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GAA WORLD GAMES

— DERRY 2023 —

Introduction to the GAA World Games

The 2023 GAA World Games will see 97 teams from around the globe, across the four codes competing for a World Championship medal. The competition will take place from **Monday, 24th July to Thursday, 27th July** in Owenbeg, Derry GAA Centre of Excellence and the finals in Celtic Park on **Friday 28th July**. The competition is broken down into two tiers;

1. Open, players who were born on the Island of Ireland and emigrated and people who are born outside of the Island of Ireland
2. International, players who were born outside the Island of Ireland

Teams consist of 13 panel members and all games are 9-a-side. There are now more than 500 GAA Clubs in existence outside of Ireland and this is reflected in the presence of 97 teams that are confirmed for the 2023 GAA World Games and representing clubs from across Europe, New York, USGAA, South Africa, Argentina, Canada, Britain, Australasia, India, Asia and the Middle East.



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1. Schedule

Registration

- Registration will take place at O'Neills Superstore in Derry on Sunday 23rd July.

The Parade

- **Date:** Monday, 24th July, 18.30
- **Location:** Bishop Street Car Park - Parade through the Diamond and into the Guildhall Square

The Opening Ceremony

- **Date:** Monday, 24th July 19:00-21:30
- **Location:** Guildhall Square (Live music)

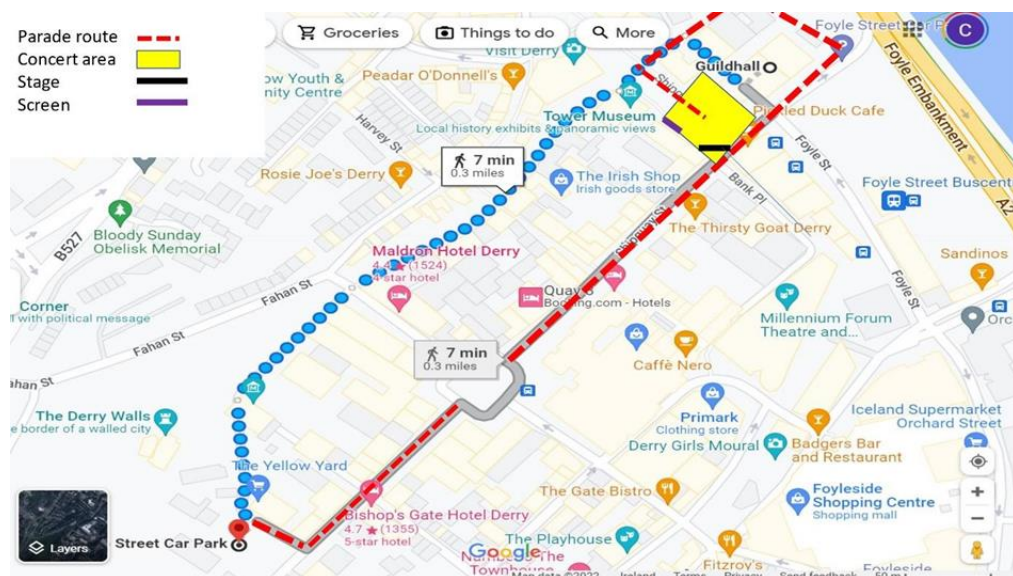
The Games

- **Date:** Monday, 24th July – Thursday, 27th July 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- **Location:** Owenbeg, Dungiven, Derry, BT47 4PW
- **Finals:** Friday, 28th July, Celtic Park, Derry 10:00-15:00

The Closing Ceremony

- **Date:** Friday 28th July, 18.00-22.00
- **Location:** Guildhall

The below diagram shows the route for the opening ceremony parade, with the parade stopping at the Guildhall Square.



2. Team Registration

The Co-Ordinators of all teams are to forward their team lists along with proof of residency by close of business on July 14th 2023.

Registration/changes to Team lists must be confirmed by the Team Liaison Officer prior to Sunday July 23rd 2023. Registration will take place in O'Neill's Sports Superstore Derry () on Sunday July 23rd from 9.00am -15.00pm. Teams should send at least one Team Liaison Officer to register their team at the O'Neill's Store. Following registration, the team kit/gear will be presented to the Team Liaison Officer by O'Neill's in the same venue.

Teams will be asked to register in order according to their unit at O'Neill's Sports Superstore Derry. Please register at the desk that has been allocated to your team.

3. Travel Grants

Travel grants will be paid directly to the County Board or Province once proof of flights has been provided.

4. Accommodation

Please contact info.worldgames@gaa.ie if you have any accommodation requests.

5. Equipment for Matches and/or Training

The GAA will supply all match equipment (i.e. Footballs & Sliotars) and will organise a quantity of Hurleys as back up for matches. Teams are expected to supply their own: Hurley's, Helmets, Studded Football Boots, Training gear & Mouth Guards.

6. Physios

The GAA have arranged for physios to be on site at the GAA World Games 2023 tented village in Owenbeg.

7. Water/hydration

There will be a number of water stations located around the Owenbeg for the duration of the Games. Participants are encouraged to use the reusable water bottles received in their bags at the beginning of the event.

8. First Aid

Adequate First Aid/Paramedics and Medical tent will be on site.

9. World Games Finals in Celtic Park

The FRS Recruitment GAA World Games 2023 cup finals will take place in Celtic Park on Friday 28th July commencing at 10.00am. Teams participating in the finals will receive a games schedule in advance.



10. GAA World Games 2023 Closing Ceremony

The GAA World Games 2023 Closing Ceremony will take place following the finals on Friday 28th July commencing at Guildhall, time TBC. The event is open to players, officials, partners, family & friends to attend. Further information relating to tickets will be published on the GAA World Games website in due course. The dress code for the event is smart casual.

11. World Games website & Social Media

The FRS Recruitment GAA World Games website will contain fixtures information, tournament schedule & the teams competing.

Website: <https://www.gaa.ie/worldgames/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GAAWorldGames/> Our Facebook page contains links to articles on the Website, Images from the event, stories on the lead up to the event, and useful information such as jersey launches & GaaGo offers. In the lead up to the event the page will also include the fixtures list in picture format. Players are encouraged to message the Facebook page should they have any questions.

Twitter: @GAaworldgames. On our Twitter page there are links to articles, photos of the event build up and communication with teams, promotion of sponsors links to event & O'Neill's gear launches etc. There will be daily updates as we get closer to the event on any news surrounding the World Games 2023.

Instagram: @gaaworldgames. Find posts on the lead up to our event as well as updates on our stories.

12. Transport

The following transport will be arranged for teams participating in the GAA World Games 2023:

- From Belfast/Dublin Airport to Derry
- Shuttle buses will be available from accommodation every morning and evening during the Games in Owenbeg (bus schedule TBC)

Belfast/Dublin Transfer to Derry City

Aircoach will provide a direct transfer to Derry, with a 10% discount provided to all players and officials attending the 2023 World Games.

Teams can book their transfers online at www.aircoach.ie

The discount code when booking is: GAAWORLDGAMES10

The below YouTube video provides a walkthrough in relation to booking your airport transfer.

<https://youtu.be/o4baEtfQGvg>

Please contact info.worldgames@gaa.ie if you have any problems with this discount code.

Shuttle Buses / Transfers from Accommodation to Owenbeg - We are currently working on this and will provide more details in due course.



13. World Games Opening Ceremony Information

The GAA World Games will begin with a parade around Derry City in which all teams and their twinned clubs are invited to participate. Clubs will meet at the Bishop's Gate carpark at 5.00pm and the parade will take place at 6.30pm sharp and be finished by 7.15pm, where music and entertainment will be provided in Guildhall Square.

14. Supermarkets

Please note there are many major supermarket chains located in Derry including Sainsburys, Tesco, Lidl, Supervalu and Iceland – dependent on your accommodation location.

Please note there are no major supermarkets chains located near Owenbeg, Centre of Excellence. However, there is a Centra mini supermarket located a 10-minute walk away.

Breakfast and lunches will be available for players, team official and food vendors will be provided for fans and supporters.

15. Laundry services in Derry

There are numerous launderette services in Derry, and services provided on site for those staying in Duncreggan Student Village Halls. Price is determined by weight.

16. Currency

The currency in Derry is sterling. Most ATMS, hotels, supermarkets & convenience stores will accept all major card types.

17. Electrical Point

The standard electricity voltage in Ireland is 230V a.c., nominal, at 50Hz, with plus being of the 3 pin IS411 (BS 1363) type.

The figures below shows the standard electrical point in the UK and an example of a plug suitable for use with international electrical devices and devices which can charge via a USB.



18. Public Transport

The public transport provider in Derry City is Translink, who operate rail and bus services. You can find more information on the bus and rail timetables on the Translink website; <https://www.translink.co.uk/>

We will work closely with teams to organise shuttle buses and transfers from airports in due course. In addition to public transport, there will be regular shuttle buses and arranged transport between Derry City and the venue for the games in Owenbeg. Owenbeg Centre of Excellence is approximately a 30 minute bus journey from Derry City.



19. Catering / Food Arrangements

A restaurant for players and officials will be in operation at the World GAA Games 2023 in Owenbeg.

The restaurant will be run and managed by Arbutus Catering between Monday 24th July and Thursday 27th July in Owenbeg Centre of Excellence. On Finals Day in Celtic Park, there will be food available for teams competing, which can be purchased on the day.

Teams should note the following in relation to the catering arrangements at Owenbeg Centre of Excellence

- All meals must be pre booked ahead of the games. To allow the caterer to plan ahead, teams must have their booking confirmed by Friday 30th June 2023.
- An app has been created for ordering food from the restaurant. The app is available in all countries and full details will be communicated with teams.
- The GAA will host an information session on Friday 2nd June at 2pm Irish Standard Time in relation to the World GAA Games 2023. Full details will be provided on the catering at this information session. We will create a video which will include a walk through on how to use the app, order and the logistics when you arrive – this will be shared with all teams.
- A menu has been provided by the Arbutus Catering – teams will have the option to choose from the options provided on the day. We have attached the sample menu on the next page.
- A vegetarian option will be available at all meal times.
- There is an option to order 3 meals at a discounted rate of £25 per day (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner). This offer is only available up until the 30th June. It will not be available after this date.
- The restaurant will be available for food at the following times
 - Breakfast 7am – 11am
 - Lunch 12noon – 2.30pm
 - Dinner 3.30pm – 6pm
- Grab bags will be available to collect from the restaurant (see menu for details) each day.
- The restaurant will have soft drinks and water available to purchase on the day.



Menu Owenbeg Centre of Excellence, GAA World Games

Breakfast (Monday - Thursday)

Full Irish - £9.00

bacon, sausage, potato bread, soda bread, mushrooms, beans, poached egg with tea/coffee

Continental Breakfast - £8.50

Cereal, Porridge, croissant, toast, sliced ham, cheese, jam, banana, pure orange, butter with tea / coffee

Lunch (Set price of £10)

Monday

- ❖ Chicken in satay sauce
- ❖ Slow cooked Beef chasseur
- ❖ Fresh local Seafood pasta bake with fresh Parmesan

Option of chips, steamed rice, salad bar

Tuesday

- ❖ Chinese chicken curry
- ❖ Beef stroganoff
- ❖ Thai red veggie curry served

Option of steamed rice, chips, salad bar

Wednesday

- ❖ Chicken stroganoff
- ❖ Beef bourguignon
- ❖ Veggie pasta bake

Option of steamed rice, roasted baby potatoes in rosemary and garlic, salad bar

Thursday

- ❖ Chicken, bacon and mushroom pasta bake with fresh parmesan
- ❖ San Marzano tomato and basil steak meatballs with aged parmesan
- ❖ Roasted courgette and penne pasta arrabiata

Option of chips, baby potatoes with rosemary and garlic, salad bar

Dinner (Set price of £12.50)

Monday

- ❖ Chicken fillet served with creamy leek and bacon sauce
- ❖ Peppered steak
- ❖ Tiger prawn Linguine with tomato and garlic served

Option of steamed rice, baby boiled potatoes, salad bar

Wednesday

- ❖ Roast pork loin with wholegrain mustard and white wine sauce
- ❖ Peppered chicken fillet
- ❖ Stuffed pepper with spiced couscous cherry tomato and Harrisa dressing

Option of rice, chips, salad bar

Tuesday

- ❖ Roast beef and gravy
- ❖ Gammon and parsley sauce
- ❖ Veggie brie and red pepper tarts

Option of chips, mash potatoes, roasted market vegetables, salad bar

Thursday

- ❖ Roast chicken with red wine tarragon sauce
- ❖ Beef with Bordelaise sauce
- ❖ Portobello mushroom stuffed with pesto, tapenade and Mozzarella

Option of salad bar steamed rice, baby boiled potato, salad bar

All Day Options

Grab Bag - £7.00

Sandwich, piece of fruit, bag crisps, bottle water and protein bar

DAILY MEAL PASS (£25 per day for 3 meals)

Players and Officials can purchase a daily pass to cover Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner or their choice for £25 per day.



Teams can contact the caterer directly relating to any special dietary requirements. The email address to contact Arbutus Catering is as follows; info@arbutuscatering.com

Please contact info.worldgames@gaa.ie with any further questions in relation to the World Games.

