



Joint Statement from the Connacht, Leinster and Ulster Branches of Tennis Ireland

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We are aware, and have had sight, of a document issued by the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland (Munster Tennis) entitled "All future Government & Sport Ireland Funding of Tennis Ireland at very serious risk" which was issued to all tennis clubs based in Munster, on Monday, 8th. November, 2021.

This document contained highly sensitive and confidential information which has been leaked from Board Meetings of Tennis Ireland in breach of Directors' Duty of Confidentiality. It is also noted that the document contains allegations that are entirely false and would seem to have been created to cause as much damage as possible to individuals and the sport as a whole.

Connacht Tennis, Leinster Tennis and Ulster Tennis wish to reaffirm their support for their Representative Directors who currently sit on the Board, and who were put forward by their Branches on the basis of their expertise, their passion for the sport, and, most importantly, their integrity.

We also continue to have confidence in the Independent Portfolio Directors who were approved by the Clubs for their specific skillsets and who have given generously of their time and knowledge to enhance the management and development of tennis.

The Branches recognise that the Board is currently experiencing some challenges and that it has already brought in external expert assistance to guide it in the reform of the Board, and its operational structures.

We understand, and welcome, that the Tennis Ireland Governance Working Group has completed over 90% of the processes required that will lead to full compliance with the Sport Ireland Code of Governance.

We would like to acknowledge the commitment of the Tennis Ireland staff both at Head Office and Branch level, and we thank them for their continued focus on the important operational matters required to lead and promote tennis on the island of Ireland.

The Connacht, Leinster and Ulster Branches are appalled at the shocking breach of Board confidentiality by Munster Tennis, and will support any course of action that the Board feels may be necessary in resolving this matter promptly and appropriately.

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