

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

All-Ireland Senior Football Round 1 (Group Stage)

Counties Participating

The following 16 Counties shall be eligible to participate in the All-Ireland Championship Round 1 (Group Stage).

- a) The 4 Provincial Champions (1st seeds)
- b) The 4 Provincial Runners-Up (2nd seeds)
- c) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League (3rd seeds)
- d) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League (4th seeds)

Exception to (d): *The previous year's Tailteann Cup Winners if not already qualified as one of the teams in (a) to (d) above, shall be eligible instead of the team in (d) 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.

Group Composition and order of games

- The All-Ireland Group Stage shall be on a League basis of four Groups of four teams (Groups A, B, C and D), with each team in a Group playing the other teams in their Group once. Teams will be awarded two points for a win and one point for a draw.
- The composition of each group shall be decided by means of a draw.
- Each Group shall consist of one team from each of the seeded classifications in (a) to (d) above. Teams who have already met in that year's **provincial final** cannot be drawn to the same group.
- Each team shall play one Home game, one Away game in Rounds 1 & 2 and one game at a neutral venue in Round 3.
- The order of games;

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Seed 1 v Seed 3	Seed 3 v Seed 2	Seed 1 v Seed 2
Seed 2 v Seed 4	Seed 4 v Seed 1	Seed 3 v Seed 4

- Home Venues shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

Points/Tie-Breakers – Group Stages

- See Page 28 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Schedule of Games

18-19.05.2024 (Sat/Sun) or 25-26.05.2024 (Sat/Sun)

Round 1

Seed 1 v Seed 3

Seed 2 v Seed 4

The games involving the Connacht & Munster Provincial Finalists will be played on the **18-19.05.2024**.

The games involving the Leinster & Ulster Provincial Finalists will be played on the **25-26.05.2024**.

Seed 1 & 2 will have home venue.

01-02.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

Round 2

Seed 3 v Seed 2

Seed 4 v Seed 1

Seed 3 & 4 will have home venue.

15-16.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

Round 3

Seed 1 v Seed 2

Seed 3 v Seed 4

Games will be played at neutral venues.

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

Preliminary Quarter-Finals

22-23.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

The four second-placed teams from Round 1 (Group Stage) shall be drawn to play at home against the four third-placed teams, subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and where possible repeat pairings from Round 1.

Home Venues shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

Quarter-Finals

29-30.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

The four first-place teams from Round 1 (Group Stage) shall be drawn to play against the four Preliminary Quarter-Finals winners, subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and where possible repeat pairings from Round 1 (Group Stage).

Semi-Finals

13-14.07.2024 (Sat/Sun)

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

Final

28.07.2024 (Sun) | (Replay: 10.08.2024 (Sat))

The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals shall meet in the All-Ireland Final.

Venues

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

Winner on the Day

The All-Ireland Football 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 only.

Tailteann Cup

Tailteann Cup Round 1 (Group Stage)

Counties Participating

The following 16 Counties shall be eligible to participate in the Tailteann Cup Round 1 (Group Stage).

- a) The 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (1st seeds)
- b) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (2nd seeds)
- c) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (3rd seeds)
- d) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (4th seeds)

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.

Group Composition and order of games

- The Tailteann Cup Group Stage shall be on a League basis of four Groups of four teams (Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4), with each team in a Group playing the other teams in their Group once. Teams will be awarded two points for a win and one point for a draw.
- The composition of each group shall be decided by means of a draw.
- Each Group shall consist of one team from each of the seeded classifications in (a) to (d) above.
- Each team shall play one Home game, one Away game in Rounds 1 & 2 and one game at a neutral venue in Round 3.
- The order of games;

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Seed 1 v Seed 3	Seed 3 v Seed 2	Seed 1 v Seed 2
Seed 2 v Seed 4	Seed 4 v Seed 1	Seed 3 v Seed 4

- Home Venues shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

Tailteann Cup

Points/Tie-Breakers – Group Stages

- See Page 28 (Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County))

Schedule of Games

11-12.05.2024 (Sat/Sun)

Round 1

Seed 1 v Seed 3

Seed 2 v Seed 4

Seed 1 & 2 will have home venue.

18-19.05.2024 (Sat/Sun)

Round 2

Seed 3 v Seed 2

Seed 4 v Seed 1

Seed 3 & 4 will have home venue.

01-02.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

Round 3

Seed 1 v Seed 2

Seed 3 v Seed 4

Games will be played at neutral venues.

Tailteann Cup

Knock Out Stage

- The Tailteann Cup Winner shall be eligible for the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship the following year, regardless of league position.
- New York will enter the competition at the Preliminary-Quarter-Final stage and play against one of the second-placed teams from the group stage.
- All games will be winner on the day, including the final.
- Venues for the Tailteann Cup Semi-Finals and Final shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.
- The first-placed team in each group shall have a home venue in the Quarter-Final.
- The second-placed team in each group shall have a home venue in the Preliminary Quarter-Finals.
- Home Venues shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

Preliminary Quarter-Finals

08-09.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

(Four Games)

The second-placed team in each of the four groups in Round 1 (Group Stage) shall be drawn to play at Home against New York and the three “best placed” third-placed teams in each group.

The draw shall be subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from Round 1 (Group Stage).

The three “best-placed” third-placed teams across the four groups shall be determined using the following criteria.

(i) Total Number of Points

(ii) Score difference – subtracting the total Scores against from the Scores for

(iii) Highest Total Score For

(iv) Highest Total Goals For

(v) Lowest Total Goals Against

(vi) A Play-Off

Exception: In relation to means (ii) to (v) above, if the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by a Play-Off.

If more than two teams are involved in a Play-Off, based on a draw conducted by the CCCC, two teams shall play-off for a Preliminary Quarter-Final place, with the remaining team(s) progressing to the Preliminary Quarter-Final.

Tailteann Cup

Quarter-Finals

15-16.06.2024 (Sat/Sun)

(Four Games)

The four first-place teams from Round 1 (Group Stage) shall be drawn to play at home against the four Preliminary Quarter-Final winners.

Subject to avoidance of repeat pairings from Round 1 (Group Stage).

Semi-Finals

23.06.2024 (Sun)

(Two Games)

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

Final

13.07.2024 (Sat)

(One Game)

The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals shall meet in the All-Ireland Final.

Provision if New York reaches the Connacht final

- New York proceed to the group stages of Sam Maguire
- Tailteann Cup would become 17 teams, with three groups of four teams and one group of five teams. CCCC to confirm the ordering and scheduling of games in the group of five teams, with each team having two home & two away games.
- The 3rd place team in each of the four groups would go to the Preliminary Quarter Finals and play the four 2nd placed teams.
- The dates of the Preliminary Quarter Finals, Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals would all be put back one week with no change to the final date.

Championship League Ordering (Senior Inter-County)

The following regulations shall govern the GAA Senior Inter-County Championships (Rule 6.12 (k) T.O. 2023):

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.