

GAA WORLD GAMES

— DERRY 2023 —

Introduction to the GAA World Games

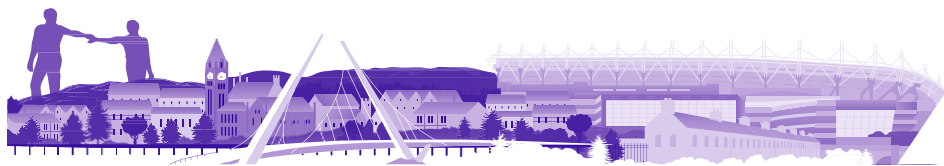
The 2023 GAA World Games will see 97 teams from around the globe, across the four codes competing for a World Championship medal. The competition will take place from **Monday, 24th July to Thursday, 27th July** in Owenbeg, Derry GAA Centre of Excellence and the finals in Celtic Park on **Friday 28th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

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)

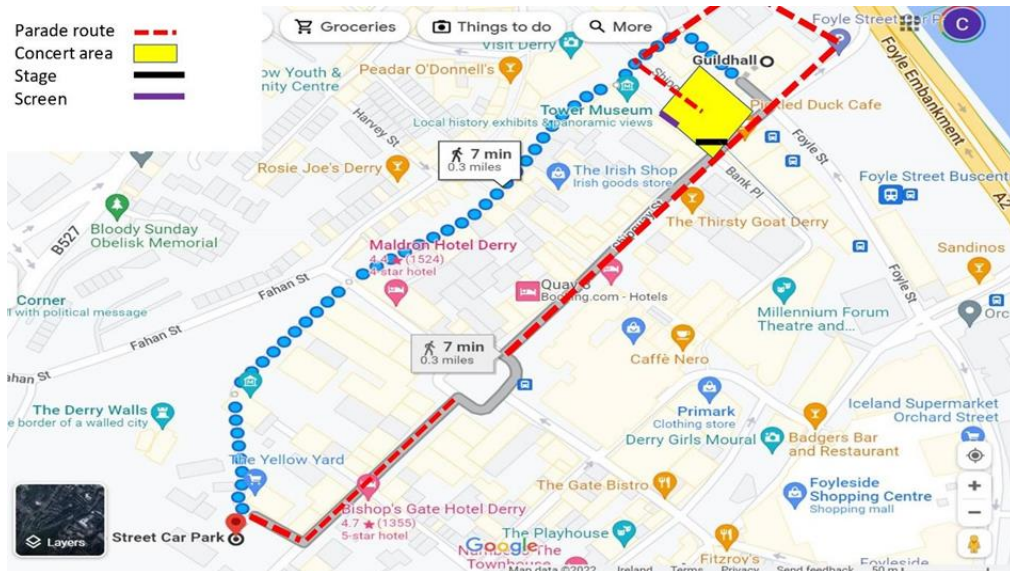
The Games

- **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 Team liaison officer (TLO) 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 TLO prior to **Sunday July 23rd, 2023**.

Registration will take place in O'Neills Sports Superstore Derry ([13-15 Waterloo Pl, Derry BT48 6BU](#)) on Sunday July 23rd from 9.00am -15.00pm. Teams should send their TLO or team representative to register their team at the O'Neills Store.

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
- c) equipment (footballs x 3 and slitars x6)

Teams will be asked to register in order according to their unit at O'Neills 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

The below tables provide a list of the accommodation available. We have been working on this in partnership with 'Visit Derry'. Please contact us directly if you are having problems securing accommodation.

Accommodation	No. of Beds	Standard	Details
Belfray Country Inn	12 - up to 19 rooms various dates	4 Stars	Full
Bishopsgate Hotel	8	4 Stars	Full
City Hotel	20-50 held various dates	4 Stars	Full
Da Vincis Hotel	15	4 Stars	Full
Ebrington Hotel	70	TBC - aiming for 4 Stars	Small number remaining
Everglades Hotel	20 - 50 held various dates	4 Stars	Full
Holiday Inn Exp Hotel	50	3 Stars	Full
Inishowen Gateway Hotel	15	3 Stars	Full
Maldron Hotel	20 - 70 various dates	4 Stars	Full
Waterfoot Hotel	25	4 Stars	Full
Whitehorse Hotel	20 - 41 various dates	4 Stars	Full
Roe Park Resort	53	4 Stars	Small number remaining
Ulster University Magee Campus	650	Student Accommodation	Full



Accommodation	No. of Beds	Standard	Details
Premier Inn, Derry	60	3 Stars	Full
Drummond hotel, Ballykelly	42	3 Stars	Full
Frontier Hotel	16	3 Stars	Small number remaining
Fir Trees Hotel	23	3 Stars	Small number remaining

B&Bs

Accommodation	No. of Beds	Standard	Details
Elagh View B&B	4	3 Stars	Small number remaining
Iona Inn	4	3 Stars	Full
Legenderry Guest House (Continental Breakfast)	3	3 Stars	Full
Amore B&B	3	3 Stars	Full
Groarty Manor	6	4 Stars	Full
Cathedral I View	6	3 Stars	Full

Self-Catering

Accommodation	No. of Beds	Standard	Details
Quay 8	14	4 Stars	Full
Jazz House - Whole Property price per week	6	4 Stars	Full
Diamond House Apartments	5	4 Stars	Full
Ship Key Aparthotel	16	3 Stars	Full
Derry Hostel	28 single beds	3 Stars	Full
St Columb's Park House	2 Leader Rooms & 3 Dorms - 45 guests	3 Stars	Full
The James Suite	3	5 Stars	Small number remaining
Ness Wood Luxury Glamping	4	3 Stars	Small number remaining

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 several 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 18.30. 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.

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)

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 family, friends, spectators, 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 show 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.

This document will be continuously updated as more information comes available

For more information, please contact info.worldgames@gaa.ie

