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# Meaningful games for players of all abilities



# By the end of U-12 season players should

- **Have a great love and fondness for playing gaelic games**
- Have an understanding of teamwork and its importance.
- Be competent with skills on strong and weak side in threatening environment.
- Be confident in their own ability.
- Have coaches whom they respect and trust.
- **Play the game because its part of their everyday life and they love it.**



# Seasons starts

- 4 leagues – section 1A,1B,2A,2B
- 1A – 8 teams, 1B – 8 teams,
- 2A – 6 teams, 2B - 7 teams
- Each team plays each other once in league format with 2A + B taking a different format
- Teams then divided into 3 festivals – Festivals A,B,C
- Sections 1A,1B – 11 A Side
- Sections 2A, 2B – 9 a side with option of playing 11 a side

# Format

- **Festival A (8 Teams)**
- **Quarter Finals Thursday 12th June @ 7pm**
- 1st Division 1A v 4th Division 1B
- 2nd Division 1A v 3rd Division 1B
- 3rd Division 1 A v 2nd Division 1B
- 4th Division 1 A v 1st Division 1B
- **Four winners – Cup semi finals**
- **Four beaten teams – Shield semi finals**
- **Cup Semi Finals Friday 20th June**
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- **Shield Semi Finals Friday 20th June**
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- v
- **Cup & Shield Finals Friday 20th June**

# Format

- Festival B (8 Teams)
- Quarter Finals Thursday 12th June @ 7pm
- 5th Division 1A v 8th Division 1B
- 6th Division 1A v 7th Division 1B
- 7th Division 1 A v 6th Division 1B
- 8th Division 1 A v 5th Division 1B
- Cup Semi Finals Saturday 21st June
- v
- v
- Shield Semi Finals Friday 21st June
- v
- v
- Cup & Shield Finals Friday 21st June

# Format

- **U – 12 Festivals**
- ***Section C***
- ***Group A***
- ***The results between the Teams that have already met in Divisions 2A & 2B will carry into the Groups.***
- **Round 1 Thursday 5th June @ 7pm**
- 1st Division 2A v 2nd Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 1st Division 2B v 2nd Division 2A (Venue to be Confirmed)
- **Round 2 Thursday 19th June @ 7pm**
- 1st Division 2A v 1st Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 2nd Division 2A v 2nd Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)

# Format

- **Group B**
- ***The results between the Teams that have already met in Divisions 2A & 2B will carry into the Groups.***
- **Round 1 Thursday 5th June @ 7pm**
- 3rd Division 2A v 4th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 3rd Division 2B v 4th Division 2A (Venue to be Confirmed)
- **Round 2 Thursday 19th June @ 7pm**
- 3rd Division 2A v 3rd Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 4th Division 2A v 4th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- **Group C**
- ***The results between the Teams that have already met in Divisions 2A & 2B will carry into the Groups.***



# Format

- **Group C**
- ***The results between the Teams that have already met in Divisions 2A & 2B will carry into the Groups.***
- **Round 1 Thursday 5th June @ 7pm**
- 5th Division 2A v 5th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 6th Division 2B v 6th Division 2A (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 7th Division 2B a bye
- **Round 2 Thursday 12th June @ 7pm**
- 5th Division 2A v 6th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 6th Division 2A v 7th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 5th in Division 2B a bye
- **Round 3 Thursday 19th June @ 7pm**
- 5th Division 2A v 7th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 6th Division 2A v 5th Division 2B (Venue to be Confirmed)
- 6th in Division 2B a bye

# Format

- **Quarter Finals Thursday 26th June @ 7pm**
- 1st Group A v 4th Group B
- 2nd Group A v 3rd Group B
- 3rd Group A v 2nd Group B
- 4th Group A v 1st Group B
- **Cup Semi Finals Thursday 3rd July**
- **Shield Semi Finals Thursday 3rd July**
- **Cup & Shield Finals Thursday 3rd July**
- ***Section C***
- **Plate Quarter Final Thursday 3rd July**
- (i) 4th Group C v 5th Group B
- **Plate Semi Finals Thursday 3rd July**
- 1st Group C v Winner (i)
- 2nd Group C v 3rd Group C

# Rules

- **Go Games Rules apply**
- **A – two play rule**
- **B – Player that is fouled takes own free kick**
- **C – Player nearest sideline takes sideline ball**
- **D – Keeper takes all kick outs**
- **E – Anyone can take 45**
- **F – We recommend allowing players opportunity to play in all positions**

# Rules

- 4 quarters of 12 minutes in league section/ 7 mins. in Festival). Team sheet must be handed in at beginning of each quarter.
- All players must play at least two quarters.
- Substitutions must take place at end of each quarter only
- Emphasis on FUN and skill development.
- Skill star competitions to be held in conjunction with festivals. Teams must have player to represent them chosen

# So what does it mean for those involved

- Every team gets to a Semi final
- All players get to play in Markievicz Park (home of Sligo football)
- Players are able to be kept at own grade and teams with large numbers can have all playing through 2 teams
- Less pressure on coaches as rules state all players must play
- Happier children who are improving through playing continuously



# Remember the boys just want to play

