

## Badminton Ireland Press Release – Level 5 Restrictions

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

This press release comes following the Irish Government's announcement on the 19th of October confirming that Ireland is moving to Level 5 of the Living with COVID 19 plan.

Under level 5, no training or matches can take place and all gyms and leisure centres must close, with the following exceptions:

- non-contact training can continue for school aged children, outdoors in pods of 15
- professional, elite sports (as defined below) and inter-county Gaelic games, horse-racing and greyhound racing are permitted to continue behind closed doors

In line with this guidance, neither doubles or singles Badminton can be played and indoor gatherings for the purposes of Sport are not allowed.

Badminton Ireland asks all Branches, Counties and Clubs in the Republic of Ireland to cease group badminton activity from midnight on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October until further notice. We will provide further information on the status of the current season in due course.

More detailed information on the level 5 restrictions can be found here –  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2dc71-level-5/>

Badminton Ireland recognise that this is a difficult and uncertain time for all our members. We will continue to issue updates via the COVID 19 section of the Badminton Ireland website – [HERE](#)

While our offices remain closed, our staff are continuing to work from home and remain available to answer any of your queries.

### **Professional & Elite Sport Definitions**

*This is defined as covering those who are:*

- *Professional Sports People or Sports people who participate within professional competition.*
- *A Member of a high-performance team funded by Sport Ireland.*
- *Those who compete at major international events including European and World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games. Specifically, the athletes and players associated with the below list:*
  - *Athletes on the 2020 International Carding Scheme*
  - *Players on the 2020 Team Ireland Golf Scheme*
  - *Senior riders in Show-Jumping, Eventing & Dressage*
  - *Senior team players in Hockey, Cricket, and Rugby Sevens.*