

# Revised Inter County Master Fixtures Plan - 2020

26ú Meitheamh 2020



## Introduction

### ■ Context

- Covid 19
- Club Window running until Oct 11<sup>th</sup>
- Need to give all Counties returning at least 2 games
- Finish in the Calendar year
- 2021 is a new season!

## Senior Inter County Championships



- **Football:** Football Championship to revert to Provincial Knock-out – New York will not be involved; London will be involved pending travel restrictions\*
- No qualifiers in 2020\*
- Tailteann Cup to be postponed until 2021\*
  
- **Hurling:** Liam Mac Carthy Hurling Championship to revert to straight knock out provincial championship – 2 Round back door with All Ireland Quarter finals\*
- New draw to be made for Leinster and Munster SH Championships (Draws to be made on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Mc Donagh Cup to stay round-robin; winner promoted to Mac Carthy Championship for 2021
- No entry to 2020 All Ireland Hurling Championship for Mc Donagh Finalists\*
- Issue of what happens for 2021 Mac Carthy Championship should Kerry win the Mc Donagh Cup will be dealt with in final competition regulations

## Senior Inter County Championships



- **Ring, Rackard** to be straight knock-out; beaten quarter finalists enter Relegation semis; new draw required for quarter finals (today)
- **Meagher** to retain existing format\*
- Participation of the Overseas Units from England in Ring, Rackard and Meagher Cups will have to be on the basis of all games being in Ireland (Football and Hurling); it is also based on no travel restrictions in place between Ireland and Britain \*
  - *(If it is not possible for overseas units to participate, alternative structures will be confirmed for the Ring, Rackard and Meagher Competitions and in particular in relation to Promotion, Relegation and the impact on the Leinster Council's Hurling Championship motion passed at Congress 2020)*
- Games in Provincial Championships will be week on week in many cases\*
- Finish on the Day (i.e. Extra Time, Penalties) to be introduced in all inter county knock out games including, the All Ireland Finals at all levels (Senior, U20, Minor etc.)\*
  - Finish on the day for all inter county competitions in 2020 will be: 2 x 10mins of extra time; if still level, straight to penalties (as per Central Council Regulations)\*

## Allianz Football and Hurling Leagues



- Rd's 6 and 7 of Allianz Football Leagues to be completed – top team in each Division is League winner for that Division\*
- Football League finals will not be played\*
- Finals in Division 2 and 3 Hurling only to be completed\*
- Div 1 Hurling League Quarter, Semi and Finals will not be played
- Limerick are declared Division 1a and Clare Division 1b Champions for 2020\* - should they meet in the Championship, that will double as the Hurling League Final; if not title shared.

## U20 Football and Hurling Championships



- U20 Football Semis and Final to be completed\*
- U20 Hurling to be played concurrently with Senior Hurling Championships; no All Ireland semi finals; Provincial Champions meet in All Ireland final
- *C.C.C.C recommended to Management Committee: a player who plays (as a starter or sub) in the Senior Hurling Championship (Mac Carthy Cup) becomes ineligible for U20 until his Senior team has exited the Championship\**
- U20 B Hurling –exploring possibility of blitz type competition post Ring/Rackard/Meagher completion\*

## Minor Football & Hurling Championships

- Straight knock out – All Ireland series will not be played alongside Senior All Ireland series\*
- No All Ireland Quarter Finals in Minor Football or Hurling \*
- One All Ireland Semi Final in Hurling – Draw has been made in advance: Galway will play Munster Champions \*

## General Proposals



- No inter-county Junior Football Championships in 2020
- *2020/2021 Provincial and All Ireland Club Championships will not take place\**
- **2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Schools** – Competitions will be completed to Provincial Final stage only. No All Ireland Series at any level. \*
- County Finals in the same code should be completed by the 4th of October for Counties starting Championship (i.e. Mac Carthy, Mc Donagh) on the weekend of October 24th/25th and no later than Oct 11th for any county starting in those Championships on Oct 31st/Nov 1st.

# Hurling Championship Formats



- **Knock-out Hurling Championships Leinster & Munster**
- 1 x Provincial Quarter Final, 2 x Semi Finals, Provincial Finals (Draws on Friday)
- **Qualifiers:** RD1 DRAW
- 6 teams that do not make the Provincial Finals placed in a draw
- First 4 teams drawn meet in Rd1; These to include BOTH defeated Provincial Quarter finalists.
- 2 Leinster drawn to play 2 Munster; (1 Leinster & 1 Munster receive bye to Rd 2)

## RD2 DRAW

- 2 Bye Teams plus 2 Rd 1 winners in a bowl
- 2 fixtures drawn – subject to avoidance of repeat pairings where possible

## ALL IRELAND QUARTER FINALS

- Bowl 1 – Beaten Provincial Finalists; Bowl 2 – Rd 2 Winners
- 2 fixtures drawn – subject to avoidance of repeat pairings where possible
- ALL IRELAND SEMI FINALS – Subject to beaten provincial finalists not meeting the Provincial Champions from their province; and avoiding repeat pairings where possible





- **Ring & Rackard Cups**
- Draw for four **quarter finals** (to take place on Friday)
  - 4 winners to semis and 2 teams on to final (Ring: both finalists promoted; Rackard: only winner promoted)
  - 4 losers to Relegation semis in both
- Ring Cup: Relegation final with loser relegated to Rackard for 2021
- Rackard Cup: Relegation Semi Final losers are both relegated to Meagher in 2021; Relegation Final losers are also in Meagher in 2021; Relegation final winners to stay in Rackard.
- **Meagher** winners are promoted to Rackard Cup for 2021.

# GAA Calendar Sept 2020 to Dec 2020

September 2020 Week 36   5/6	October 2020 Week 40   3/4	November 2020 Week 44   31/1	December 2020 Week 49   5/6
	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p><b>Sun</b></p>	<p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>Connacht Football Quarter-Finals Munster Football Quarter-Finals Leinster Football Round 1 Ulster Football Preliminary Round/Quarter-Finals Munster Hurling Semi-Finals Leinster Hurling Semi-Finals Joe McDonagh &amp; Lory Meagher Round 2 Christy Ring &amp; Nickey Rackard Semi-Finals &amp; Relegation Semi-Finals</p>	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final (Leinster v Ulster)</p> <p><b>Sun</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final (Connacht v Munster)</p> <p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Minor Football Finals All-Ireland Minor Hurling Finals</p>
Week 37   12/13	Week 41   10/11	Week 45   7/8	Week 50   12/13
	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p><b>Sun</b></p>	<p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>Connacht Football Semi-Finals Munster Football Semi-Finals Leinster Football Quarter-Finals Ulster Football Quarter-Finals Hurling Qualifier Round 1 (2 games) Joe McDonagh Round 3 (1 Game) Christy Ring &amp; Nickey Rackard Relegation Finals Lory Meagher Round 3</p>	<p><b>Sun</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final Joe McDonagh Final</p>
Week 38   19/20	Week 42   17/18	Week 46   14/15	Week 51   19/20
	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p>Eirgrid All-Ireland U20 Football Semi-Finals</p> <p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>Allianz Football League Round 6 Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A, 2B &amp; 3B Finals</p>	<p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>Connacht Football Final Leinster Football Semi-Finals Ulster Football Semi-Final Leinster Hurling Final Munster Hurling Final Hurling Qualifier Round 2 (2 games) Joe McDonagh Round 3 (1 game) Christy Ring, Nickey Rackard &amp; Lory Meagher Finals</p>	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Senior Football Final</p> <p><b>Sun</b></p>
Week 39   26/27	Week 43   24/25	Week 47   21/22	Week 52   26/27
	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p>Eirgrid All-Ireland U20 Football Final</p> <p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>Allianz Football League Round 7 Munster Hurling Quarter-Final Leinster Hurling Quarter-Final Christy Ring &amp; Nickey Rackard Quarter-Finals Joe McDonagh &amp; Lory Meagher Round 1</p>	<p><b>Sat Bloody Sunday Commemoration</b></p> <p>Leinster Senior Football Final Joe McDonagh Round 4 All Ireland Hurling Quarter Finals (2 games)</p> <p><b>Sun</b></p> <p>Munster Football Final Ulster Football Final Bord Gáis Energy All-Ireland U20 Hurling Final</p>	<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p><b>Sun</b></p>
		Week 48   28/29	
		<p><b>Sat</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Final (Leinster v Quarter-Final Winner) Joe McDonagh Round 5</p> <p><b>Sun</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Final (Munster v Quarter-Final Winner)</p> <p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>All-Ireland Minor Football Semi-Finals All-Ireland Minor Hurling Semi-Finals</p>	

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