

TEAM INFORMATION GUIDE

Waterford, Ireland | 12th - 17th July 2026

Introduction to the GAA World Games

The 2026 GAA World Games will see 113 teams from around the globe, across the five codes, competing for a World Championship medal. The competition will take place from Monday 13th July to Thursday 16th July in SETU Arena, Waterford, with the finals in Azzurri Walsh Park on Friday 17th July.

The competition is broken down into two tiers:

Open - players who were born on the island of Ireland and emigrated, and players born outside the island of Ireland.

International - players who were born outside the island of Ireland.

Teams consist of 14 panel members, and all games are 9-a-side.

There are now more than 560 GAA clubs in existence outside Ireland and this is reflected in the presence of 113 teams confirmed for the 2026 GAA World Games, representing clubs from across Europe, New York, USGAA, Zambia, South America, Canada, Britain, Australasia, India, Asia and the Middle East.

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1. Schedule

Registration

Registration will take place in SETU Arena on Sunday 12th July from 1pm-6pm.

The Parade

Date: Monday 13th July 18:30pm

Location: Waterside Car Park - Parade through the Apple Market and into John Roberts Square.

The Opening Ceremony

Date: Monday 13th July 19:00pm-21:30pm

Location: John Roberts Square (Live music).

The Games

Date: Monday 13th July - Thursday 16th July, 8:00am-5:00pm.

Location: SETU Arena, Waterford.

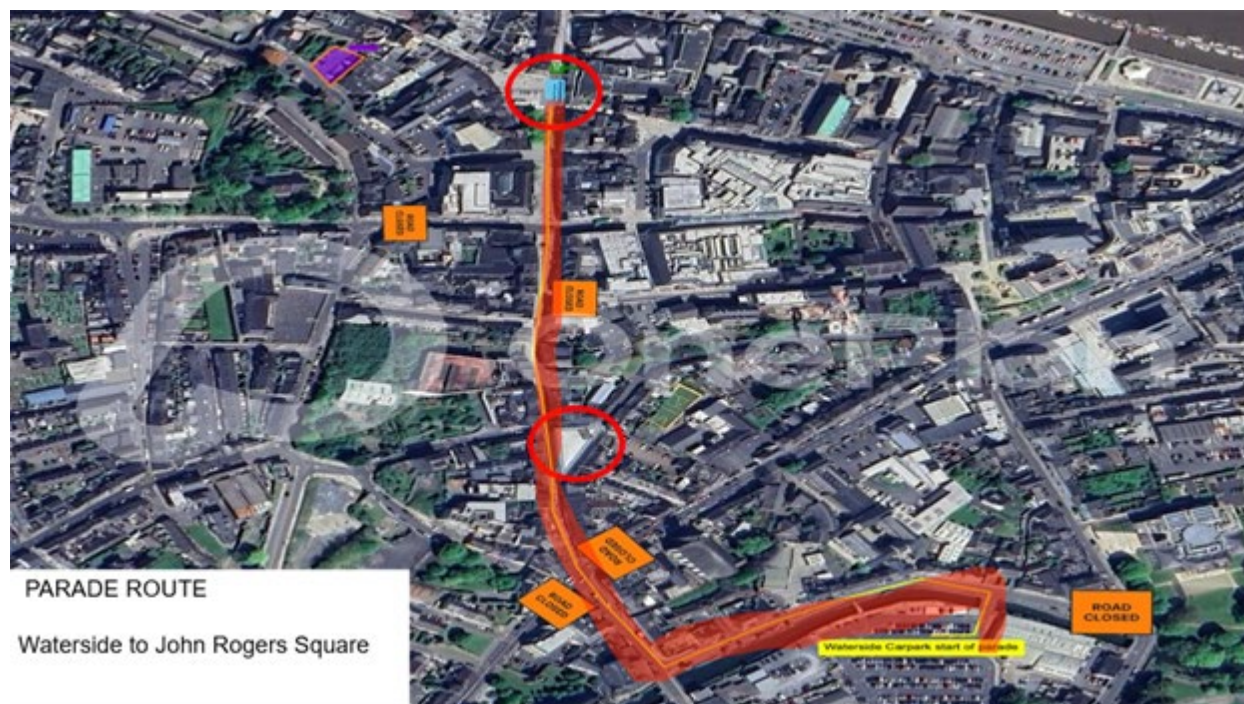
Finals

Friday 17th July in Azzurri Walsh Park, Waterford from 10:00am-15:00pm.

The Closing Ceremony

Friday 17th July from 18:00pm-22:00pm in the Apple Market, Waterford City.

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



2. Team Registration

Registration Information

The Team liaison officer (TLO) of all teams must forward their team lists along with proof of residency by close of business on June 30th, 2026.

Registration/changes to Team lists must be confirmed by the TLO prior to Sunday July 12th, 2026.

Registration will take place in SETU Arena, Waterford on Sunday July 12th from 13.00pm -18.00pm. Teams should send their TLO to register their team at SETU Arena.

The TLO will be presented with the following at registration:

- a. the team kit/gear
- b. registration pack that will contain all information needed for the week

Teams will be asked to register in order according to their unit at SETU Arena. Please register at the desk that has been allocated to your team.

Proof of Residency information

In line with the Charter, each competing team must have **proof of residency** (e.g., utility bill or proof of employment) and **proof of insurance**. The county board is required to provide all registration documentation to the Competitions Control Committee (CCC) upon request. We therefore ask that each team collate and retain this information, as it may be requested from the Team Liaison Officer/County board should any issue arise.

To reduce the administrative burden on teams, we are not seeking this documentation in advance of the games. However, each team must have all required information available, either digitally or in hard copy, and be ready to provide immediately if requested by the CCC. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.

Please confirm that you have collected the relevant documentation to support Proof of Residency and Insurance for all Team Members participating in the World Games 2026.

See [here](#) for more.

3. Travel Grants

Travel Grant information

Travel grants have been issued directly to the relevant units. Travelling teams will need to make contact and liaise with their representative unit to access the travel grant.

4. Accommodation

Accommodation information

Teams are responsible for sourcing and securing their own accommodation during the event. World GAA and SETU have shared a list of providers in advance to assist teams with this process.

5. Equipment for Matches and/or Training

Required Equipment

The GAA will supply all match footballs, sliotars and handballs.

Teams are expected to provide hurleys, helmets, studded football boots, training gear and mouth guards.

6. Physios

Medical Support

The GAA has arranged for physios to be onsite at the GAA World Games 2026 tented village in SETU.

7. Water/Hydration

Hydration Stations

Several water stations will be located around SETU 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

Medical Facilities

Adequate first aid, paramedics and medical tent facilities will be onsite.

9. World Games Finals in Azzurri Walsh Park

The GAA World Games 2026 Cup Finals will take place in Azzurri Walsh Park on Friday 17th July commencing at 10.00am. Teams participating in the finals will receive a games schedule in advance.

10. GAA World Games 2026 Closing Ceremony

The GAA World Games 2026 Closing Ceremony will take place following the finals on Friday 17th July commencing at the Apple Market, time 18.30. The event is open to players, officials, partners, family, and friends to attend. Further information will be published on the GAA World Games website in due course.

11. World Games website/social media

The GAA World Games 2026 website will contain fixtures, information, tournament schedule, and 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 and 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 and 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 2026.

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 available for teams participating in the GAA World Games 2026

- Bus service from Dublin/Cork to Waterford

- JJ Kavanaghs will provide return shuttle buses to service teams every morning and evening during the Games in Waterford (bus schedule TBC)

Dublin to Waterford

JJ Kavanaghs have launched a dedicated GAA World Games travel portal which includes discounted fares and various other options for teams travelling via Dublin to the event.

To access the travel portal please follow the link below:

<https://jjkavanagh.ie/announcements/official-transport-partner-world-gaa-games-waterford-2026/>

Cork to Waterford

1. Please be advised, there are no direct buses from Cork Airport to Waterford. To travel between the two, you must first take a local bus from the airport to Cork City centre and then transfer to a long-distance service to Waterford.
2. **Airport to Cork City:** Take the **Bus Éireann Route 225 or 226** from Cork Airport to the Cork Bus Station (Parnell Place). This leg of the journey takes approximately 20–30 minutes.
3. **The Green Bus Dublin Coach (Route 600):** Departs every 2–3 hours from **Anderson's Quay** (a short walk from the main bus station). This service on average, reaches Waterford SETU or Merchants Quay in approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Summary of Journey Details

Service	Departure Location (Cork City)	Frequency	Approx. Duration
The Green Bus -Dublin Coach (Route 600)	Anderson's Quay	Every 2–3 hours	1h 40m – 2h

*The Green bus - Dublin Coach - Home - The Green Bus by Dublin Coach is providing 10% off tickets for participants in the GAA World Games travelling from Cork to Waterford. Please use the promo code **GAA2026**.*

Shuttle Buses / Transfers from Accommodation to SETU Arena & Azzurri Walsh Park

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We are currently working on the logistics and will provide more details in due course.

13. World Games opening ceremony

The GAA World Games will begin with a parade around Waterford City in which all teams and their twinned clubs are invited to participate. Clubs will meet at the Waterside car park at 5.30pm and the parade will take place at 6.30pm sharp and be finished by 7.15pm, where music and entertainment will be provided in John Roberts Square.

14. Supermarkets

Please note there are many major supermarket chains located in Waterford including Tesco, Lidl, SuperValu and Aldi, depending on your accommodation location.

Please note there are no major supermarket chains located near SETU Arena Waterford.

Breakfast and lunches will be available for players, team officials and food vendors will be provided for family, friends, spectators and supporters.

15. Laundry services

There are numerous launderette services in Waterford. Price is determined by weight.

16. Currency

The currency in Waterford, Ireland is Euro. Most ATMS, hotels, supermarkets, and 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 show the standard electrical point in Ireland and an example of a plug suitable for use with international electrical devices and devices which can charge via a USB.



18. Addresses/Dialling codes

An Eircode is Ireland's official postcode. You can look up your Irish address/location using the Eircode Finder, which allows search by address or map. It updates quarterly as new properties are added.

Waterford Phone Dialling Details

- Irish country code: +353
- Waterford area code: 51 (used as 051 within Ireland)
- International format: +353 51 xxx xxx

19. Public transport

The public transport provider in Waterford City is Local Links Waterford, who operate bus services throughout the city. You can find more information on the bus timetables on [Local Link Waterford - Public Transport Bus Service -](#)

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 Waterford City and the venue for the games in SETU Arena, is approximately a 15-minute bus journey from Waterford City.

20. Catering/Food arrangements

A restaurant for players and officials will be in operation at the World GAA Games 2026 in SETU.

The restaurant will be run and managed by SETU Arena between Monday 13th July and Thursday 16th July in SETU Arena. On Finals Day in Azzurri Walsh 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 SETU Arena

The food app is now live and ready to take bookings from overseas teams/groups wishing to book in breakfasts, lunch, pack lunch, and dinners here at the arena.

The 'Buyticket' app will need to be downloaded first by the booker, to purchase their meals.

<https://tinyurl.com/GAA-World-Games>

***Daily menu offerings can be viewed on the app by the client making the bookings*.**

All dietary requirements, Al halal, Vegan, vegetarian etc, will be catered for during the week of the games.

Meal items will be available from the Pavilion restaurant on the first floor, and a pick point for grab and go packs, will be located on the ground floor.

Breakfast will be served from 7am-11am, lunch 11am-3pm, and dinner served from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

Independent food vendors will be on site also during the games, offering a range of cuisine, and taking cash and card methods of payment.

On Finals Day in Azzurri Walsh Park, there will be food available for teams competing, which can be purchased on the day.

21. Charter

View the World Games charter [Here](#) .

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

22. Fixtures

Fixtures are available to view [here](#)