



DERRY GAA

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ORGANISATION

OVERVIEW:

- 1.1 Derry CCC have been delegated plenary powers as per Derry Bye-Laws and per Official Guide Rule 3.17(d)(i), 3.18(ii), (T.O. 2023).
- 1.2 The structure of all County Football and Hurling Competitions shall be as determined by Derry CCC.
- 1.3 Derry CCC have drawn up the following regulations governing the organisation of leagues, championships and other competitions at adult and underage level in football and hurling as per Rule 3.18, 3.29, 6.16, 6.11, and 7.11(e) (T.O. 2023) and Codes 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 13.1, 13.2
- 1.4 Club secretaries shall circulate Derry Regulations to the relevant personnel within their club. Ignorance of Rule or Regulation will not be considered as defence for breach of same.
- 1.5 All e-mail and phone communications between Clubs and Derry CCC, in relation to league championship and other competitions, and all other official club business, must be made through the club secretary to the Derry Games Administrator via the official e-mail i.e. (name of club).derry@gaa.ie.
- 1.6 CCC will determine the venues for all Championship games. Host clubs will be notified of the fixture and if a game is assigned to a club who cannot host, they must contact the games administrator immediately to allow an alternative venue to be assigned.

TROPHIES:

- 1.7 CCC will arrange for the provision of trophies for the winners of each league and all other competitions approved by the County Committee.
- 1.8 All perpetual trophies are to be returned to Owenbeg by 1st April each year, and those presented after 1st April are to be returned by 31st October.
 - 1.8.1 Penalty for failure to comply - £100 fine for each trophy not returned.
 - 1.8.2 Repair or replacement of a trophy shall be the responsibility of the committee or club in possession of the trophy and clubs will be invoiced for the cost of replacing or repairing trophies which are returned damaged.

ELIABILITY:

- 1.9 No member of the Derry Senior Football Championship panel is eligible to play in the Reserve Football league. Where a Derry Senior Football panellist is coming back from long-term injury the club may apply to CCC for regrading. Each request will be treated on merit and as per Rule 3.18 T.O. 2023.

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1.10 The Senior Reserve Football Championship will be a 15 a side competition; the Intermediate Reserve Football Championship will be a 13 a side competition. Extra Time must be played in all games in the event of a draw, up to and including finals.

PLAYING NUMBERS – GENERAL:

1.11 In all league competitions at U14, U16, U18, and in Senior Reserve Competitions clubs should strive to play with 15 players (unless otherwise stated in individual competition Regulation) but may play with a minimum of 11 players subject to the following:

- a. Both teams will begin with equal numbers – e.g. if one team has only 11 players then both teams will play with 11 players.
- b. If one team has 12 players, then both teams play with 12 – and so on
- c. If both teams have 15 players, they must both play 15 a side.
- d. If a player sustains an injury and cannot continue to play, and his team has no subs, then both teams reduce by one.
- e. If a team has a player sent off for either a red, black or double yellow card the opposition continues with full numbers.
- f. Clubs who know they will not have 15 players for the duration of the competition should inform CCC prior to the competition start date.
- g. Clubs who do not have 15 players on any given occasion, must inform their opposition at the earliest possible opportunity and not later than on their arrival at the host venue.

VIDEOING GAMES:

1.12 CCC will commission a video of all Senior Club Knockout Championship games. Clubs may video games subject to the criteria below. Clubs wishing to video a game must first:

- a. Inform CCC of their intention to video the game, copying the secretary of the relevant club into the request. Clubs may only video games at their own grounds.
- b. Ensure that the video is for coaching / training purposes only.
- c. Make a copy available to their opposition on request, a reasonable fee may be requested for this copy. Penalty for failure to do so £200 fine.
- d. Make a full unedited copy available to CCC on request. Penalty for failure to do so £200 fine.
- e. Clubs may NOT video games at Celtic Park or Owenbeg when Derry are covering the game.

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CLASH OF COLOURS:

- 1.13 Where there is a clash of colours for league games the home team will change unless alternative arrangements have been made between clubs.

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LEAGUE ENTRY

OVERVIEW:

- 2.1 Entry shall, in all cases, be subject to approval of the County Committee.
- 2.2 Clubs must affiliate to the Player Injury Scheme. Clubs who are not covered shall have their scheduled games deemed as failure to field and penalties shall be imposed as per Regulation 4.8
- 2.3 Entry Fees for all Competitions shall be determined annually by County Committee, and circulated to clubs by the County Treasurer.
- 2.4 Entry Fees should be paid by the deadline specified. Failure to comply will result in scheduled games deemed as failure to field and penalties shall be imposed as per Regulation 4.8.
- 2.5 Fines imposed in all cases shall be paid within one month of the invoice date. Failure to comply will result in scheduled games deemed as failure to field and penalties shall be imposed as per Regulation 4.8.

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FIXTURES

OVERVIEW:

- 3.1 The scheduling of all Fixtures is the prerogative of Derry CCC.
- 3.2 All fixtures shall be notified to the secretaries of participating clubs by the Games Administrator.

HOME ADVANTAGE:

- 3.3 The first named team in league fixtures will have home advantage.
- 3.4 On the day of a fixture only the referee has the authority to declare a pitch unplayable. If a club believes their pitch is not playable, they should notify the Referee's Coordinator or the Games Administrator at the earliest opportunity and no later than 5 hours prior to throw in time. On notification CCC will arrange for a pitch inspection. If the opposition and referee travel to a venue and the referee deems a pitch unplayable the game will be forfeited by the home club for failure to notify.
- 3.5 Where a club's pitch is deemed unplayable the home team will have one opportunity to nominate an alternative venue otherwise the game will automatically switch to the opponent's ground. If the game is in the first phase of a double round competition home advantage will be switched.
- 3.6 At underage level home advantage in championship is subject to:
 - a. A club having fulfilled all their underage fixtures at the same age grade in the same code. If a club has conceded games, then they will lose one home advantage for each game conceded. This will carry through to all stages of championship, i.e. if the first home advantage is at semi-final stage, then that will be the advantage lost.
 - b. Home advantage will automatically default to the away team, unless they have conceded games in which case the team with the least number of games conceded will gain home advantage.
 - c. A club having match standard lights where these are needed to play a game to the finish. Where a club does not have lights, the fixture will automatically be reversed if the opposition has match standard lights. Where neither club has lights CCC will nominate a venue which may include Owenbeg 4G.
 - d. CCC reserve the right to override the above in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.7 Home advantage in championship is subject to a club having match standard lights where these are needed to play a game to the finish. Where a club does not have lights, the fixture will automatically be reversed if the opposition has match standard lights. If neither club has lights CCC will nominate a venue which may include Owenbeg 4G.

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- 3.8 All League games shall be completed by the date of the last league game in each competition. The league table at this point in time will determine league placings irrespective of the number of games played.
- 3.9 Exceptions to 3.8 only where scheduling changes have been made by CCC.

TEAMS FINISHING LEVEL ON POINTS:

- 3.10 In all competitions U18 and above, where 2 or more teams finish level, placings will be determined as Set out in Code 11.1(5)
- 3.11 In all U16 and younger age grades, the following criteria will be used to determine placings.

TWO TEAMS FINISHING LEVEL ON POINTS:

Should two teams finish level on points, the ranking of the teams shall be decided as follows:

- a. The winner of the original game between those two teams shall be ranked higher
- b. If that game ended in a draw, the team with the overall aggregate lowest score conceded shall be ranked higher.
- c. If the aggregate lowest score conceded is equal the league is shared.

THREE TEAMS FINISHING LEVEL ON POINTS:

If at the end of the group games more than two teams finish level on points, the ranking of teams within the group shall be decided as follows:

- a. The team with the overall aggregate lowest score against them shall be ranked highest.
 - b. If the aggregate lowest score conceded is equal amongst all teams, the total number of goals scored by each team will be used as a further tiebreaker
 - c. If the aggregate lowest score conceded is equal amongst two teams, the winner of the original game between those two teams shall be ranked higher
 - d. If the aggregate lowest score conceded is equal the league is shared.
- 3.12 Play-off games will be as determined by CCC and failures to field will be subject to Regulation 4.8.

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FINISH ON THE DAY:

- 3.13 In all Adult and Underage Football and Hurling League playoffs, League Finals and Championship fixtures ending in a draw after extra time, with the exception of Adult Senior Finals, games will be played to a finish on the day in accordance with GAA Finish on the Day Regulations. This includes all Adult Championship Final Replays.
- 3.14 All games shall begin at the appointed start time unless otherwise agreed between clubs and notified to CCC as per regulation. Teams who encounter a problem en-route to a game should notify the Referee’s Coordinator at the earliest opportunity.
- 3.15 Late fielding and fines associated with late fielding will be in accordance with Code 15.2(d)

TEAMSHEETS:

- 3.16 Teams should furnish their team sheets as generated by GAA Foireann System. The team sheet should include all team officials. Failure to supply a team sheet in any game will result in forfeiture of the game without award to your opposition, or a Fine, depending on circumstances - Code 15.2(c)(i)
- 3.17 Only Team Officials named on the Team Sheet are allowed inside the perimeter fence.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- 3.18 A substitution may only be made during a break in play, after the substitute has given a substitution slip to the sideline official.
- 3.19 In all Derry League Competitions unlimited substitutions may be used subject to the following criteria:
 - Substitutions may only be made on 5 occasions during any game excluding half time changes.
 - All substitutions must be notified in the normal manner on the official substitution slip or club’s own substitution slip. Substitution Slips should show the Club name, the player name and number.

TEAM OFFICIALS:

- 3.20 A maximum of five (football) & seven (hurling) Team Officials shall be allowed within the pitch Enclosure during the playing of our games. These must be named on the team sheet and should include:
 - One Bainisteoir
 - One Selector
 - Two Medics
 - One Club Official
 - Two Maor Camán (Hurling Only)

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Where two teams are to be positioned on the same side of the pitch the designated areas for team personnel and officials should be between the 65m and 20m on their respective ends. Only the Bainisteoir can move along the line but cannot go beyond his own 65m line.

- 3.21 Team Officials are not permitted on the field. If they enter the pitch they can be cautioned and can be sent off for second offence, and if they interfere with an opposition player at all, then it's straight red. If an official is sent off, they are not allowed to be replaced.
- 3.22 Umpires and linesmen, once appointed for a game become temporary match officials, and are subject to the same disciplinary measures as Team Officials.
- 3.23 Only registered GAA members can act in the capacity of linesman or umpire.

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FIXTURE CHANGES, POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES & WALKOVERS

CHANGES:

- 4.1 CCC will accommodate club weddings and functions when scheduling fixtures where the dates for consideration have been submitted within the deadlines given.
- 4.2 Any request for changes to the listed time and/or date of a fixture must be sent from the club secretary's official email to the games administrator's official email gamesadministrator.derry@gaa.ie no later than seven days in advance of the fixture. No changes shall be granted thereafter, except in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.3 No change shall be made to any fixture once a referee is appointed unless agreement is reached with the appointed referee and the clubs involved in the game.
- 4.4 If a fixture is to be changed the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The club who request the change should contact their opposition to reach agreement before submitting the request to the games administrator, copying the opposition secretary into the email and referencing the fixture involved. The reason for the fixture change should be outlined and the new agreed re-fixture date/time given.
 - b. The re-fixture date must be on / before the same date in the following month and before the last game in the competition. For example, a match postponed on 15th March must be re-fixed to be played on a date on or before 15th April before postponement is granted.
 - c. If the request is approved by CCC, the new date / time becomes a ratified fixture, and the fixture list will be updated accordingly.
 - d. All fixtures are subject to a limit of two postponements. On the third postponement, the fixture becomes null and void or a walkover is granted.
 - e. Failure to fulfil the fixture on the rearranged date will be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 4.8.
 - f. Where a postponement is requested, and no alternative date is agreed the original fixture will stand.

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BEREAVEMENTS:

- 4.5 As a mark of respect for a bereavement within a club or community, a moment's silent prayer will precede games. CCC will, in exceptional circumstances, consider a club request for postponement of a game due to a death in the club community. All requests will be subject to validation and, should the spirit of the rule be found to have been abused, the points associated with the fixture will be awarded retrospectively to the opposing club.
- 4.6 Games postponed at the weekend due to a death will be fixed for the Wednesday night after the original date except where a dual club is involved and there is a clash with a hurling game. In such cases the game will be played on the Tuesday night unless the clubs agree an alternative date. Games must be played prior to the next fixture except in exceptional cases and as approved by CCC.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A COMPETITION:

- 4.7 If a club is disqualified or retires during the league, the results of the played games shall stand and all un-played games will be awarded to the opposing teams. A fine of £100 per game will apply. The club will also forfeit outstanding referee's fees paid at the start of the season.

FAILURE TO FULFIL A FIXTURE:

- 4.8 A team failing to fulfil a fixture as arranged or subsequently amended by Derry CCC shall be deemed to have failed to field and shall incur the following penalties:
- The game, together with the points shall be awarded to the opposing team, except where both teams have failed to field.
 - A fine of £50 fine per team will apply for each unfulfilled fixture, unless a walkover is given by one of the teams, in which case a fine of £100 will apply to the relevant team
 - This is applicable to both Adult and Underage games.
 - Other penalties as per the official guide.

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REFEREES

OVERVIEW:

- 5.1 The Referees Committee shall, before commencement of competitions, draw up a list of ‘acceptable referees’ which shall be the Referees Panel. This panel will be published each year in the Derry Handbook.
- 5.2 Any referee putting a player off the field and not subsequently reporting this player to the appropriate Competitions Control Committee shall be suspended from the Association under Rule 7.2(e) T.O., for at least 24 weeks. This shall apply to all competitions within the County. Procedures outlined in Rule 7.3(e) T.O. shall apply.
- 5.3 In the event of the officially appointed referee failing to attend a fixture, the clubs involved should contact the referee’s coordinator and where possible a replacement referee will be sent to the venue. If no replacement referee is available clubs will be asked to proceed as follows at underage level:
- i. If a neutral member of the referee’s panel is at the ground and available to officiate then the clubs must agree to that referee taking charge of the game.
 - ii. If a neutral referee is not present and both clubs have a member(s) of the referees’ panel present then clubs should toss for the choice of referee or mutually agree on a referee
 - iii. If a neutral referee is not present and one club has a member(s) of the referees’ panel present then that club shall have the choice of referee and that referee shall act as the official referee.
 - iv. If a neutral referee is not present and neither club has a member(s) of the referees’ panel present then clubs must toss for the choice of referee and the person named by the club winning the toss shall act as the officially appointed referee. The appointed person should be a member of the Association.

Penalty – if one or both clubs fail to follow the above procedure then that club will be deemed to have failed to fulfil the fixture as per Regulation 4.8 above.

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ADULT LEAGUES

OVERVIEW:

- 6.1 Adult Leagues will be decoupled from Championship in 2024.
- 6.2 Promotion and Relegation in League for League and in Championship for Championship.
- 6.3 Unlimited substitutions are not permitted in Championship or the Knockout Stages of any competition.

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE (ACFL) DIVISION 1:

The following teams will compete in Division 1 Senior and Reserve League Competitions in 2024:

Ballinascreen	Kilrea
Ballinderry	Loup
Bellaghy	Magherafelt
Castledawson	Newbridge
Dungiven	Slaughtneil
Eoghan Rua	Steelstown Brian Ógs
Glen	Swatragh

- They shall play in a single round league of 13 games.
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- The team finishing top at the end of the league will be Division 1 ACFL winners.
- The team finishing in 14th place after 13 games will play the team finishing 3rd from top of Division 2 with the winner securing Division 1 League status for 2025 and the loser playing in Division 2 in 2025.

ACFL DIVISION 2:

The following teams will compete in Division 2 Senior and Reserve League Competitions in 2024:

Ballymaguigan	Foreglen
Banagher	Glenullin
Claudy	Greenlough
Craigbane	Lavey
Desertmartin	Limavady
Drumsurn	Lissan
Faughanvale	

- They shall play in a single round league of 13 rounds, 12 games per team.
- The team finishing top at the end of the league will be Division 2 ACFL winners and will be promoted to Division 1 League for 2025.
- The team finishing in 2nd place will be promoted to Division 1 League for 2025.
- The team finishing 3rd from top will play the 14th placed team in Division 1 in a promotion/relegation playoff with the winner securing Division 1 League status for 2025 and the loser playing Division 2 in 2025.
- The team finishing in 13th place after 13 rounds will play the team finishing 2nd from top of Division 3 with the winner securing Division 2 League status for 2025 and the loser playing in Division 3 in 2025.

ACFL DIVISION 3:

The following teams will compete in Division 3 in 2024:

Ardmore	Glack
Ballerin	Magilligan
Doire Colmcille	Moneymore
Doire Trasna	Sean Dolans
Drum	Slaughtmanus

- They shall play in a single round league of 9 rounds.
- The team finishing top at the end of the league will be Division 3 ACFL winner and shall be promoted to Division 2 league for 2025
- The team finishing 2nd from top will play the 13th placed team in Division 2 in a promotion/relegation playoff with the winner securing Division 2 League status for 2025 and the loser playing Division 3 in 2025.

RESERVE FOOTBALL LEAGUES:

- **Division 1 Reserve League** will be a 15 a side single round competition, or 13 a side by agreement of both clubs. Reserve Fixtures will mirror the senior fixtures. The team finishing top at the end of the league will be Division 1 ACRFL winners.
- **Division 2 Reserve league** will be a 13 a side single round competition, or 15 a side by agreement of both clubs. Reserve Fixtures will mirror the senior fixtures. The team finishing top at the end of the league will be Division 2 ACRF winners.
- **Division 3 Reserve league** will be a single round competition, mirroring the senior fixtures for the clubs who have a Reserve team.

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RECREATIONAL RESERVE LEAGUE:

The following teams will compete in the Recreational Reserve League in 2024:

Ballinderry	Lavey
Ballinascreen	Loup
Banagher	Magherafelt
Bellaghy A	Newbridge
Bellaghy B	Ogra Colmcille
Dungiven	Slaughtneil
Faughanvale	Steelstown Brian Ógs
Glen	Swatragh
Greenlough	

- They will play a single round league on a home and away basis
- The team finishing top at the end of the League will be Recreational Reserve League winners.
- No senior team footballers may play in this league. Senior and Intermediate Clubs competing in Recreational Reserve football must name 35 senior panel members who CANNOT play Recreational Football. Players can only play in one championship. Any player who plays any part in Senior Round Robin Championship or Reserve Knockout Championship is ineligible for Recreational Reserve Cup.
- Unlimited substitutions are permitted in this league, but substitutions may only be made on 5 occasions during any game. All substitutions must be notified in the normal manner. **Rolling substitutions are not permitted.**

SPERRIN GALVANISERS SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE:

The following teams will compete in the Derry Senior Hurling League in 2024:

Banagher	Kevin Lynch HC
Ballinascreen	Na Magha
Eoghan Rua	Slaughtneil
Lavey	Swatragh

- They shall play a single round league of 7 games.
- The team finishing top shall win the Derry Senior Hurling League.

SPERRIN GALVANISERS EARLY SEASON HURLING LEAGUE:

The following teams will compete in the Early Season Hurling League in 2024:

Ballinascreen	Kevin Lynch HC
Banagher	Slaughtneil
Lavey	Swatragh



- They will play a single round league. These games will be played without County Hurlers unless they are free to play.
- The team finishing top will win the Early-Season Hurling League.
- Games are 15 a side, but clubs may, on agreement of both, play 13 a side where numbers are low.

DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS (EARLY SEASON):

Senior Teams will play in Sean Larkin, Dr Kerlin Cup.

- These are knockout competitions.
- The Sean Larkin Cup is a 15 a-side competition.
- The Dr Kerlin Cup is 13 a side.
- Once a reserve player has played in the Senior Competition, he becomes ineligible for reserve.
- Games will be played to a finish on the day under the FOTD regulations.
- Clubs may, on agreement of both, play 13 a side where numbers are low.

Reserve Teams will play in the James O'Hagan and Dean McGlinchey Cup.

- These are knockout competitions.
- All games are 15 a side, but clubs may, on agreement of both, play 13 a side where numbers are low.
- The final will be played to a finish on the day under the FOTD regulations.

Junior Teams will play in the Neal Carlin Cup. These will be played in league group format with the top 2 teams in each group progressing to the semi-finals.

- All games are 15 a side, but clubs may, on agreement of both, play 13 a side where numbers are low.
- As we have no Early Season Junior Reserve competition unlimited substitutions will be permitted in the league stage of the Neal Carlin Cup. All substitutions must be notified in the normal manner.
- The final will be played to a finish on the day under the FOTD regulations.
- Normal substitution rules will apply to the knockout stages of this competition.

Recreational Reserve Teams will play in the Graham Cup.

- This is a knockout competition.
- All games are 15 a side, but clubs may, on agreement of both, play 13 a side where numbers are low.
- No senior or reserve player who has played any part in Sean Larkin Cup, Dr Kerlin Cup, James O'Hagan or Dean McGlinchey Cup can play in the Graham Cup.

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ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP

OVERVIEW:

- All Adult Senior Team Championship Knockout games will be played at neutral venues.
- CCC's decision on the suitability of venues for championship games is final.

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

The following teams will compete in the Senior Championship and Senior Reserve Championship in 2024:

Ballinascreen	Loup
Bellaghy	Magherafelt
Dungiven	Newbridge
Glen	Slaughtneil
Kilrea	Steelstown Brian Ógs
Lavey	Swatragh

- a. They will play a League/Knockout Championship with 2 groups of 6 = 5 rounds
- b. There will be 2 home, 2 away and one neutral game.
- c. The Top 4 teams in each group after 5 rounds will advance to Quarter Finals.
- d. The quarter final draw will be seeded 1v 4 2v3.
- e. Semi Final will be open draw and repeat pairings are allowed.
- f. There will be no relegation from Senior Championship in 2024.
- g. Placings will be determined as per Rule 3.10 / Code 11.1(5)
- h. All games will finish on the day except for the Championship Final, which will go to extra time, then replay. Replays will finish on the day.
- i. The Senior Reserve Championship fixtures will mirror the Senior Team fixtures for the round robin stage.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

The following teams will compete in the Intermediate Championship and Intermediate Reserve Championship in 2024:

Ballinderry	Eoghan Rua
Banagher	Faughanvale
Castledawson	Foreglen
Claudy	Glenullin
Desertmartin	Greenlough
Drumsum	Limavady

- They will play a League/Knockout Championship with 2 groups of 6 = 5 rounds
- There will be 2 home, 2 away and one neutral game.
- The Top 4 teams in each group after 5 rounds will advance to Quarter Finals.
- The quarter final draw will be seeded 1v 4 2v3.
- Semi Final will be open draw and repeat pairings are allowed.
- There will be no relegation from Intermediate Championship in 2024.
- The 4 semi finalists will be promoted to Senior Championship for 2025.
- Placings will be determined as per Rule 3.10 / Code 11.1(5)
- All games will finish on the day except for the Championship Final, which will go to extra time, then replay. Replays will finish on the day.
- The Intermediate Reserve Championship fixtures will mirror the Senior Team fixtures for the round robin stage.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

The following teams will compete in the Junior Championship (Senior and Reserve) in 2024:

Ardmore	Glack
Ballerin	Lissan
Ballymaguigan	Magilligan
Craigbane	Moneymore
Doire Colmcille	Sean Dolans
Doire Trasna	Slaughtmanus
Drum	

- They shall play a League/Knockout Championship, with a group of 7 and a group of 6 (playing either 6 or 5 games).
- Group A will have 3 home and 3 away games. Group B will have 2 home, 2 away and one neutral game.

- c. The Top 4 teams in each group after all rounds will advance to Quarter Finals. The quarter final draw will be seeded 1v 4 2v3.
- d. Semi Final will be open draw and repeat pairings are allowed.
- e. The 4 Junior Championship semi-finalists will be promoted to Intermediate Championship for 2025.
- f. Placings will be determined as per Rule 3.10 / Code 11.1(5)
- g. All games will finish on the day except for the Championship Final, which will go to extra time, then replay. Replays will finish on the day.
- h. The Junior Reserve Championship will be a straight knockout championship which will begin just after the Quarter Finals of the Junior Championship.

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

The following teams will compete in the Derry Hurling Championship in 2024:

Banagher	Kevin Lynch HC
Ballinascreen	Na Magha
Eoghan Rua	Slaughtneil
Lavey	Swatragh

Teams will be graded through the League section of Championship.

- a. There will be 2 groups of 4 teams seeded on 2023 championship Status.
- b. Each group will be made up of one Senior Championship Finalist, one Intermediate Championship Finalist, one defeated Intermediate Championship Semi-Finalist and one Junior Championship Finalist.
- c. The top 2 teams in each group after the round robin games will play in the Senior/Intermediate Hurling Qualifier with the winners advancing to the Senior Hurling Final and the Losers competing in the Intermediate Hurling Final.
- d. The 3rd and 4th placed teams in each group after the round robin games will play in the Junior Hurling Semi Final.
- e. All games will finish on the day except for the Finals, which will go to extra time, then replay. Replays will finish on the day.
- f. A team can only progress to Ulster in their respective grade if they retain their Championship status from the previous season, or if they drop one grade, i.e. Senior to Intermediate or Intermediate to Junior. A senior team from the previous season cannot compete in Ulster at Junior level.

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UNDERAGE LEAGUES

OVERVIEW:

- a. All Underage Grades and Codes will play both League and Championship
- b. Formats will be determined by CCC
- c. Championship gradings may differ from Leagues.
- d. The aim in League competitions is to get as many players as possible playing our games. On any given day if a club does not have the required number of players for League games they may reduce their numbers in accordance with Regulation 1.11
- e. In all Underage League Competitions unlimited substitutions can be used in accordance with Regulation 3.18
- f. Placings in all U18 Competitions will be determined by Regulations 3.10 /Code 11.1(5)
- g. Placings in all U14 & U16 Competitions will be determined by Regulation 3.11

AGE GRADES – CLUB:

- 8.1 The following regulations apply for age grades for the 2024 season:
- a. **Adult:** A Player shall have celebrated their 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year
 - b. **Under 18:** A Player shall have celebrated their 14th. birthday prior to January 1st and their 18th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
 - c. **Under 16:** A Player shall have celebrated their 12th. birthday prior to January 1st and their 16th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year
 - d. **Under 14:** A Player shall have celebrated their 10th. birthday prior to January 1st. and their 14th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

UNDER 14:

- 8.2 **UNDER 14 FOOTBALL:** U14 Football will be split into 2 Sections.
- **2 Team Section**
 - Division 1A & 1B played as an AB competition for clubs with 2 teams.
 - 'B' games will be played first, both games may be played at the same time if a club has 2 available pitches and both clubs have the numbers to play 'A' and 'B' independently of each other.

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- Teams will play a single round league and a Round Robin Championship.
 - If clubs don't have lights early games may be moved to Sunday morning's, with advance notice
 - Clubs entering an A and B team must name 10 'A' players who cannot play 'B' Football
 - Clubs entering 3 teams must name a further 10 players who will play A and B football only
 - Clubs entering 4 teams must name 25 players who cannot play 'C' Football.
- **1 Team Section**
 - Division 2A & 2B is the single team competition.
 - Clubs will play a single round league and Round Robin Championship.
- 8.2.1 UNDER 14 'A' TEAMS:** U14A teams will play 15 a side in all grades
- Normal GAA Rules
 - Size 4 ball
 - 45's kick of the ground, from the 45m line.
 - Kickout off the ground
 - 2 periods of 25 minutes
 - Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11
- 8.2.2 UNDER 14 'B' TEAMS:**
- U14B teams will play 13 a side in all grades, but clubs may on agreement play with 15 if both clubs have the available players.
 - Full Rules
 - Size 4 Ball
 - Shortened pitch 13m to 13m for 13 a side.
 - 45's off the ground, from the 45m line
 - Kickout from ground
 - Exception: on prior agreement of both sides and the referee an exception can be made for a younger player to kick from his hands in B grade only.
 - 2 periods of 20 minutes
 - Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11.

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8.3 UNDER 14 HURLING:

8.3.1 UNDER 14 'A' HURLING:

- U14A will be played 15 a side
- Normal Hurling rules
- 2 periods of 25 minutes
- Size 4 sliotar
- Clubs entering an A and B team must name 10 'A' players who cannot play 'B' Hurling
- Clubs entering 3 teams must name a further 10 players who will play A and B Hurling only
- Clubs entering only 1 team in 'A' grade and no 'B' team will be paired with another club entering only a 'B' team. Home fixtures will be split between the 2 clubs.
- Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

8.3.2 UNDER 14 'B' HURLING:

- U14B will be played 13 a side, but clubs may on agreement play with 15 if both clubs have the available players.
- 2 periods of 20 minutes
- Size 4 sliotar
- Shortened Pitch 13m to 13m for 13 a side.
- Clubs entering only 1 team in 'B' grade and no 'A' team will be paired with another club entering only an 'A' team. Home fixtures will be split between the 2 clubs.
- Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

UNDER 16:

8.4 UNDER 16 FOOTBALL: Under 16's will play across 4 divisions

- Each division will play a single round league and the team finishing top after 9 rounds will win their respective league.
- Gradings will be continuously monitored and may be revised for Championship.
- Championship will be straight knockout.
- 'A1' & 'A2' Matches will be 15 aside and 2 periods of 30 mins
- 'B1' Matches will be 15 aside and 2 periods of 30 mins
- 'B2' Matches will be 13 a side and 2 periods of 30minutes
- Size 5 ball.
- Kick-outs off the ground from the 20m line.
- Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

8.5 **UNDER 16 HURLING:** The following clubs have entered the Under 16 Hurling Leagues:

Banagher	Kevin Lynch HC
Lavey	Kevin Lynch HC 'B'
Slaughtneil	Na Magha
Ballinascreen	St. Finbarr's
Dungannon	Swatragh
Carrickmore	Setanta (Eoghan Rua & Ballerin)

- They will be divided into 2 groups as evenly as possible and play each other once.
- After 5 rounds the Top 3 teams in each group will play in the U16A league with the remaining 3 teams in each group playing U16B.
- The first 5 rounds will be used for grading.
- The second 5 rounds will determine the League winners, with the team finishing top winning their respective league.
- Derry clubs will also play in an U16 knockout championship.
- Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

UNDER 18:

8.6 **UNDER 18 FOOTBALL:** U18's will play across 4 Divisions.

- **U18A, B1 & B2**
 - 8 teams in each - will play a single round league of 7 games.
 - After 7 rounds there will be 2 additional games as follows:
 - Top 4 teams will play 1v4, 2v3
 - The winners will play in the league final.
 - The Losers will play a pre championship game.
 - The bottom 4 play each other in 2 pre championship games
 - 3v 6, 4v5
 - Winners play each other
 - Losers play each other
- **U18C**
 - 7 teams - will play a single round league, then divide into Top 4, Bottom 3 for an addition 3 or 2 games.
 - The team finishing top after all rounds are completed will win the U18C League.
 - Gradings will be continuously monitored and may be revised for Championship.
- Championship will be straight knockout.
- 'A1' & 'A2' Matches will be 15 aside and 2 periods of 30 mins

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- 'B1' Matches will be 15 aside and 2 periods of 30 mins
- 'B2' Matches will be 13 a side and 2 periods of 30minutes
- Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

8.7 **UNDER 18 HURLING:** The following clubs have entered the Under 18 Hurling Leagues:

Banagher	Kevin Lynch HC
Lavey	Na Magha
Slaughtneil	St. Finbarr's
Ballinascreen	Swatragh
Dungannon	Setanta (Eoghan Rua & Ballerin)
Carrickmore	

- Clubs will be divided into 2 groups – one of 6 and one of 5
- They will play each other once.
- After 5 rounds the Top 3 teams in each group will play in the U18A league with the remaining 3 teams in each group playing U18B.
- The first 5 rounds will be used for grading.
- The second 5 rounds will determine the League winners, with the team finishing top winning their respective league.
- Derry clubs will also play in an U18 knockout championship.
- Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

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UNDERAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

OVERVIEW:

- a. All underage championship will be Knockout except U14 Football and U14 Hurling which will be played in League/Knockout format.
- b. First Drawn will have home advantage (subject to Regulation 3.3) in all underage competitions in all rounds except finals where games will be played at a neutral venue.
- c. All underage games up to and including finals will be played to a finish on the day.
- d. Underage Championship will be played in the same groups as League, but CCC reserve the right to regrade any team based on league performance.
- e. Underage Hurling Championship will consist of Derry Teams only.
- f. Unlimited substitutions are not permitted in Championship.
- g. Variation in Numbers will be in accordance with Regulation 1.11

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DERRY FÉILE REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW:

- a. Players eligible for U15 grade can participate in Féile 2024.

10.1 HUGHES STEEL FABRICATIONS FÉILE NA NÓG (U15 FOOTBALL):

- 10.1.1 There will be 4 Divisions of Féile na nÓg.
- 10.1.2 Derry County Football Féile will be played on the weekend of 20th and 21st April 2024. Progression to National/Regional Féile on 29th June 2024 will be determined by National Féile Committee. In 2023 the Division 1 winner progressed to the National Féile Competition and Division 2 and 3 winners played in Regional Competitions. There was no regional competition for Division 4 winners.
- 10.1.3 All teams should strive to play 15 a side, but where a team is depleted, reduced numbers are allowed, if 11 a side is being played pitches must be shortened to accommodate numbers, with panel sizes in keeping with National Regulation No 3.
- 10.1.4 The format of each Division will be dependent on the entries received and will be notified with Fixtures. Teams will progress to Knockout Stages as detailed in the Fixtures notification.
- 10.1.5 Perimeter lines may be 'marked' with flags, cones or lines.
- 10.1.6 Where games are played on a shortened pitch, the goalposts are placed on the respective 20 metre lines, or on a pitch with similar dimensions.
- 10.1.7 All '45' metre frees must be taken from the existing '45' metre line.
- 10.1.8 All games may be played on 3G pitches where the dimensions comply with minimum OG specifications. Where a club is going to play on a 3G pitch they are required to notify CCC and their opponents 48 hours in advance of the game(s).

10.2 T MACKLE FÉILE NA NGAEL (U15 HURLING):

- 10.2.1 There will be 3 Féile na nGael Divisions.
- 10.2.2 Derry County Hurling Féile will be played on the weekend of 27th and 28th April 2024. Progression to National/Regional Féile on 22nd June 2024 will be determined by National Féile Committee.



- 10.2.3 All teams should strive to play 15 a side, but where a team is depleted, reduced numbers are allowed, if 11 a side is being played pitches must be shortened to accommodate numbers, with panel sizes in keeping with National Regulation No 3.
- 10.2.4 The format of each Division will be dependent on the entries received and will be notified with Fixtures. Teams will progress to Knockout Stages as detailed in the Fixtures notification.
- 10.2.5 Perimeter lines may be 'marked' with flags, cones or lines.
- 10.2.6 Where games are played on a shortened pitch, the goalposts are placed on the respective 20 metre lines, or on a pitch with similar dimensions.
- 10.2.7 All games may be played on 3G pitches where the dimensions comply with minimum OG specifications. Where a club is going to play on a 3G pitch they are required to notify CCC and their opponents 48 hours in advance of the game(s).

All other Regulations as covered by National Féile Rules.

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FEES

11.1 REFEREE PAYMENTS:

Féile Football or Hurling Game (1)	£30
Féile Football or Hurling Game (2)	£40
Féile Football or Hurling Game (3)	£45
Under 14, 15, 17, 19 League & Championship Games	£40
Adult Senior League, District Competitions & Championship Games	£40
Reserve League & Championship Games	£40
Blitz Tournament – 1 Game	£20
Blitz Tournament – 2 Games	£30
Blitz Tournament – 3 Games	£45
Óg Sport, Under 16 & Under Sevens Blitzes – 1 Game	£20
Óg Sport, Under 16 & Under Sevens Blitzes – 2 Games	£30
Óg Sport, Under 16 & Under Sevens Blitzes – 3+ Games	£45

11.2 LINESMAN / FOURTH OFFICIAL PAYMENTS:

Adult Games (per game)	£30
Underage Games (per game)	£30

11.3 OTHER MATTERS:

Referee travels for pitch inspection for any game	£20
Referee travels to pitch and deems the pitch unplayable	£20
Referee travels to pitch and no game takes place	£20
Mentors (per game)	£25
Assessors (per game)	£50

11.4 CLUB LEVIES:

LEAGUE ENTRY FEES	
Division 1, 2 & 3 football league entry (per club)	£350
Recreational football (per club)	£100
Senior hurling league (per club)	£200
Early season hurling league (per club)	£100
Adult league cup competitions (per club)	£50
CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEES	
Adult championship entry (per team)	£20
Underage championship entry (per team)	£10

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11.5 REFEREE FEES:

Division 1 & 2 (per club – Senior & Reserve)	£40
Division 1 Recreational League (per club)	£20
Division 3 League Games (per club – Senior only)	£20
Senior league cup games (per game, per club – Senior)	£20
Senior league cup games (per game, per club – Reserve)	£20
Underage games (per game, per club)	£20

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UNDERAGE DATES 2024

Tain Og	UNDER 18		UNDER 16		UNDER 14	
	FOOTBALL	HURLING	FOOTBALL	HURLING	FOOTBALL	HURLING
Blitz		28 April		30 March		5 May
Round 1		26 May		8 April		13 May
Round 2		14 July		15 April		20 May
Round 3		11 August		22 April		27 May
Round 4				29 April		3 June
Final				19 May		15 June

Feile na nOg/na nGael	UNDER 15			
	FOOTBALL	HURLING		
Derry			20-21 Apr	27-28 Apr
National / Regional			29 June	22 June

League	UNDER 18		UNDER 16		UNDER 14	
	FOOTBALL	HURLING	FOOTBALL	HURLING	FOOTBALL	HURLING
Round 1	5 March	12 March	14 March	21 March	8 April	29 March
Round 2	19 March	26 March	28 March	4 April	15 April	5 April
Round 3	2 April	9 April	11 April	18 April	22 April	12 April
Round 4	16 April	23 April	25 April	2 May	29 April	3 May
Round 5	30 April	26 April	9 May	23 May	6 May	10 May
Round 6	14 May	7 May	6 June	30 May	15 May*	17 May
Round 7	4 June	28 May	20 June	13 June	22 May*	24 May
Round 8	11 June	18 June	4 July	27 June	29 May*	31 May
Round 9	25 June	21 June	1 August*	25 July	5 June*	7 June
Round 10	23 July	2 July	8 August*	1 Sept		

* The U14 League games marked with an * will be played on Wednesday nights to avoid clashing with Tain Og. Clubs without hurlers may play on Monday nights if requested.

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APPENDIX 1:

UNDERAGE DATES 2024

Championship	UNDER 18		UNDER 16		UNDER 14	
	FOOTBALL	HURLING	FOOTBALL	HURLING	FOOTBALL	HURLING
Round Robin 1	-	-	-	-	10 June	14 June
Round Robin 2	-	-	-	-	17 June	26 July
Round Robin 3	-	-	-	-	24 June	2 August
Round Robin 4	-	-	-	-	22 July	-
Round Robin 5	-	-	-	-	29 July	-
Preliminary	6 August	-	5 Sept	-	5 August	-
Quarter Final	13 August	30 July	19 Sept	8 Sept	12 August	9 August
Semi Final	27 August	20 August	26 Sept	15 Sept	19 August	16 August
Final	10 Sept	3 Sept	3 October	22 Sept	26 August	30 August

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APPENDIX 2:

ADULT LEAGUE DATES 2024

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Early Season	DISTRICT				HURLING
	SENIOR	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR	RECREATIONAL	ESHL
Round 1	-	-	15-16 March	-	17 April
Round 2	-	-	22-24 March	-	April
Round 3	-	-	30 March	-	1 May
Round 4	-	-	5-7 April	-	8 May
Round 5	-	-	12-14 April	-	22 May
Prelim	1-3 March	1-3 March	19-21 April	1-3 March	-
Quarter Final	8-10 March	8-10 March	26-28 April	8-10 March	-
Semi Final	15-17 March	15-17 March		15-17 March	-
Final	22-24/30 March	22-24 March		22-24 March	-

League	FOOTBALL				HURLING
	SENIOR	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR	RECREATIONAL	HURLING
Round 1	7 April	7 April	5 May	5 April	29 May
Round 2	14 April	14 April	18-19 May	12 April	5 June*
Round 3	21 April	21 April	25-26 May	26 April	12 June*
Round 4	27 April	28 April	1-2 June	3 May	19 June*
Round 5	5 May	5 May	9 June	17 May	26 June*
Round 6	18-19 May	18-19 May	15-16 June	24 May	3 July*
Round 7	25-26 May	25-26 May	23 June	7 June	24 July*
Round 8	1-2 June	1-2 June	29-30 June	14 June	-
Round 9	9 June	9 June	7 July	21 June	-
Round 10	15-16 June	15-16 June	-	28 June	-
Round 11	23 June	23 June	-	5 July	-
Round 12	29-30 June	29-30 June	-	26 July	-
Round 13	7 July	7 July	-	2 August	-
Round 14	-	-	-	9 August	-
Round 15	-	-	-	16 August	-
Round 16	-	-	-	23 August	-
Round 17	-	-	-	6 September	-
Relegation Playoff	26 July	26 July			

* The Reserve Hurling league will be played alongside the last 6 rounds of the SHL.

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APPENDIX 3:

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP DATES 2024

Championship	FOOTBALL						HURLING		
	SENIOR	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR		RESERVE		RECREATIONAL RESERVE CUP	HURLING	RESERVE
			Grp A	Grp B	Sen/Int	Junior			
Round 1	4 Aug	4 Aug	-	26 Jul	Reserve championship Round Robin dates will mirror the respective senior championship dates.	-	11 Aug	-	
Round 2	18 Aug	18 Aug	-	4 Aug		-	25 Aug	-	
Round 3	1 Sept	1 Sept	14 Aug	18 Aug		-	8 Sept	-	
Round 4	15 Sept	15 Sept	18 Aug	1 Sept		-	-	-	
Round 5	22 Sept	22 Sept	28 Aug	15 Sept		-	-	-	
Round 6	-	-	1 Sept	-		-	-	-	
Round 7	-	-	15 Sept	-		-	-	-	
Qualifier / Rd1	-	-	-	-	-	13 Sept	-	-	
Quarter Final / Relegation Playoff	6 Oct	6 Oct	22 Sept	7 Oct	23 Sept	20 Sept	-	31 July	
Semi Final	13 Oct	13 Oct	6 Oct	14 Oct	7 Oct	4 Oct	29 Sept	16 Sept	
Final	27 Oct	27 Oct	13 Oct	28 Oct	14 Oct	11 Oct	20 Oct	30 Sept	

Explanatory Notes:

- Championship dates should be read as 'weekend of' the date shown
- Reserve Football championship will mirror Senior for Round Robin stages where applicable.
- Reserve Hurling Championship will be a straight knockout format.
- The dates shown for Reserve knockout may be moved to the Tuesday night where the senior team plays on Sunday, or to the following weekend at Final stages if fixtures allow.

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