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Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B Round 3
Réiteoir, Kevin Parke, (Aontroim)
i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill, Leitir Ceanainn
Dé Domhnaigh, 23ú Bealtaine, 14.00

County Board Chairperson - Mick McGrath

A Chairde, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus foirne bainistíochta chomh maith le na meáin. Is am an-deacair é seo d'imreoirí, lucht bainistíochta, chomh maith le lucht tacaíochta agus tá áthas ar CLG Dhún na nGall a bheith in ann na cluichí a shruhlú agus clár fíorúil a chuir ar fáil. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh achán duine sult agus taithneamh as an ócáid agus go mbeidh cluiche maith iomána le feiceáil anseo i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill inniú.



We welcome the players and officials from Donegal and Mayo to today's third round encounter in the Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny. Mayo hurlers travel to Letterkenny with two good wins under their belts a convincing 11 point victory away to Roscommon last week and hard fought 0-21 to 1-16 win against Derry in Castlebar in the opening round of games on May 9th. The most recent meeting between the sides was the very exciting 2020 Nickey Rackard final when goals from Davin Flynn and Richie Ryan in the last five minutes turned the game in Donegal's favour as they earned a 3-18 to 0-21 victory. It is fitting that the opening game of the 2021 Nickey Rackard will again see Donegal take on Mayo - in O'Donnell Park on the last weekend in June in a reprise of today's game. Leitrim have also been drawn in the same side of the draw with Mayo meeting them on the first weekend in June and Donegal travelling to Carrick-on-Shannon the following weekend.

There were no spectators to witness the heroics of both sides in Croke Park in November and unfortunately that is still the case to day in Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill. While only elite "inter-county games are being played, and only then "behind closed doors", at the moment it is our hope and expectation that spectators, even if only in limited numbers, will be in attendance before the inter-county season ends in August. The end is in sight and club games will make a very welcome return in early June. In Donegal, the CCC are proposing the recommencement of league games with the first of seven rounds on the weekend of June 11th to 13th. Detailed proposals are not yet confirmed for Junior Hurling.

As always, St Eunans' ground staff have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in great shape despite some very poor weather over the last week. Maith sibh. Finally, I wish both teams and the match officials, the best of luck and look forward to an exciting and competitive game.

Adh Mór
Mick McGrath

New Rules for 2021

Denying a goalscoring opportunity: Hurling

If any of the following infractions are committed, on an attacking player with a goal-scoring opportunity, either inside the 20-metre line or the semi-circular arc

- (a) To pull down an opponent or
- (b) To trip an opponent with hands, arm, leg, foot, or hurley or
- (c) To use the hurley in a careless manner (5.6)

the following penalties shall apply -

- (i) A Penalty Puck shall be awarded to the team affected.
- (ii) Additional to being issued a Caution (Yellow Card), the offender shall be sent to the Sin Bin for 10 minutes.

Exception: If the infraction is a second Cautionable Infraction or one that merits a straight Red Card, the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including Extra-Time when played.

Denying a goalscoring opportunity: Football

If a Cynical Behaviour (Black Card Infraction) is committed, on an attacking player with a goal-scoring opportunity, either inside the 20-metre line or the semi-circular arc, a Penalty Kick shall be awarded to the team affected.

Misconduct at Games by Team Officials

The following changes were made to the rules around Misconduct at Games by Team Officials and the introduction of the issuing of Yellow & Red Cards and Match Suspensions in place of Term Suspensions for several infractions.

Red Cards can now be issued to Team Officials for the following Infractions.

- To use abusive language to a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.
- To engage in Disruptive Conduct.
- Any type of physical interference with an Opposing Player or Team Official.
- To interfere with the playing of the Game.
- Minor physical interference with (e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling), threatening or abusive conduct towards, or threatening language to, a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.
- Any type of assault on a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.

Interfering with a kick/puck out

It's now a foul to interfere with a goalkeeper by jumping up and down, waving hands or hurley, or any other physical or verbal interference considered by the referee to be aimed at distracting the player taking the kick/puck out.

Advantage

When an Aggressive Foul is committed, the Referee may allow the play to continue if he considers that this presents the potential of a goal-scoring opportunity or another advantage to the team offended by creating or capitalising on time and space.

He shall signal the advantage by raising an arm upright and shall allow the advantage to run by maintaining his arm in the upright position for up to five seconds after the foul or for less time if it becomes clear that no advantage has accrued.

Hurling Board Chairperson - Manus O'Donnell

A Chairde, tá fáilte romhaibh uilig go dtí Pairc Uí Dhomhnaill inniu, tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche sár mhaith againn. On behalf of the Donegal Hurling Board, I would like to welcome you all to Letterkenny, today. Once again we are back in Naomh Adhamhnaín's splendid Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill and we welcome the hurlers of Mayo, for our third round game in Roinn 2B of the National Hurling League. No doubt, it will be a keenly fought contest and we wish all the team and Mickey McCann and his backroom staff every success, today. We have all struggled during the present Pandemic and it is great to have our County Teams playing our games once again and our Club teams will be back in action, in the not too distant future.

Following a very successful year for Donegal hurlers in 2020, winning the 'Double' of the National Hurling League Division 3A and the Nickey Rackard Cup, the hurlers of Donegal will strive to maintain, their upward progress in 2021. In recent years Donegal and Mayo have clashed on number of occasions. In last years Nickey Rackard Cup Final, there was a great game between the hurlers of Mayo and Donegal. After a titanic struggle, Donegal pipped Mayo, on a scoreline of Donegal 3-18 Mayo 0-21.

Since that final, Donegal have lost number of key players, including Joe Boyle, due to retirement from inter-County hurling, Davin Flynn and Ciaran Finn. With the return of former football

star Keith Higgins to the Mayo squad, we expect another close game. Donegal and Mayo have a long association with many Mayo people living in Donegal and of course the father of Michael Murphy, Mick Murphy, is a proud son of Ballina.



I have great memories of underage games against Mayo in the 1980's and 1990's when the late TJ Tyrell was Coaching the Mayo teams and I was Coaching the Donegal teams. Austin Henry and Jackie Coyne two former greats of Mayo hurling have recently helped our Hurling Board with the Development of a 'Strategic Hurling Plan', we are very grateful to them for their help and support. A number of Mayo hurlers have played Club and County hurling in Donegal. In the late 1980's and early 1990's George Delaney played with Burt and the aforementioned Ciaran Finn won a Senior Hurling Championship with Burt in 2019.

Finally, on behalf of the County Hurling Board, I would like to thank the officers of the County Board, for their ongoing support, the officers and members of Naomh Adhamhnaín and the ground staff at Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill, in their preparations of the grounds, today.

Adh Mór
Manus O'Domhnaill

DÚN NA NGALL v MAIGH EO CLÁR AN LAE Dé Domhnaigh 23ú Bealtaine 2021

13.00 Gates Open

13:38 - 40 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referee's Room.

13.37 Dún na nGall amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to clubhouse goals. Dún na nGall will use the clubhouse dugouts. They will wear Blue Bibs.

13.38 Maigh Eo amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to river end goals. Maigh Eo will use the river end dugouts. They will wear Orange Bibs.

13:43 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc

13:50 Toss

13.57 Amhrán na bhFiann

14:00 Tús an chluiche

14.38 Leath-am, Maigh Eo leave the field immediately on whistle and Dún nGall leave once Maigh Eo have cleared the tunnel (depending on added time)

14.53 Tús an dara leath

15.33 Crioche an chluiche (depending on added time)



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Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill

Sinéad is a member of CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin. She is honoured to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's Roinn2B Allianz hurling league match between Dún na nGall agus Maigh Eo in O'Donnell Park today. Sinéad is very involved with Scór, encouraging and mentoring young club members to participate. Sinéad herself is a former Senior Scór county champion in solo singing.



Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn.
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Seantír ár sinsir feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunnascreach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

Kevin Parke (Aontroim) – Referee,
Assistant Referee - Mark O'Neill (Aontroim), Linesman - Edward Óg Nash
(Doire), Fionntan McCotter (Aontroim)

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03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
04. The unauthorized climbing of any structure, walls or buildings in this ground strictly forbidden.
05. Unnecessary noise from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion Of nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.
06. Under no circumstances is it permitted to

- throw any object the pitch.
07. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.
08. Any person who fails to comply with the instruction from a Garda or Steward may be ejected from the ground.
09. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.
10. The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochana.
11. Any person who remains in or obstructs a gangway or circulation area may be ejected from the ground.
12. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence In the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.
13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

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Broadcasting and Streaming of Donegal Games

It is highly unlikely there will be spectators at any of Donegal's intercounty matches, hurling or football, in the 2021 Allianz Leagues. It is also doubtful spectators will be there for early rounds of the Nickey Rackard Championship or at least numbers will be restricted. CLG Dhún na nGall will try and ensure, however, that Donegal Gaels have live access to all of this year's intercounty fixtures.

Coverage of all of Donegal's football games in the 2021 Allianz National Football League will be either broadcast live on TV or available on the GAA's Streaming Service GAAGO. Yesterday's encounter with Monaghan was broadcast on both Eirsport and RTE and all football games are available to international viewers on GAAGO. Virtual Programmes for each game will be downloadable from DonegalGAA.ie

Donegal hurling unfortunately has not yet reached a level that attracts the TV broadcasters or GAAGO. Donegal GAA hope to fill this gap where required. We have already streamed the Round 1 win against Roscommon and the Round 3 game v Mayo today is available on DonegalGAATV via our website. The Round 1 Nickey Rackard Championship game, also against Mayo will be streamed live. Where our opposition are not streaming away games we will also seek permission to do so. We will provide downloadable virtual programmes, free of charge, for all games.

To affray costs we are seeking sponsors and advertisers, at moderate rates, for both programmes and the streams. Sponsorship of the game includes a video advert, your logo at the corner of the screen at all times and an advert in the virtual programme. Costs are in the panel below.

Advertising Opportunities - Football and Hurling Inter-County Games

Programmes

Allianz National Hurling League

Full page Advert €75, Half Page €40 and Quarter Page €20, Small ads on Teams Page €30

Allianz National Football League

Full page Advert €100, Half Page €50 and Quarter Page €30, Small ads on Teams Page €30

Nickey Rackard Hurling Championship

Full page Advert €100, Half Page €50 and Quarter Page €30, Small ads on Teams Page €30

Advertising Costs - Streaming

National Hurling League

Sponsorship of the Game - €150, 30-60 second advert €80, 15-30 second advert €60

Nickey Rackard Championship

Sponsorship of the Game - €200, 15-30 second advert €100, 30-60 second advert €70



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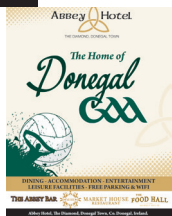


Gearóid Mac Giolla Mhuir
Gerry Gilmore

FIR IONAD

- 16 Dylan Lafferty (Diolun Ó'Laifeartaigh)
- 17 Conor O'Grady (Conchúr Ó'Grada)
- 18 Niall Cleary (Niall Mac Giolla Arraith)
- 19 Padraig Doherty (Pauric Ó'Dochartaigh)
- 20 Josh Cronolly McGhee (Seán Ó'Cronaile)
- 21 Colm Flood (Colm Ó'Maoltaile)

- 22 Dylan Duffy (Diolun Ó'Dufaigh)
- 23 Ruari Campbell (Ruari Mac Cathmhaoil)
- 24 Ryan Hiferty (Riain Ó'hAilbheartaigh)
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Donegal & Mayo will meet again in 2021 *(Damian Dowds, Inishowen Independent)*



Today's meeting between Donegal and Mayo is a repeat of last year's Nickey Rackard Cup final, and presents the westerners with an opportunity to avenge that six-point defeat.

It's the first of at least two contests this season – the counties will cross sticks again in the Rackard Cup next month. The winners of that first round game will embark on one route, the losers the other, to the final. And who would bet against Donegal and Mayo both qualifying for another Rackard decider?

The presence of both teams in Division 2B of the league certainly marks them out as favourites. Mayo sit joint top of the Division 2B table following up their impressive opening day win over Derry with an 11 point win over Roscommon.

Newly promoted Donegal had two points to

spare over Roscommon here at O'Donnell Park a fortnight ago, but were outclassed by Kildare last weekend. No surprise, perhaps, given that the Lilywhites will play in the Joe McDonagh Cup this season, two tiers above the Rackard.

Mayo have mostly been operating a division or two above Donegal over the past decade or so, but the home side have made great strides under manager Mickey McCann over recent years. In Joe Boyle and Davin Flynn, Donegal have lost a couple of key players who helped them to great success last year, but McCann is a shrewd tactician and will be relishing today's contest...which could be the first in a three-leg saga in 2021.

Incidentally current county manager Mickey McCann lined out at corner forward in an all-Burt starting XV when Mayo, featuring a young Keith Higgins, beat Donegal in the 2003 All-Ireland Junior hurling final. Donegal selector Jamesie Donnelly was also a member of that 2003 squad.

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FORMAT

- Two groups, one with three teams and one with two teams based on an open draw.
- Group A will be played in Round Robin format and each team will have one home & one away game. The top two teams qualify for the Semi-Finals and the third-placed team will play in the Quarter-Final.
- Group B teams will play in one fixture with the winner playing in the Semi-Finals, and the loser playing in the Quarter-Final.
- The winner of the Quarter-Final will play in the Semi-Finals and the loser will be relegated to the Lory Meagher Cup 2022
- The winner of the Nickey Rackard Cup shall be promoted to the Christy Ring Cup for 2022.

Group A	Group B
Donegal Mayo Leitrim	Armagh Tyrone

Group A	Group B
JUNE 26/27 Round 1 - Donegal v Mayo JULY 3/4 Round 2 - Mayo v Leitrim JULY 10/11 Round 3 - Leitrim v Donegal	JULY 3/4 Play-Off - Armagh v Tyrone
QUARTER-FINAL/RELEGATION PLAY-OFF (TBC) 3rd Group A v Loser Group B Play-Off	
SEMI-FINALS (TBC) 1st Group A v Group B Winner/Quarter-Final Winner 2nd Group A v Group B Winner/Quarter-Final Winner	
FINAL (TBC) Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner	



Donegal - One win one loss, two games

Mayo - Two wins from two games

WEEK 2

DIVISION 2B HURLING



DIVISION 2B / ROINN 2B	PTS
MAYO	4
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DONEGAL	2
DERRY	0
ROSCOMMON	0

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Nickey Rackard Contenders 2021



ARD MHACHA / ARMAGH

Manager: Pádraig O'Connor

Captain: Nathan Curry

2020: Armagh 1-21 Leitrim 0-12, Donegal 3-13 Armagh 1-9

First Game: v Tyrone



FANGLU ED / MAYO

Manager: Derek Walsh

Captain: Keith Higgins

2020: Mayo 3-32 Monaghan 2-10, Mayo 1-23 Tyrone 0-9, Mayo 3-23 Leitrim 1-11, Donegal 3-18 Mayo 0-21



DÚN NA NGALL / DONEGAL

Manager: Mickey McCann

Captain: Seán McVeigh

2020: Donegal 2-13 Longford 1-14, Donegal 3-13 Armagh 1-9, Donegal 3-25 Tyrone 1-21, Donegal 3-18 Mayo 0-21

First Game: v Mayo



TÍR EOGHAIN / TYRONE

Manager: Michael McShane

Captain: TBC

2020: Mayo 1-23 Tyrone 0-9, Tyrone 2-19 Monaghan 1-12, Donegal 3-25 Tyrone 1-21

First Game: v Armagh



LIATROIM / LEITRIM

Manager: Olcan Conway

Captain: David McGovern

2020: Armagh 1-21 Leitrim 0-12, Leitrim 1-11 Longford 0-12, Mayo 3-23 Leitrim 1-11

First Game: v Mayo

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Shane Boland

FIR IONAD

- 16 Gearard Ceallaigh, Gerald Kelly
- 17 Seán Ó'Riagain, Sean Regan
- 18 Gary Ó'Nualláin, Gary Nolan
- 19 Seán Ó'Caiside, John Cassidy
- 20 Corey Ó'Scaithil, Corey Scahill
- 21 Brian Ó'Fiach, Brian Hunt

- 22 Seán Ó'Cionnaith, Sean Kenny
- 23 Iasón Ó'Cadhain, Jason Coyne
- 24 Cormac Uí Pilib, Cormac Phillips
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