

EYHL2

Following the Hockey Ireland decision to increase the number of teams in the Men's EYHL2 for the 2020 / 21 season only – on the current basis of 2 leagues – this would have meant an increase of games from 24 to 52

There was concern of overplaying with this increase in EYHL games plus also playing in the Provincial leagues

The IHUA could not confirm that they could cover the increased number of games – as they are struggling to cover all games as per the current calendar

There was also the impact on the Provincial leagues by taking more dates from their calendars to fulfill an extra games

So it has been decided to split EYHL2 into 3 leagues – 2 leagues of 4 and one of 3 – which reduces the number of games from 54 to 30

This decision helps with all of the above issues of overplaying / umpire availability and minimum impact on Provincial leagues

Enclosed is a fixture list and amended calendar (note change to 1st Saturday from 10th Oct to 17th Oct)

To conclude the season – there will be a knock out competition of quarter finals / semi finals and final and those dates are included on the enclosed calendar

We are releasing these dates now so that clubs and Provincial fixtures can prepare for the season ahead

The new rules and regulations regarding how the season will conclude will follow early next week

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Chair of HI Competitions