

## Underage Competitions 2018

CCC have reviewed the underage competitions in Derry and have made changes to the traditional league format for U16 and Minor football fixtures, to account for the change from U18 to U17 age group for County Minors.

We have 19 clubs supplying county players at U17 level and 9 clubs with U16's involved for 2018. We now know the county dates but won't know until after Derry v Monaghan which round of Qualifiers we will play in, leaving it difficult to plan dates where county players will be available to their clubs, both at U18 and U16 level.

The options were to:

1. Begin leagues at the beginning of April and ask clubs to play away without their county players.
2. Try to schedule one or two games with county players, then break for a month and play another game before the exam break, coming back mid-June for part two.
3. Provide an alternative competition, in keeping with what is happening at senior level, played without county players (unless they are available), beginning in April and running through to the exam break and then commence the U18 A and B1 leagues in mid-June. The U18B2 league would be played as a double round competition running alongside the alternative competitions.

Options 1 and 2 were explored but were not ideal.

**Option 1:** Clubs were being penalised in having to play without their best players.

**Option 2:** Had no continuity and deprived all non-county players of regular game time while waiting on county players to become available.

**Option 3:** This is the preferred Option. All players will get regular games from April through to the May exam break. This option also means that all players will be playing league football right through to the end of August with championships starting upon league completion. The new format will be:

**U18 A and B1 teams** will be split into 2 groups on a regional basis. This is instead of the traditional knock out preseason competition – there was less interest in these competitions than in previous years.

**Group 1** – HughesMcElwee - 14 teams. These teams have been further split into 2 groups of 7. They will play a Round Robin District Competition over a 7-week period with the winner of each Group playing in the HughesMcElwee Final on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Group 2** – CarlinDuffy – 12 teams. These teams have been further split into 2 groups of 6. They will play a Round Robin District Competition over a 5-week period with the winner of each Group playing in the CarlinDuffy Final on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**U18B2** – will play a double round league competition.

### Groups

Hughes McElwee		Carlin Duffy		U18B2
Magherafelt	Lavey	Dungiven	Glenullin	Ardmore
Ballinascreen	Glen	Steelstown	Banagher	Ballerin
Ballinderry	Slaughtneil	Claudy	Coleraine	Ballymaguigan
Greenlough	Kilrea	Craigbane	St Patrick's	Doire Colmille
Bellaghy	Castledawson	Faughanvale	Limavady	Doire Trasna
Loup	Callann Gaels	Sean Dolans	Slaughtmanus	Foreglen
Newbridge	Swatragh			St Michaels
				Lissan

The same format will be applied at U16 level. The U16A, B1 and B2 clubs will play in the Regional League Cup Competitions. U16C will play 9 rounds then splitting into Top 5 and Bottom 4 for a further 3 or 5 rounds.

### Groups

U16 Regional League Cup Group A		U16 Regional League Cup Group B		U16C
Bellaghy	Ballinascreen	Dungiven	Slaughtneil	Ballerin
Glen	Lavey	Steelstown	Glenullin	Ballymaguigan
Magherafelt	Swatragh	Banagher	Coleraine	Claudy
Ballinderry	Castledawson	Craigbane	St Patrick's	Doire Colmcille
Desertmartin	Kilrea	Doire Trasna	Limavady	Foreglen
Lissan	Loup	Faughanvale	Slaughtmanus	St Michael's
				Greenlough
				Moneymore
				Newbridge

### U18 League & Championship Groups

U18A	U18B1 - Group 1	U18B2
Ballinascreen	Ballinderry	Ardmore
Bellaghy	Castledawson	Ballerin
Dungiven	Callann Gaels	Ballymaguigan
Glen	Greenlough	Doire Colmcille
Glenullin	Loup	Doire Trasna
Kilrea	Newbridge	Foreglen
Lavey	Slaughtneil	St Michaels
Magherafelt	St Patrick's	Lissan
Steelstown	<b>U18B1 – Group 2</b>	
Swatragh	Banagher	
	Claudy	
	Coleraine	
	Craigbane	
	Faughanvale	
	Limavady	
	Sean Dolans	
	Slaughtmanus	
9 rounds	Divided into 2 groups of 8 for 7 rounds then split each section into Top 4/Bottom 4 for 3 additional rounds – 10 in total. Playoff between Group 1 winner and Group 2 winner to decide league winner	Double Round League – 14 rounds in total

### U16 League & Championship Groups

U16A	U16B1	U16B2	U16C
Ballinascreen	Ballinderry	Banagher	Ballerin
Bellaghy	Castledawson	Coleraine	Ballymaguigan
Dungiven	Glenullin	Craigbane	Claudy
Glen	Kilrea	Doire Trasna	Doire Colmcille
Lavey	Lissan	St Patrick's	Foreglen
Magherafelt	Loup	Faughanvale	St Michael's
Swatragh	Desertmartin	Limavady	Greenlough
Steelstown	Slaughtneil	Slaughtmanus	Moneymore
			Newbridge

## U14 Football Dates

League
1 <sup>st</sup> May – Round 1
8 <sup>th</sup> May – Round 2
* games involving Féile finalists may be postponed until 24 <sup>th</sup> July
15 <sup>th</sup> May – Round 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Round 4
29 <sup>th</sup> May – Round 5
5 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 6
12 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 7
19 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 8
26 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 9
17 <sup>th</sup> July – Round 10
24 <sup>th</sup> July ** Round 2 involving Féile finalists
Groups of 8 teams (or less) will have 7 games then split into Top 4 Bottom 4 for the last 3 rounds. Groups of more than 8 teams will play a single round league
Championship
31 <sup>st</sup> July - Prelim
7 <sup>th</sup> August – ¼ Finals
14 <sup>th</sup> August – ½ Finals
24 <sup>th</sup> August - Finals

## U16 Football Dates

Cup Competitions and League A, B1 & B2	League for C
5 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 1	Round 1
12 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 2	Round 2
19 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 3	Round 3
26 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 4	Round 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> May – Round 5	Round 5
10 <sup>h</sup> May – League Cup Finals	
Leagues	
14 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 1	Round 6
21 <sup>st</sup> June – Round 2	Round 7
28 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 3	Round 8
19 <sup>th</sup> July – Round 4	Round 9
26 <sup>th</sup> July – Round 5	Round 10
2 <sup>nd</sup> August – Round 6	Round 11
9 <sup>th</sup> August – Round 7	Round 12
16 <sup>th</sup> August – Round 8	Round 13
23 <sup>rd</sup> August – Round 9	Round 14
Championship	
30 <sup>th</sup> August - Prelim	
13 <sup>th</sup> September – ¼ finals	
27 <sup>th</sup> September – ½ finals	
6 <sup>th</sup> October - Finals	

## U18 Football Dates

Cup Competitions and League for A & B1	League for B2
2 <sup>nd</sup> April - Round 1	
9 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 2	Round 1
16 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 3	Round 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Round 4	Round 3
30 <sup>th</sup> April – Round 5	Round 4
7 <sup>th</sup> May – Round 6	
14 <sup>th</sup> May – Round 7	Round 5
League	
11 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 1	Round 6
18 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 2	Round 7
25 <sup>th</sup> June – Round 3	Round 8
29 <sup>th</sup> June – Cup Finals	
16 <sup>th</sup> July – Round 4	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Round 5	Round 9
30 <sup>th</sup> July – Round 6	Round 10
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Round 7	Round 11
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Round 8	Round 12
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Round 9	Round 13
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Round 10	Round 14
Date for B1 Final tbc	
Championship	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September – Prelim	
17 <sup>th</sup> September – ¼ Finals	
1 <sup>st</sup> October – ½ Finals	
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Finals (*A Final 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct if not same clubs as SFC Final)	

The schedule for underage competitions leaves little wriggle room for rearranged matches.

As agreed with clubs who attended the October meetings there will be NO postponements in underage games unless in exceptional circumstances and agreed by both clubs. A new date must be agreed when a postponement is sought. If the game is not played on the agreed rearranged date it will be forfeited.

### Under 14 Hurling

League	
U14A	U14B
11 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May
18 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May
25 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
1 <sup>st</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June
8 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
15 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> July
29 <sup>th</sup> June	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	
27 <sup>h</sup> July	
Championship	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	
17 <sup>th</sup> August	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	

### U16 Hurling

League
17 <sup>th</sup> June
24 <sup>th</sup> June
1 <sup>st</sup> July
15 <sup>th</sup> July
22 <sup>nd</sup> July
29 <sup>th</sup> July
5 <sup>th</sup> August
12 <sup>th</sup> August – Finals Day
Championship
9 <sup>th</sup> September – ¼ Finals
23 <sup>rd</sup> September – ½ Finals
20 <sup>th</sup> October

### U18 Hurling Championship

5 <sup>th</sup> September
10 <sup>th</sup> October
27 <sup>th</sup> October