



GAA MASTER FIXTURES BOOKLET 2026

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GAA Master Fixture Plan 2026 | CCCC

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Week 1 Sun 4 th	Week 5 Jan 31/Feb 1	Week 9 Feb 28/Mar 1	Week 14 4/5	Week 18 2/3	Week 23 6/7	Week 27 4/5	Week 31 1/2	Week 36 5/6	Week 40 3/4	Week 44 Oct 31/Nov 1	Week 49 5/6
Club Football SFs	AFL Rd 2 AHL Rd 2	AFL Rd 5 AHL Rd 5 CONGRESS (Feb 27/28)	AHL Div 1a & 1b Finals U20 B/C Hurling SF's	MSHC Rd 3 U20 B/C Hurling Finals	Tailteann R3 & Preliminary QF (NY v 2a Winner) LSHC, JMCD Finals (Sat) MSHC Final (Sun)	SHC SFs (Sat & Sun)	County Club Championships Sat 1 st – All-Ireland Hurling Final Replay date	County Club Championships	County Club Championships	Provincial Club Championships	Provincial Club Championships
Week 2 10/11	Week 6 7/8	Week 10 7/8	Week 15 11/12	Week 19 9/10	Week 24 13/14	Week 28 11/12	Week 32 8/9	Week 37 12/13	Week 41 10/11	Week 45 7/8	Week 50 12/13
AIB Club Finals (Int/Jun)	AHL Rd 3 11 Sigerson Final	AHL Rd 6	Start of Provincial Football Championships RRM Rd 1	Munster SF Final Connacht SF Final Tailteann R1* MSHC, LSHC, JMCD Rd 3 RRM Rd 4 U20 F S-Finals -TBC (9 th /10 th or Wed 13 th)	Sam Maguire R2A&B Tailteann QFs Prelim SHC QFs	SFC SF's (Sat & Sun) Tailteann Cup Final (Saturday) JFC Semi Finals (Fri) JFC Final (Sun)	County Club Championships Sat 8 th – All-Ireland Football Final Replay date	County Club Championships	County Club Championships	Provincial Club Championships	
Week 3 17/18	Week 7 14/15	Week 11 14/15	Week 16 18/19	Week 20 16/17	Week 25 20/21	Week 29 18/19	Week 33 15/16	Week 38 19/20	Week 42 17/18	Week 46 14/15	Week 50 19/20
AIB Club Finals (Senior)	AHL Rd 3 15 th Fitzgibbon Final (TBC)	AFL Rd 6 PPS Football A and Hurling A Finals (St Patrick's Day - Tuesday)	Start of MSHC, LSHC, JMCD Rd 1 RRM Rd 2	Leinster SFC Final Ulster SFC Final Tailteann R1* MSHC, LSHC, JMCD Rd 4 RRM Rd 5 U20 Football Final – TBC (16 th /17 th or Wed 20 th)	Sam Maguire R3 Tailteann SFs SHC QFs	All-Ireland Hurling Final	County Club Championships	County Club Championships	County Club Championships Start of Provincial Club Championships	Provincial Club Championships	Club Hurling Semi-Finals
Week 4 24/25	Week 8 21/22	Week 12 21/22	Week 17 25/26	Week 21 23/24	Week 26 27/28	Week 30 25/26	Week 34 22/23	Week 39 26/27	Week 43 24/25	Week 47 21/22	Week 51 26/27
AFL Rd 1 AHL Rd 1	AFL Rd 4 AHL Rd 4	AFL Rd 7 AHL Rd 7 U20 Hurling Start date U20 Football – earliest provincial start date	MSHC, LSHC, JMCD Rd 2 RRM Rd 3	Sam Maguire R1 (4 games) Tailteann R2A & 2B MSHC, LSHC, JMCD Rd 5 N Rackard Cup SF*	SFC QFs (Sat & Sun) JFC Quarter Final	All-Ireland Football Final	County Club Championships	County Club Championships	County Club Championships Provincial Club Championships	Provincial Club Championships	
		Week 13 28/29 AFL Finals AHL Finals (Div 2/3/4) U20 B/C Hurling QF's		Week 22 30/31 Sam Maguire R1 (4 games) U20 Hurling Final RRM Finals NR Cup Relegation*			Week 35 29/30 County Club Championships			Week 48 28/29 Provincial Club Championships	

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		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October
Fri					1											
Sat	28	PPS Football SF			2	Hurling Academy 1					1	Football Academy R5				
Sun	1	BACK WEEKEND			3						2					
Mon	2				4	County Feile Peil (F)	1				3					
Tue	3						2				4		1			
Wed	4		1		6		3		1	CúChulainn R3	5		2			
Thu	5		2		7		4		2		6		3		1	
Fri	6		3		8		5	U17 Football T1 QF (Fri & Sat)	3		7		4		2	
Sat	7	PPS Hurling SF	4	Celtic Challenge R1	9	U17 Football T3 Prelim QF U15 Hibernia R2 Celtic Challenge QF	6	U17 T2 Final (F) U15 Hibernia SF	4	U17 All Irl Final (F) Hurling Academy R3 U18 Táin Óg Finals	8		5		3	
Sun	8		5		10		7	Celtic Challenge Finals (Sat & Sun)	5		9		6		4	
Mon	9		6		11		8		6		10		7		5	
Tue	10		7		12		9		7		11		8		6	
Wed	11		8		13		10		8	CúChulainn R4	12		9		7	
Thu	12		9		14		11		9		13		10		8	
Fri	13		10		15		12		10		14		11		9	
Sat	14	PPS B, C, D Finals (F)	11	Celtic Challenge R2 U15 Hibernia R1	16	U17 Football T3 & T2 Prel' QF Football Academy R2	13	U17 SF (H) Football Academy R3	11		15	Hurling Academy R5	12		10	
Sun	15		12		17		14	U15 Hibernia Finals	12		16		13		11	
Mon	16		13		18		15		13		17		14		12	
Tue	17	PPS A Finals (F&H)	14		19		16		14		18		15		13	
Wed	18		15		20		17	CúChulainn R1	15	CúChulainn R5	19		16		14	
Thu	19		16		21		18		16		20		17		15	
Fri	20		17		22	U17 Hurling Prelim QF	19		17		21		18		16	
Sat	21	PPS B, C, D Finals (H)	18	Football Academy R1	23	U17 Football T3 SF & T2 QF Celtic Challenge SF Hibernia R3	20	U17 Football T1 SF (F) Feile (H)	18	Football Academy R4	22		19		17	
Sun	22		19	County Feile na nGael (H)	24		21		19		23	U16 Táin Óg Finals	20		18	
Mon	23		20		25		22		20		24		21		19	
Tue	24		21		26		23		21		25		22		20	
Wed	25		22		27		24	CúChulainn R2	22		26		23		21	
Thu	26		23		28		25		23		27		24		22	
Fri	27		24		29	U17 Hurling QF (Fri & Sat)	26		24		28		25		23	
Sat	28		25	Celtic Challenge R3	30	U17 T2 F & T3 Final Hurling Academy R2	27	U17 All Irl Final (H) Feile (F) Derry	25	Hurling Academy R4 CúChulainn Finals	29		26		24	
Sun	29		26		31		28		26		30		27		25	
Mon	30		27				29		27		31		28		26	
Tue	31		28				30		28				29		27	
Wed			29						29				30		28	
Thu			30						30						29	
Fri									31						30	
Sat															31	
Sun																
		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October

The planner is a guide and changes may occur to ensure Competitions are finished within time restraints

GAA Hurling All-Ireland Championship

Counties Participating

The following counties shall be eligible to participate in the Championship in 2026.

Leinster	Munster
Áth Cliath	An Clár
Cill Chainnigh	Corcaigh
Cill Dara	Luimneach
Gaillimh	Port Láirge
Loch Garman	Tiobraid Árann
Uíbh Fhailí	

Provincial Championships

- The Provincial Championships of Munster and Leinster shall have a combined maximum of 11 teams, which shall be divided on a Provincial basis into two groups of six and five teams respectively.
- The number of teams (i.e., six or five) competing in each of the two Provincial Championships shall be determined from year to year on the basis of the outcome of the Promotion and Relegation process in respect of Tier 2.
- Munster Counties shall play in the Munster Championship, and all other eligible Counties shall play in the Leinster Championship.
- For 2026, Leinster will have six Counties, and Munster will have a group of five teams.
- The Counties finishing in the top two places in each Provincial Group shall qualify for their respective Provincial Final.
- Results shall be credited as follows: two points for a win and one point for a draw.
- If a team is disqualified or retires during the course of the League Stage, its played Games shall still stand, and its unplayed Games shall be awarded to the Opposing Teams.
- League Ordering:
 - Leinster as per Code 11.1 (5) (c)
 - Munster as per Page 26 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Relegation

- For 2026, the bottom team in Leinster (Group of Six) shall be relegated to the Joe McDonagh Cup (Tier 2).

Provincial Fixtures

Leinster	Munster
Round 1 18-19.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) Gaillimh v Cill Chainnigh Cill Dara v Loch Garman Uíbh Fhailí v Áth Cliath	Round 1 18-19.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) An Clár v Port Láirge Tiobraid Árann v Corcaigh
Round 2 25-26.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) Cill Chainnigh v Loch Garman Gaillimh v Uíbh Fhailí Áth Cliath v Cill Dara	Round 2 25-26.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) Corcaigh v Luimneach Port Láirge v Tiobraid Árann
	Round 3A 02-03.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) An Clár v Luimneach
Round 3 09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) Uíbh Fhailí v Cill Chainnigh Cill Dara v Gaillimh Loch Garman v Áth Cliath	Round 3B 09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) Port Láirge v Corcaigh
Round 4 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) Cill Chainnigh v Cill Dara Uíbh Fhailí v Loch Garman Gaillimh v Áth Cliath	Round 4 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) Tiobraid Árann v An Clár Luimneach v Port Láirge
Round 5 23-24.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) Áth Cliath v Cill Chainnigh Loch Garman v Gaillimh Cill Dara v Uíbh Fhailí	Round 5 23-24.05.2026 (Sun) Corcaigh v An Clár Luimneach v Tiobraid Árann
Final 06.06.2026 (Sat) 1 st Placed Team v 2 nd Placed Team	Final 07.06.2026 (Sun) 1 st Placed Team v 2 nd Placed Team

All-Ireland Championship

Preliminary Quarter-Finals

13-14.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Winner Joe McDonagh Cup v 3rd Placed Team Munster Group

Runner-Up Joe McDonagh Cup v 3rd Placed Team Leinster Group

The Joe McDonagh Cup teams shall have home advantage*.

* The above arrangements shall be conditional on Home Grounds being deemed to meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee and the Central Competitions Control Committee. (Subject to a motion to Congress 2026*).

Quarter-Finals

20-21.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Munster Runner-Up v Runner-Up Joe McDonagh Cup/3rd Placed Team Leinster Group

Leinster Runner-Up v Winner Joe McDonagh Cup/3rd Placed Team Munster Group

Semi-Finals

04.07.2026 (Sat)

Leinster Provincial Winner v Quarter-Final Winner

05.07.2026 (Sun)

Munster Provincial Winner v Quarter-Final Winner

All-Ireland Final

19.07.2026 (Sun)– (Replay 01-08.2026 (Sat))

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

Venues

The Central Competitions Control Committee shall determine venues for the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final.

Winner on the Day

The All-Ireland Hurling Preliminary Quarter-Finals, Quarter-Finals & Semi-Finals will be Winner on the Day.

The All-Ireland Final will have Extra time in the original fixture and will be Winner on the Day in the event of a replay.

Joe McDonagh Cup

Counties Participating

The following counties shall be eligible to participate in the Championship in 2026.

Leinster	Ulster	Britain
An Iarmhí Ceatharlach Laois	An Dun Aontroim	Londain

Format

- The Joe McDonagh Cup shall have Six Teams in its Championship and shall be played on a Round-Robin basis.
- Each County shall have three home games and two away games, which shall rotate every other year (2026 Year 1).
- The counties that finish in the top two places shall qualify for the final.
- The winner of the final shall be promoted to the Senior Hurling Championship Tier 1 and take part in the Provincial Championships in the following year.
 - If the winner is from Munster, they shall play in the Munster Championship, and if the winner is not from Munster, they shall play in the Leinster Championship.
- The bottom-placed team in the “Round-Robin” shall be relegated to the Christy Ring Cup.
- The CCCC shall determine the venue for the final.

Points/Tie-Breakers – Round Robin

See Page 26 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Round Robin Fixtures

Joe McDonagh Cup Draw

Round 1 | 18-19.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Aontroim v An Dun
Londain v An Iarmhí
Ceatharlach v Laois

Round 2 | 25-26.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

An Iarmhí v Ceatharlach
An Dun v Londain
Laois v Aontroim

Round 3 | 09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

An Iarmhí v Laois
An Dun v Ceatharlach
Londain v Aontroim

Round 4 | 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Aontroim v An Iarmhí
Ceatharlach v Londain
Laois v An Dun

Round 5 | 23-24.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Aontroim v Ceatharlach
Londain v Laois
An Dun v An Iarmhí

*The first team listed has home venue.

Final | 06.06.2026 (Sat)

1st Placed Team v 2nd Placed Team

Winner on the Day

The Final will be Winner on the Day.

Christy Ring Cup

Counties Participating

The following counties shall be eligible to participate in the Championship in 2026.

Connacht	Leinster	Munster	Ulster
Ros Comáin	An Mhí Cill Mhantáin	Ciarraí	Doire Dún na nGall

Format

- The Christy Ring Cup shall have Six Teams in its Championship and shall be played on a Round-Robin basis.
- Each County shall have three home games and two away games, which shall rotate every other year (2026 Year 1).
- The counties that finish in the top two places shall qualify for the final.
- The winner of the final shall be promoted to the Joe McDonagh Cup.
- The bottom-placed team in the “Round-Robin” shall be relegated to the Nickey Rackard Cup.
 - **Exception:** If New York wins the Nickey Rackard, there shall be no relegation from the Christy Ring in 2026 (Subject to a motion to Congress 2026*).
- The CCCC shall determine the venue for the final.

Points/Tie-Breakers – Round Robin

- See Page 26 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Round Robin Fixtures

Christy Ring Cup Draw

Round 1 | 11-12.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Dún na nGall v Cill Mhantáin
Doire v Ros Comáin
An Mhí v Ciarraí

Round 2 | 18-19.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Ros Comáin v An Mhí
Cill Mhantáin v Doire
Ciarraí v Dún na nGall

Round 3 | 25-26.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Ros Comáin v Ciarraí
Cill Mhantáin v An Mhí
Doire v Dún na nGall

Round 4 | 09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Dún na nGall v Ros Comáin
An Mhí v Doire
Ciarraí v Cill Mhantáin

Round 5 | 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Dún na nGall v An Mhí
Doire v Ciarraí
Cill Mhantáin v Ros Comáin

*The first team listed has home venue.

Final | 30-31.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

1st Placed Team v 2nd Placed Team

Winner on the Day

The Final will be Winner on the Day.

Nickey Rackard Cup

Counties Participating

The following counties shall be eligible to participate in the Championship in 2026.

Connacht	Leinster	Ulster	Overseas
Maigh Eo Sligeach	Lú	Ard Mhacha Fear Manach Tir Eoghain	New York

Format

- The Nickey Rackard Cup shall initially have six Teams (excluding New York) in its Championship and shall be played on a Round-Robin basis.
- Each County shall have three home games and two away games, which shall rotate every other year. (2026 Year 1).
- The county that finishes in the top place shall qualify for the final.
- The County which finishes in second place shall play New York in a semi-final, and the winners shall qualify for the Final.
- The winner of the final shall be promoted to the Christy Ring Cup.
- The bottom-placed team in the “Round-Robin” shall be relegated to the Nickey Relegation
 - **Exception:** If New York does not qualify for the Final, they shall play in a Relegation Play-Off against the bottom Team from the Round-Robin phase of the Nickey Rackard, and the Loser shall be relegated to the Lory Meagher (Subject to a motion to Congress 2026*).
- The CCCC shall determine the venue for the Semi-Final, Relegation Play-off and the final.

Points/Tie-Breakers – Round Robin

- See Page 26 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Round Robin Fixtures

Nickey Rackard Cup Draw

Round 1 11-12.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)	Round 4 09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)
Tir Eoghain v Sligeach	Tir Eoghain v Fear Manach
Lú v Fear Manach	Ard Mhacha v Lú
Ard Mhacha v Maigh Eo	Maigh Eo v Sligeach
Round 2 18-19.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)	Round 5 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)
Fear Manach v Ard Mhacha	Tir Eoghain v Ard Mhacha
Sligeach v Lú	Lú v Maigh Eo
Maigh Eo v Tir Eoghain	Sligeach v Fear Manach
Round 3 25-26.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)	
Fear Manach v Maigh Eo	
Sligeach v Ard Mhacha	
Lú v Tir Eoghain	

*The first team listed has home venue.

Semi-Final | 23-24.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

2nd Placed Team v New York

Final | 30-31.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

1st Placed Team v Semi-Final Winner

Relegation Play-Off* | 30-31.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

6th Placed Team v New York

If New York does not qualify for the Final, they shall play in a Relegation Play-Off against the bottom Team from the Round-Robin phase of the Nickey Rackard, and the Loser shall be relegated to the Lory Meagher. (Subject to a motion to Congress 2026).

Winner on the Day

The Semi-Final, the Relegation Play-Off, and the final will be Winner on the Day.

Lory Meagher Cup

Counties Participating

The following counties shall be eligible to participate in the Championship in 2026.

Connacht	Leinster	Ulster	Britain
Liatroim	An Longfort	An Cabhán Muineachán	Lancasír Warwickshire

Format

- The Lory Meagher Cup shall have Six Teams in its Championship and shall be played on a Round-Robin basis.
- Each County shall have three home games and two away games which shall rotate every other year. (2026 Year 2).
- The counties that finish in the top two places shall qualify for the final.
- The winner of the final shall be promoted to the Nickey Rackard Cup.
- The venue for the final shall be determined by the CCCC.

Points/Tie-Breakers – Round Robin

- See Page 26 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Round Robin Fixtures

Lory Meagher Cup Draw

Round 1 11-12.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) Liatroim v Muineachán An Longfort v Lancasír An Cabhán v Warwickshire	Round 4 09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) An Cabhán v An Longfort Muineachán v Lancasír Liatroim v Warwickshire
Round 2 18-19.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) Muineachán v An Cabhán Warwickshire v An Longfort Lancasír v Liatroim	Round 5 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) Liatroim v An Cabhán An Longfort v Muineachán Lancasír v Warwickshire
Round 3 25-26.04.2026 (Sat/Sun) Lancasír v An Cabhán Warwickshire v Muineachán An Longfort v Liatroim	

*The first team listed has home venue.

Final | 30-31.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

1st Placed Team v 2nd Placed Team

Winner on the Day

The Final will be Winner on the Day.

Fulfil GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20 Championship

30-31.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Leinster Winner v Munster Winner

Notes

- A player shall have celebrated their 17th birthday prior to January 1st and 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Hurling Championship within a 60-hour period (from starting time of matches) and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling.
- All games Winner on the Day.

Fulfil GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20B Championship

Richie McElligott Cup

Counties Participating

Connacht	Leinster	Ulster
TBC	TBC	TBC

Eligibility:

- A player shall have celebrated their 17th birthday prior to January 1st and 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Hurling Championship within a 60-hour period (from the starting time of matches), and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling.

Format:

- * Ulster to run a playoff to see which team enter the Leinster U20 Hurling Championship, with the remaining teams entering the GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20 B Championship.
- CCCC will carry out the draw in the new year once Counties have confirmed their participation in the Competition.
- The first Team drawn shall have a Home Advantage in the Quarter and Semi-Finals.
 - **Exception:** If the distance between the two Counties is greater than 150 miles for games on Saturday / Sunday or 130 miles for games played mid-week, then the game will be played at a neutral venue. The distance will be calculated from the main County Hurling venue in each County.
- Dates have been picked to reduce the clashes with the Senior Hurling, but in the event of an Inter-County Championship Clash (Senior & U20 Hurling), the CCCC shall fix the U20B fixture for mid-week.
- The CCCC shall determine the venue for the final.

Quarter-Finals | 28-29.03.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals | 04-05.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Final | 02-03.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Fulfil GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20C Championship

Andrew O'Neill Cup

Counties Participating

Complete list of competing Counties to be confirmed later in the year.

Connacht	Leinster	Ulster
TBC	<u>TBC</u>	TBC

Eligibility:

- A player shall have celebrated their 17th birthday prior to January 1st and 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Hurling Championship within a 60-hour period (from starting time of matches) and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling.

Format:

- CCCC will carry out the draw in the new year once the Counties have confirmed their participation in the Competition.
- The first Team drawn shall have a Home Advantage in the Quarter and Semi-Finals.
 - **Exception:** If the distance between the two Counties is greater than 150 miles for games on Saturday / Sunday or 130 miles for games played mid-week, then the game will be played at a neutral venue. The distance will be calculated from the main County Hurling venue in each County.
- Dates have been picked to reduce the clashes with the Senior Hurling, but in the event of an Inter-County Championship Clash (Senior & U20 Hurling), the CCCC shall fix the U20C fixture for mid-week.
- The CCCC shall determine the venue for the final.

Quarter-Finals | 28-29.03.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals | 04-05.04.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Final | 02-03.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Club Championship | 2026/2027

19-20.12.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Leinster v Ulster

16-17.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship | 2026/2027

19-20.12.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Leinster v Ulster

09-10.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Junior Club Championship | 2026/2027

19-20.12.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Leinster v Ulster / Britain

09-10.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

Note:

*The winners of Ulster & Britain to play off for a place in the All-Ireland Series.

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

Provincial Championship

Counties Participating

Connacht	Leinster	Munster	Ulster
Gaillimh	An Iarmhí	An Clár	An Cabhán
Liatroim	An Longfort	Ciarraí	An Dún
Londain	An Lú	Corcaigh	Aontroim
Maigh Eo	An Mhí	Luimneach	Ard Mhacha
New York	Áth Cliath	Port Láirge	Doire
Ros Comáin	Ceatharlach	Tiobraid Árann	Dún na nGall
Sligeach	Cill Dara		Fear Manach
	Cill Mhantáin		Muineachán
	Laois		Tír Eoghain
	Loch Garman		
	Uíbh Fhailí		

Format

- Provincial Championships shall be played on a Knock-Out Format.

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

Counties Participating

The following 16 Counties shall be eligible to participate in GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship (Sam Maguire Cup)

(a) The 8 Provincial Champions and Runners-Up

(b) The next 8 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League

Exception to (b): The previous year's Tailteann Cup Winners, if not already qualified as one of the teams in (a) or (b) above, shall be eligible instead of the team in (b) with the lowest National League ranking at the conclusion of that year's National League.

Note

The ranking of teams in the National League referred to above shall be on the basis of the outcomes of the National League, including those of Promotion and Relegation, of the Competition Year. For the avoidance of doubt, a league final winner will be considered a higher seed than the team they defeated in the final.

All-Ireland Championship

Round 1 (Eight Games)

23-24.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) & 30-31.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) *

The eight Provincial Champions and Runners-Up shall be drawn to play at Home against the eight teams in (b) above.

*The finalist from the Munster & Connacht Provincial Finals will play their Round 1 games on the 23-24.05.2026, and the finalist from Ulster & Leinster will play their Round 1 games on the 30-31.05.2026.

Round 2A (Four Games)

13-14.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The eight winners in Round 1 shall be drawn to play against each other in Round 2a, with the first team drawn having Home Venue.

The draw will be subject to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings.

Round 2B (Four Games)

13-14.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The eight Losers in Round 1 shall be drawn to play against each other in Round 2, with the first team drawn having Home Venue.

The draw will be subject to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings.

Round 3 (Four Games)**20-21.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)**

The four losing teams from Round 2a will be drawn to play the four winning teams from Round 2b, and a draw shall determine the Home Venue for each pairing.

The draw will be subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and, where possible, repeat pairings from Round 1.

All-Ireland Quarter-Finals**27-28.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)**

The four winners of Round 2a shall be drawn to play against the four winners of Round 3, subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and where possible repeat pairings from Rounds 1 and 2.

All-Ireland Semi-Finals**11-12.07.2026 (Sat/Sun)**

The four quarter-final winners shall play against each other in the Semi-Finals based on a draw, subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from the championship, where possible.

All-Ireland Final**26-07.2026 (Sun) – (Replay 08.08.2026 (Sat))**

The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals shall meet in the All-Ireland Final. Venues for Tier 1

Venues for the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Tailteann Cup

Counties Participating

The remaining 16 Counties at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship, and New York (who shall enter in at the Preliminary Quarter Final stage).

Round 1 (Eight Games)

09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) or 16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) *

The 16 teams from the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship shall be drawn to play against each other in an Open Draw, with the first team drawn in each fixture having home venue.

*Any team involved in a Provincial Championship fixture on the weekend of 02-03.05.2026, will play their game on the weekend of 16-17.05.2026.

Round 2A (Four Games)

23-24.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The eight winners in Round 1 shall be drawn to play against each other, with the first team drawn having Home Venue.

Round 2B (Four Games)

23-24.05.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The eight Losers in Round 1 shall be drawn to play against each other, with the first team drawn having Home Venue.

Round 3 (Four Games)

06-07.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The four losing teams from Round 2a will be drawn to play the four winning teams from Round 2b, and a draw will determine Home Venue for each pairing.

The draw will be subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from Round 1 where possible.

Preliminary Quarter Final (One Game)

06-07.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

A Round 2A winner will be drawn to play New York

This will be a home venue for the Round 2a winner (exception: if London is the Round 2a winner, in which case, the game will be played at a neutral venue in Ireland).

Quarter-Finals (Four Games)

13-14.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The preliminary quarter final winner and the three remaining winners of Round 2A, shall be drawn to play at Home against the four winners of Round 3.

The draw will be subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from Rounds 1 and 2 where possible.

Semi-Finals (Two Games)

20-21.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The four quarter-final winners shall play against each other in the Semi-Finals based on a draw, subject to avoidance of repeat pairings from the championship, where possible.

Final (One Game)

11.07.2026 (Sat)

The winners of the Tailteann Cup Semi-Finals shall meet in the Tailteann Cup Final.

The Tier 2 Winner shall be eligible for the Tier 1 Championship the following year, regardless of league position.

Venues

Venues for the Semi-Finals and Final shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee. Notwithstanding any other provisions stated in relation to venues, all games involving New York will take place in Ireland.

GAA Football All-Ireland Junior Championship

27-28.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

Quarter-Final

Britain Runners Up v Kilkenny

The game is to be played in Britain.

10.07.2026 (Fri)

Semi-Final

New York v Britain Winners /Quarter-Final Winner

USGAA v Britain Winners /Quarter-Final Winner

12.07.2026 (Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

Format

- All games will be winner on the day.
- The CCCC shall determine venues.

Dalata Hotel Group GAA Football All-Ireland U20 Championship

09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) or 13.05.2026 (Wed)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Ulster v Leinster

16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) or 20.05.2026 (Wed)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

Notes

- A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Football Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Football Championship within a 60-hour period (from starting time of matches) and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling.
- All games Winner on the Day.

Dalata Hotel Group GAA Football All-Ireland U20B Championship

09-10.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) or 13.05.2026 (Wed)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Ulster v Leinster

16-17.05.2026 (Sat/Sun) or 20.05.2026 (Wed)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

Notes

- A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Football Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Football Championship within a 60-hour period (from starting time of matches) and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling.
- All games Winner on the Day.

AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Club Championship 2026/2027

AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Club Championship | 2026/2027

02-03.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Leinster v Ulster

16-17.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship | 2026/2027

02-03.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Leinster v Ulster

09-10.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Junior Club Championship | 2026/2027

02-03.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Semi-Finals

Connacht v Munster

Leinster v Ulster / Britain

09-10.01.2027 (Sat/Sun)

Final

Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

Note:

*The winners of Ulster & Britain to play off for a place in the All-Ireland Series.

Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County)

The following regulations shall govern the GAA Senior Inter-County Championships (Rule 6.12 (k) T.O. 2025):

Points

- Results shall be credited as follows; two points for a win and one point for a draw.

If a Team is Disqualified or Retires

- If a team is disqualified or retired during the course of the League Stage, its played Games shall still stand and its unplayed Games shall be awarded to the Opposing Teams

League Ordering

When Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- (i) Where two Teams only are involved - the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the Competition;
- (ii) Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For);
- (iii) Highest Total Score For;
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For;
- (v) A Play-Off

In the event that two teams or more finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by the following means:

- (i) *Least number of Walkovers given.*
- (ii) Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other (subtracting the total Scores Against from the total Scores For)
- (iii) Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved have played each other, and have finished equal in (ii)
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For, in which only the teams involved have played each other, and have finished equal in (ii) & (iii)
- (v) A Play-Off

Walk Over Games

In a League or Round Robin, and for league ordering, if a walkover is given, the team who received the walkover will be deemed the winner of that game.

Registration of Teams | Senior Inter-County Championship

GAA Code 12.2

Registration/Lists for Inter-County Senior Championship Games

Special Provisions for Registration of Teams and supply of Team List to Referee for all Inter-County Senior Championship Games

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Rules, the following requirements shall specifically apply to all Inter-County Senior Championship Games:

- (a) For all Senior Inter-County Championship Games, the Team line-out (Fifteen Players and maximum Eleven Panel Members - total twenty six) shall be registered with the Committee-in-Charge not later than 9 am on the Thursday before a week-end game.

Penalty: Withdrawal of Sideline Privileges from Bainisteoir for one game and/or maximum €1,000 fine on the County Committee, depending on the circumstances.

- (b) Regulations covering any changes to the Registered Team or Panel shall be included in the Competition Regulations and approved by Central Council.

Penalty for playing or including on the Team list submitted to the Referee, a player who has not been registered with the Committee-in-Charge: Forfeiture of Game.

- (c) A prescribed Team List (as issued by the Committee-in-Charge from time to time), confirming the 15 starting players and maximum 11 additional panel members, shall be submitted to the Referee not later than forty minutes before the official starting times of the Game and shall only contain the names of Registered Players specified in paragraphs (a) or (b), together with the Team Officials.

Regulations covering any changes to a starting team after the team list has been submitted to the Referee shall be included in the Competition Regulations and approved by Central Council.

Penalty: Fine on the County Committee - up to a maximum of €1,000 for each minute over the prescribed time.

Registration of Teams Regulations

As per Code 12.2, the following was approved by Central Council on the 29.11.2025.

As per the current code, 26 players are registered at 9 am on a Thursday for Senior Inter-County Championship games and teams may also register a maximum of **four additional stand-by players at 9 am on the Thursday before a game.**

Changes to the Registered Teams at 9 am on Thursday

The committee-in-charge may allow a change to the registered teams (including the additional stand-by players) after the 9 am Thursday deadline, for the following reasons:

- A player who is injured and cannot take part in the game, provided a medical report has been supplied to the committee-in-charge.
- A player is affected by the bereavement of a family member.
- A player has been suspended after the Thursday 9 am deadline.
- A player who was suspended and had their suspension lifted.
- The Committee-in-Charge accepts that a clear administration error has occurred.

Regulations

- Any player coming into the registered team must be from the standby list.
Exception:
 - Provided the committee-in-charge is happy that a clear administration error has occurred, a player not on the standby list may be added to the registered team.
 - A player who was suspended and had their suspension lifted may be added to the registered team after their hearing.
 - **A Goalkeeper or Sub-Goalkeeper may be replaced by another Goalkeeper and such replacement shall only be allowed to play as a goalkeeper.**
- A team can make a maximum of **three** changes to its registered team. (A change to the Goalkeeper or Sub-Goalkeeper or an administration error does not count towards the three.)
- Any player coming into the registered team must wear the number of the player he is replacing. No number higher than 26 may be used.
- Once a player has been removed, they cannot later be re-added to the registered team.
- **Approval from the committee-in-charge** is required for any change, and any request must be made at least **three hours before** the scheduled throw-in time of the game.
- **Any Player or Official who has supplied false information shall be deemed to have discredited the Association.**

Release of Teams

- The Committee-in-Charge shall release the registered team, along with the stand-by players, to the Counties involved in the fixture at 10 am on the Friday before the games and to the media at noon on the Friday before the game.
- The Committee-in-Charge shall confirm any changes to the competing teams at least two hours before the scheduled throw-in time of the game.

Changes to the starting 15 after the Team Sheet has been submitted to the Referee 40 minutes before throw-in:

- A team may make a change to the starting 15 after the team sheet has been submitted to the match referee 40 minutes before the throw-in, provided the match referee has been notified.
- **Any player removed from the starting 15 after the team sheet has been submitted can take no further part in the game, including extra time.**
- If a player is not listed on the team sheet to start but starts the game anyway, the player he replaces cannot take any further part in the game.
- **Any Player or Official who has supplied false information shall be deemed to have discredited the Association.**

Winner on the Day

All knock-out games in the below Championship competitions will be subject to winner-on-the-day regulations.

- GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
- GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
- Provincial Football & Hurling Championships
- Joe McDonagh Cup
- Christy Ring Cup
- Nickey Rackard Cup
- Lory Meagher Cup
- GAA Football All-Ireland Junior Championship
- Eirgrid GAA Football All-Ireland U20 Championship
- Eirgrid GAA Football All-Ireland U20B Championship
- GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20 Championships
- GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20 B Championships
- GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20 C Championships
- Electric Ireland GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship
- Electric Ireland GAA Hurling All-Ireland Minor Championship

Exception: All Ireland Senior Football (Tier 1) and Hurling (Tier 1) Finals, which will have Extra time in the original fixture and will be winner on the day in the event of a replay only

Player Welfare Information 2026

Clean Sport/Anti-Doping

Since 2001 the GAA have been drug testing players as part of an agreement with Sport Ireland and their policy to cooperate with the international Anti-Doping campaign administered by the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA). The GAA believes that doping is contrary to the spirit of sport, and every member has a duty to ensure that Gaelic Games are free of doping.

ALL GAA members are subject to the Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by Sport Ireland (Rule 1.14 GAA Official Guide 2025). While any player may be selected for testing, there is a particular focus on testing with regard to Inter-County players. Indeed, it is a condition of eligibility for the Government Eligible Expense Scheme, and all county team support personnel (e.g. managers, coaches, medical personnel, nutritionists, psychologists, and officials) have a responsibility to ensure that they are aware of the Irish Anti-Doping Rules and that there is an atmosphere supporting a drug-free sport within each County.

Clean Sport Education

- Rule 1.14 - Players must complete the GAA's online Anti-Doping module in the championship year (2025) to play championship matches and in the previous 12 months to play National League matches. As such, having players complete the module once in **early January 2026** is the optimal approach. Details on accessing the updated module for the forthcoming season will be issued in due course. Updated lists of players who have completed and are therefore eligible will circulate to administrators at regular intervals to ensure full compliance.
- In-person education seminars are available upon request via Eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie
- Players, Managers, Medical and Logistics Teams should familiarize themselves with the latest announcements, protocols, prohibited lists, resources etc. provided by SI and WADA in the Anti-Doping section of Tobar - <https://learning.gaa.ie/antidopinginfo>

Whereabouts

- Counties are required to provide Sport Ireland with both Senior Inter-County Team's whereabouts (collective training schedule) each quarter.
- Counties are required to update SI immediately should there be a change to this quarterly schedule (date/time/venue).
- This is to allow for randomised out-of-competition anti-doping testing.
- Each unsuccessful testing attempt results in a fine.
- Three unsuccessful testing attempts over 12 months constitutes an anti-doping rule violation.
- **2026 Update** – Whereabouts Information will be collated in a centralised Sport Ireland online portal. The key person or persons with responsibility for ensuring each senior inter-county squad's whereabouts information is up to date will be granted access to this portal once they make themselves known to eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie or mark.caulfield@gaa.ie.
- Further information in this regard will circulate to this contact list in due course.

- The Sport Ireland Whereabouts Text Messaging service is no longer operational.
- The Sport Ireland Whereabouts email address is available for **queries only** and not for whereabouts updates, these will be collected via the online portal – whereabouts@sportireland.ie

GAA Anti-Doping Key Contact

- Eoghan Tuohey, GAA Player Welfare Manager
- eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie

Anonymised Injury Data Collection 2026

- Anonymised data submitted by inter-county medical practitioners via the Foireann platform has provided key information on the most prevalent injury trends across senior IC football and hurling over the course of the previous three years.
- For 2026, the ask will be that practitioners continue to assist in this regard, either via Foireann or the RYPT platform, to collate and share, **in particular, lower limb muscular injuries**. As the most common injury in our games, the GAA's Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee are keen to see as many counties contribute to this anonymised injury data set at season's end as possible, for the collective benefit of all moving forward in the injury reduction space.
- Please contact Eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie for further information in this regard.

UPMC Concussion Baseline Testing

- Contact eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie to avail of free baseline testing for your senior inter-county squads. This important initiative has been proven to improve outcomes following concussion-based injuries and is available in either an in-person or online format.