	Railway Union
Youth	Open U13B League - North	Tyrrelstown
Youth	Open U13B League - South	Greystones
Youth	Open U11A League - North	The Hills
Youth	Open U11A League - South	Pembroke
Youth	Open U11B League - North	Knockharley

Youth	Open U11B League - South	Greystones
Youth	Open U11C League - North	Balbriggan
Youth	Open U11C League - South	Tyrrelstown

Huge congratulations to all the teams above on their success.

I would like to extend a massive thank you to all the Clubs, team managers, fixture secretaries, club contacts and to all the players for their assistance, understanding and feedback over the season. You have been amazing!

Huge thanks to the CL President, Meena Baskarasubramanian for attending all the Youth Cup Finals and presenting cups and medals to the teams.

Finally, looking ahead to the 2026 season, we aim to build on progress made this year in order to grow our sport and to create an even better experience for all our youth players.

Winter well everyone!

Shirley Doyle
Honorary Secretary 2025
Cricket Leinster Youth Committee