**Cork County Championships 2020**

The revised Cork County Championships for 2020 were approved by the Cork County Executive last night.

The ‘Festival of Games’ outlined, incorporating well over 400 adult teams and over 6,000 players, will hopefully see a vibrant return of our games to all local communities in due reward for the magnificent contribution made by club members throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. It will reach a climax with 16 County finals and over 30 Divisional finals at adult level.

While risk of a second wave persists, this programme has been compiled in line with GAA guidelines and we will continue to operate on that basis, notwithstanding the future challenges which may yet arise.

All efforts were made to maximise use of the available club window and to provide club players with a significant programme of games in both codes and across all levels.

The inter-county programme confirmed late last week and the championship start dates for both of our senior teams in early November were also borne in mind in order to allow the maximum preparation time possible for our teams.

Consideration was given to a range of formats such as knock-out, backdoor and groups of three, however all three were problematic in terms of fairness and scheduling, therefore it was decided to stay with groups of four as approved by the clubs in 2019.

The framework included refers to the following county competitions:

* Premier Senior Hurling Championship
* Senior A Hurling Championship
* Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship
* Intermediate A Hurling Championship
* Lower Intermediate Hurling Championship
* Junior A Hurling Championship (divisional)
* Junior B Hurling Championship (divisional)
* Junior B Hurling Championship (open)
* Premier Senior Football Championship
* Senior A Football Championship
* Premier Intermediate Football Championship
* Intermediate A Football Championship
* Junior A Football Championship (divisional)
* Junior B Football Championship (divisional)
* Junior B Football Championship (open)
* Junior C Football Championship (open)

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| **Date** | **Fixtures** | **Senior & Inter. Hurling (5 grades)** | **Senior & Inter. Football (4 grades)** | **Divisional Junior A/B/C (8 divisions)** |
| June 29th | Contact training & challenge games (crowds < 200) |  |  |  |
| July 17th | Club fixtures resume |  |  |  |
| **July 17th-19th** |  |  |  |  |
| July 20th | Dressing rooms open (crowds < 500) |  |  |  |
| **July 24th-26th** | Club Championship w/e 1 |  | F Group I | Divisional |
| **July 31st-Aug 3rd** | Club Championship w/e 2 | H Group I |  | Divisional |
| **Aug 7th-9th** | Club Championship w/e 3 | H Group II |  | Divisional |
| **Aug 14th-16th** | Club Championship w/e 4 |  | F Group II | Divisional |
| **Wed Aug 19th** | Divisions / Colleges semi-finals | H semi-finals | F semi-finals |  |
| **Aug 21st-23rd** | Club Free weekend / Divisions & Colleges Finals | H Final | F Final | Divisional |
| **Aug 28th-30th** | Club Championship w/e 5 | H Group III |  | Divisional |
| **Sept 4th-6th** | Club Championship w/e 6 |  | F Group III | Divisional |
| **Sept 11th-13th** | Club Championship w/e 7 | Quarter-finals & Relegation p/o | | Divisional |
| **Mon Sept 14th** | **Inter-county training** |  |  |  |
| **Sept 18th-20th** | Club Championship w/e 8 | Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Rel. p/o | | Divisional |
| **Sept 25th-27th** | Club Championship w/e 9 | Semi-finals | | Divisional |
| **Oct 2nd-4th** | Club Championship w/e 10 | Finals | | C’ty QF H&F |
| **Oct 9th-11th** | Club Championship w/e 11 |  | Finals (alt) | C’ty QF H&F |
| Oct 17/18th | Inter-county competitions |  | NFL R6 v Louth (H) |  |
| Oct 24th/25th | Inter-county competitions |  | NFL R7 v L'ford (A) |  |
| Oct 31st/ Nov 1st | Inter-county competitions | MSH SF v W’ford |  |  |
| Nov 7th/8th | Inter-county competitions |  | MSF SF Cork v Kerry |  |
| Nov 14th/15th | Inter-county competitions | MSH Final |  |  |
| Nov 21st/22nd | Inter-county competitions |  | MSF Final |  |

**Calendar**

Championship games will begin on the weekend of July 24th-26th, with a planned conclusion weekend on October 2nd-4th.

The final weekend within the club window of October 9th-11th will only be used in the event of a clash of fixtures involving dual clubs.

Group stages will take place across six weekends from July 24th to September 6th, with a free weekend included after the fourth weekend of games.

The divisions / colleges semi-finals will take place on Wed, August 19th with finals on the club free weekend of Aug 21st-23rd. Currently, it is not expected that there will be more than four entries in either code.

Play-off stages will begin on the weekend of Sept 11th-13th, with a significant number of county players thus completing their club programme ahead of the resumption of inter-county training on September 14th.

The remaining county players will of course become available over the subsequent weekends as their clubs complete the semi-final and final stages of competitions.

Divisional Junior A, B and C competitions will also start on the earliest dates of July 24th-26th with County Junior A and B quarter-finals (involving divisional winners only) scheduled for October 2nd-4th / Oct 9th-11th. If no Cork Senior players are involved in the semi-final stages, these competitions will proceed to a conclusion in October. If Cork senior players are involved, then semi-finals / finals will take place after that particular county team has completed their championship.

The open Junior B and C competitions will begin in October depending on Junior B and C Clubs’ progress in their divisional competitions.

**Format**

Taking into account the decision of clubs in 2019 to significantly reform the club championships, it has been decided to maintain the groups of four for 2020 and to implement promotion / relegation as previously approved by County Committee.

Modifications to the format approved previously will be as follows:

* Two teams (instead of three) will progress from the groups of four to the play-off stages, this removing the need for preliminary quarter-finals. This will result in six teams qualifying for the play-off stages in most competitions, with the two top group winners qualifying for the semi-finals and the remaining group winner and the three second -placed teams qualifying for the quarter-finals. In the Premier Senior championships with one top group winner only will qualify for the semi-finals and the remaining two group winners, the three second-placed teams and the divisions / colleges winner qualifying for the quarter-finals.
* The relegation final will be a straight play-off between the two lowest ranked teams (in terms of points won and scoring difference) amongst the three bottom placed teams from the groups. There will be no round robin.
* The divisions and colleges rounds of the Premier Senior competitions will now be played in a knockout format with one team qualifying for the quarter-final stages.
* Divisional winners only, will qualify for the County Championship stages of the Junior A competitions.

All knock-out games will be finish on the day, where necessary and as decided by the CCC.

Group games will take place in the same sequence circulated previously as Rounds 1, 2 and 3 (included below). The sequencing of codes is to allow the fairest balance between providing an even spread of games and the challenges faced by dual clubs in changing codes.

All games will take place at neutral venues and there will be no double-headers during the group stages and for as long as the limit on public gatherings of 500 people persists.

**Other**

The County leagues in their current format are now considered null and void. An alternative league format after the club championships will be considered later if clubs wish to enter.

There are no plans to conclude the County U21 football competition at present. Divisions are welcome to complete their own internal competitions at their own discretion.

No decision has been made with regard to the club U21 hurling competitions. These competitions will be considered at a later date,

Finally, we thank all clubs for your continued support and patience, and we look forward to what we believe will be a significant programme of games for the club player and their communities.

Fixtures are listed below. Dates, times and venues will follow in due course.

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| **w/ e July 24th-26th** | | |
| Competition | Group/ Round | Fixture |
| PSFC | A1 | St. Finbarr's v Ballincollig |
| PSFC | A1 | Clonakilty v Carrigaline |
| PSFC | B1 | Newcestown v Ilen Rovers |
| PSFC | B1 | Carbery Rangers v Castlehaven |
| PSFC | C1 | Douglas v Bishopstown |
| PSFC | C1 | Nemo Rangers v Valley Rovers |
| SAFC | A1 | O'Donovan Rossa v St. Nick's |
| SAFC | A1 | St. Michael's v Ballingeary |
| SAFC | B1 | Eire Óg v Bantry Blues |
| SAFC | B1 | Kiskeam v Mallow |
| SAFC | C1 | Clyda Rovers v Bandon |
| SAFC | C1 | Dohenys v Fermoy |
| PIFC | A1 | Castletownbere v Aghada |
| PIFC | A1 | Newmarket v Na Piarsaigh |
| PIFC | B1 | St. Vincent's v Knocknagree |
| PIFC | B1 | Naomh Abán v Cill Na Martra |
| PIFC | C1 | Macroom v Kanturk |
| PIFC | C1 | Nemo Rangers v Gabriel Rangers |
| IAFC | A1 | Millstreet v St. Finbarr's |
| IAFC | A1 | Glenville v Ballinora |
| IAFC | B1 | Ballydesmond v Kinsale |
| IAFC | B1 | Rockchapel v Dromtarriffe |
| IAFC | C1 | Mitchelstown v Glanworth |
| IAFC | C1 | Mayfield v Adrigole |
| IAFC | D1 | Aghabullogue v Kildorrery |
| IAFC | D1 | Glanmire v Kilshannig |

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| **w/e July 31st-Aug 3rd** | | |
| Competition | Group/ Round | Fixture |
| PSHC | A1 | Douglas v Ballyhea |
| PSHC | A1 | Midleton v Sarsfields |
| PSHC | B1 | Bishopstown v Newtownshandrum |
| PSHC | B1 | Blackrock v Erins Own |
| PSHC | C1 | Glen Rovers v St. Finbarr's |
| PSHC | C1 | Na Piarsaigh v Carrigtwohill |
| SAHC | A1 | Kanturk v Cloyne |
| SAHC | A1 | Newcestown v Killeagh |
| SAHC | B1 | Bandon v Charleville |
| SAHC | B1 | Mallow v Fermoy |
| SAHC | C1 | Ballymartle v Bride Rovers |
| SAHC | C1 | Fr. O'Neill's v Kilworth |
| PIHC | A1 | Aghada v Youghal |
| PIHC | A1 | Courcey Rovers v Carrigaline |
| PIHC | B1 | Valley Rovers v Ballinhassig |
| PIHC | B1 | Watergrasshill v Ballincollig |
| PIHC | C1 | Castlelyons v Blackrock |
| PIHC | C1 | Inniscarra v Blarney |
| IAHC | A1 | Kildorrery v Mayfield |
| IAHC | A1 | Dungourney v Argideen Rangers |
| IAHC | B1 | Meelin v Douglas |
| IAHC | B1 | Eire Óg v Sarsfields |
| IAHC | C1 | Glen Rovers v Midleton |
| IAHC | C1 | Cloughduv v Aghabullogue |
| LIHC | A1 | Kilbrittain v Barryroe |
| LIHC | A1 | Ballygarvan v Russell Rovers |
| LIHC | B1 | Castlemartyr v St. Finbarr's |
| LIHC | B1 | Ballymartle v Milford |
| LIHC | C1 | Grenagh v Dripsey |
| LIHC | C1 | Tracton v St. Catherine's |

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| **w/e Aug 7th-9th** | | |
| Competition | Group/ Round | Fixture |
| PSHC | A2 | Midleton v Ballyhea |
| PSHC | A2 | Sarsfields v Douglas |
| PSHC | B2 | Blackrock v Newtownshandrum |
| PSHC | B2 | Erins Own v Bishopstown |
| PSHC | C2 | Glen Rovers v Carrigtwohill |
| PSHC | C2 | St. Finbarr's v Na Piarsaigh |
| SAHC | A2 | Newcestown v Cloyne |
| SAHC | A2 | Killeagh v Kanturk |
| SAHC | B2 | Bandon v Fermoy |
| SAHC | B2 | Charleville v Mallow |
| SAHC | C2 | Bride Rovers v Fr. O'Neill's |
| SAHC | C2 | Ballymartle v Kilworth |
| PIHC | A2 | Carrigaline v Aghada |
| PIHC | A2 | Courcey Rovers v Youghal |
| PIHC | B2 | Ballinhassig v Watergrasshill |
| PIHC | B2 | Valley Rovers v Ballincollig |
| PIHC | C2 | Inniscarra v Blackrock |
| PIHC | C2 | Blarney v Castlelyons |
| IAHC | A2 | Kildorrery v Argideen Rangers |
| IAHC | A2 | Mayfield v Dungourney |
| IAHC | B2 | Sarsfields v Meelin |
| IAHC | B2 | Eire Óg v Douglas |
| IAHC | C2 | Cloughduv v Midleton |
| IAHC | C2 | Aghabullogue v Glen Rovers |
| LIHC | A2 | Kilbrittain v Russell Rovers |
| LIHC | A2 | Barryroe v Ballygarvan |
| LIHC | B2 | Castlemartyr v Milford |
| LIHC | B2 | St. Finbarr's v Ballymartle |
| LIHC | C2 | Tracton v Dripsey |
| LIHC | C2 | St Catherine's v Grenagh |

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| **w/e Aug 14th-16th** | | |
| Competition | Group/ Round | Fixture |
| PSFC | A2 | St. Finbarr's v Carrigaline |
| PSFC | A2 | Ballincollig v Clonakilty |
| PSFC | B2 | Carbery Rangers v Ilen Rovers |
| PSFC | B2 | Castlehaven v Newcestown |
| PSFC | C2 | Nemo Rangers v Bishopstown |
| PSFC | C2 | Valley Rovers v Douglas |
| SAFC | A2 | O'Donovan Rossa v Ballingeary |
| SAFC | A2 | St. Nick's v St. Michael's |
| SAFC | B2 | Mallow v Eire Óg |
| SAFC | B2 | Kiskeam v Bantry Blues |
| SAFC | C2 | Dohenys v Bandon |
| SAFC | C2 | Fermoy v Clyda Rovers |
| PIFC | A2 | Newmarket v Aghada |
| PIFC | A2 | Na Piarsaigh v Castletownbere |
| PIFC | B2 | Cill Na Martra v St. Vincent's |
| PIFC | B2 | Naomh Abán v Knocknagree |
| PIFC | C2 | Kanturk v Nemo Rangers |
| PIFC | C2 | Macroom v Gabriel Rangers |
| IAFC | A2 | Millstreet v Ballinora |
| IAFC | A2 | St. Finbarr's v Glenville |
| IAFC | B2 | Dromtarriffe v Ballydesmond |
| IAFC | B2 | Rockchapel v Kinsale |
| IAFC | C2 | Mitchelstown v Adrigole |
| IAFC | C2 | Glanworth v Mayfield |
| IAFC | D2 | Aghabullogue v Kilshannig |
| IAFC | D2 | Kildorrery v Glanmire |

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| **w/e Aug 28th-30th** | | |
| Competition | Group/ Round | Fixture |
| PSHC | A3 | Midleton v Douglas |
| PSHC | A3 | Sarsfields v Ballyhea |
| PSHC | B3 | Blackrock v Bishopstown |
| PSHC | B3 | Erins Own v Newtownshandrum |
| PSHC | C3 | Glen Rovers v Na Piarsaigh |
| PSHC | C3 | St. Finbarr's v Carrigtwohill |
| SAHC | A3 | Newcestown v Kanturk |
| SAHC | A3 | Killeagh v Cloyne |
| SAHC | B3 | Bandon v Mallow |
| SAHC | B3 | Charleville v Fermoy |
| SAHC | C3 | Ballymartle v Fr. O'Neill's |
| SAHC | C3 | Bride Rovers v Kilworth |
| PIHC | A3 | Courcey Rovers v Aghada |
| PIHC | A3 | Carrigaline v Youghal |
| PIHC | B3 | Valley Rovers v Watergrasshill |
| PIHC | B3 | Ballinhassig v Ballincollig |
| PIHC | C3 | Inniscarra v Castlelyons |
| PIHC | C3 | Blarney v Blackrock |
| IAHC | A3 | Kildorrery v Dungourney |
| IAHC | A3 | Mayfield v Argideen Rangers |
| IAHC | B3 | Eire Óg v Meelin |
| IAHC | B3 | Sarsfields v Douglas |
| IAHC | C3 | Cloughduv v Glen Rovers |
| IAHC | C3 | Aghabullogue v Midleton |
| LIHC | A3 | Kilbrittain v Ballygarvan |
| LIHC | A3 | Barryroe v Russell Rovers |
| LIHC | B3 | St. Finbarr's v Milford |
| LIHC | B3 | Castlemartyr v Ballymartle |
| LIHC | C3 | Tracton v Grenagh |
| LIHC | C3 | St. Catherine's v Dripsey |

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| **w/e Sept 4th-6th** | | |
| Competition | Group/ Round | Fixture |
| PSFC | A3 | St. Finbarr's v Clonakilty |
| PSFC | A3 | Ballincollig v Carrigaline |
| PSFC | B3 | Carbery Rangers v Newcestown |
| PSFC | B3 | Castlehaven v Ilen Rovers |
| PSFC | C3 | Nemo Rangers v Douglas |
| PSFC | C3 | Valley Rovers v Bishopstown |
| SAFC | A3 | O'Donovan Rossa v St. Michael's |
| SAFC | A3 | St. Nick's v Ballingeary |
| SAFC | B3 | Kiskeam v Eire Óg |
| SAFC | B3 | Mallow v Bantry Blues |
| SAFC | C3 | Dohenys v Clyda Rovers |
| SAFC | C3 | Fermoy v Bandon |
| PIFC | A3 | Newmarket v Castletownbere |
| PIFC | A3 | Na Piarsaigh v Aghada |
| PIFC | B3 | Naomh Abán v St. Vincent's |
| PIFC | B3 | Cill Na Martra v Knocknagree |
| PIFC | C3 | Macroom v Nemo Rangers |
| PIFC | C3 | Kanturk v Gabriel Rangers |
| IAFC | A3 | Millstreet v Glenville |
| IAFC | A3 | St. Finbarr's v Ballinora |
| IAFC | B3 | Rockchapel v Ballydesmond |
| IAFC | B3 | Dromtarriffe v Kinsale |
| IAFC | C3 | Mitchelstown v Mayfield |
| IAFC | C3 | Glanworth v Adrigole |
| IAFC | D3 | Aghabullogue v Glanmire |
| IAFC | D3 | Kildorrery v Kilshannig |