



# CLUB FIXTURES

## DISCUSSION / CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

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## Club Fixtures Programme & Adult Competitions Formats for 2014

What separates the Gaelic footballer from the footballers in other codes is their total dedication to their local team and to the ideal of doing something special for their own community.

### We know...

- Our adult club fixtures programme is not what we would want it to be – regular *games for the greatest number within a defined time frame of a playing season*.
- The current lock out – lock down impact of county football on league activity in February, March & April.
- We know that senior club activity in April past could have been limited to one starred game....and putting those two periods together ...there might have been just one competitive round of SFL football played by May 1st 2013.
- We know that we cannot justify a full month (June and perhaps some part of July) with no football for club players in our 20 senior squads.
- We know the difficulties with the months of November and December.
- And we have **the ever increasing pressure on the club fixtures programme due to**
  - the changes in recent years to inter-county competition fixture lists (NFLs & Qualifiers )
  - the new intensity levels of county squad preparation and the additional demands on our club players who are county players

### We need a **BIG CONVERSATION** and an inclusive conversation with all of our stakeholders:

Senior players

Reserve players

Referees

Management(s) - County senior  
- Club senior  
- Reserve  
- Club committee  
- County committee  
- CCC  
- Finance committee  
- The 4/5/6/7 day a week volunteer support team at club and  
- County level

Young & old put heart and soul into our clubs. We are looking to improve things, especially for the club player. So, a bit of reading is involved.

## **The document content is divided into two sections:**

- 1) With a discussion points section to help us share viewpoints, to consider questions & statements which challenge our thinking...and perhaps to add some additional points.
- 2) The proposals section where very dedicated individuals have offered ideas for our consideration.

No specific brief had been given by CCC, so, the proposals are different in their scope and intent.

## **The consultation arrangements:**

- 1) Hard copies of the documentation will be provided to the following in each club:
  - **the club co-ordinator** i.e. the person who will lead and co-ordinate the consultation exercise within the club
  - **county player**
  - **senior club player**
  - **reserve team player**
  - **committee member /4,5,6,7 day a week volunteer**

In addition – volunteer members of our different county committees are invited to pick up documents, if they want to contribute (the best way of doing this to avoid leaving someone out), and of course, County Senior Management.

- 2) Clubs will have the summer months to have their internal consultation & discussions. Each club will be asked to make a make a response to the discussion points set out in the first half of the document. A response form will be prepared and circulated to club co-ordinators by the end of June. Clubs will return the completed response form no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, to allow us collate data for the September County Committee meeting.
- 3) A report on the content of the responses returned by the club co-ordinators shall be compiled.
- 4) In mid September there will be a meeting for club groups, as set out in the table below to share responses and to take the process forward. The club people in Point (1) above will represent their clubs.

### **Adult Football Discussion Documents - Club Groupings**

ERNE GAELS	ENNISKILLEN	TEEMORE	LISNASKEA
DEVENISH	COA	DERRYLIN	AUGHADRUMSEE
DERRYGONNELLY	TEMPO	KINAWLEY	ST.PAT'S DONAGH
IRVINESTOWN	BROOKEBORO	BELCOO	NEWTOWNBUTLER
ST.JOSEPH'S	MAGUIRESBRIDGE	BELNALECK	ROSLEA

**The engagement with our players is hugely relevant.**

## Club & County Fixtures

### Some Key Questions – for which we need to find answers

- **Start date**
  - Can we start our club fixtures earlier when the enthusiasm levels and squad preparations are on the rise?
- **Our Senior Leagues**
  - Is there a league competitions format that would allow league football to roll on for the 20 senior club squads?
- **Our championships**
  - Is there a championship competition format that would operate separately from the senior leagues and provide within it a promotion and relegation process that has the effect of strengthening our championships across **three levels, senior, intermediate and junior?**

### Things that we know

- There are two parallel programmes of fixtures, and training/ preparation for county and club.
- We all share a key group of players.
- The conflicting demands of the county and club fixtures programmes – is sometimes called **“the club versus county conflict”**.
- At national level the club programme is the junior partner because of the status and revenue.
- For us club people, the club is the corner stone and we know and believe that it is more important for the GAA that it is strong and vibrant at its base.

### Discussion Points

#### Discussion Point 1

CCC and Senior County team management need to respectfully co-ordinate and sequence the two efforts, for the good of our county players and our club players.

- County team managers by the end of January provide CCC with details of proposed training camp dates / team bonding weekends to facilitate the functioning of a consistent programme of games for the Club players.
- CCC’s responsibility ... on behalf of the clubs, to act as “the custodians of the club fixtures programme in the county”

**The members our county squads are “elite amateur athletes”** who selflessly dedicate a period of their life to the pursuit of sporting excellence because of their love for the game, their club community, their county and the respect and prestige attached to the title of “County Player” . While giving what amounts to professional levels of commitment, a lot of them are studying in a very competitive 3<sup>rd</sup> level college environment, others trying to manage the demands of a full time job, some of them with family responsibilities, and others maybe not yet with the security of a full time job.

There is a big additional work load (mentally & physically) for our club players who are on the county squad.

## **The Annual Activity Calendar**

Members of our county squad are on average training five times a week

- **November, December, January** .... Strength & Conditioning work, 3<sup>rd</sup> Level College Leagues, McKenna Cup & Provincial competitions (one third of the county player group are students).
- **February, March, April** ..... Sigerson Cup, National Football League. Senior Football Leagues 1 & 2?
- **May, June, July**..... Championship preparations and the associated training and game time programme with 5 to 6 sessions a week, the extra championship football with the Qualifiers & Senior Football Leagues 1 & 2.
- **August, September, October**.....Club championships and the concluding stages of Senior Football Leagues 1 & 2.
- **November**..... **Back to the start of the cycle again!** Strength & Conditioning work, 3<sup>rd</sup> Level College Leagues, Mc Kenna Cup and SFL 1 & 2? **And** - Ulster club championships getting priority with the inevitable fixtures entanglements!

### **Discussion Point 2**

Is it likely that there will be more or less county football to be played in the future? (FRC & GPA championship proposals). Is doing nothing the way forward? – A question to keep in mind!

### **Discussion Point 3**

Player Welfare Concerns within a County Squad.

### **What are the issues for county players & management in terms of?**

- Personal well being, mentally & physically, wear & tear, trying to stay fresh etc
- Trying to maintain a balance between their role and status as elite amateur athletes, and their roles, as serious students, or properly focussed employees, or individuals working for themselves
- The suggestion that (all) members of the county squad could be available to play all games for club and county
- The implications for the length of the season if the Club Fixtures Schedule has to be planned so that the members of the senior county panel have to be available to play all our county and club games
- The suitability of leaving league games to November – December for your player group ... and the suitability for our club players of having no club games for 4,5,6 weeks in June, July - or April !
- Are members of County squads sometimes over stretched by their commitments?
- Is there a need for a closed season within the above calendar? How important is it?

#### **Discussion Point 4 - To assist with the belief that we keep the club games going**

- The potential for a reduced day gap between club and county activity (with several counties presently choosing to follow a six day rule) instead of the obligatory 13 day rule which would allow club activity to roll on – because “*it keeps players grounded and sharp*” Anthony Cunningham, Galway.
- Within such a locally agreed bye law i.e. X day rule, work on the basis that if a county player has an injury concern, a “niggle”, then he doesn’t play, and that we respect that arrangement.
- If he is fit and well, then he plays for the club.
- In accepting the principle that the size of the county squad needs to be 32 plus, the issue of competitive game time levels for all members of the squad is put out there for discussion..... and an agreement reached with all the interested parties because it’s clearly “better to have the boys playing football than sitting looking at it”.
- **County Squad size:**
  - Training squad to consist of 30 +/- 2 players
  - Match day squad of 22 to be named 5 days prior to match taking place, remaining training squad members are free to return to play with clubs
  - Replacing the idea of “starred games”, we a set of agreed understandings for;
    - The X day rule
    - Top 4 / Bottom 4 “end of league arrangements”
    - The availability of the “fit and well” County Squad player for his club

#### **Discussion Point 5 - What are the issues for club players**

- The need and the entitlement of regular football, in April, May, June, July, August, September and October for our club players - the dedicated men who have given good service, and, the young player with the bit of ambition to become a regular senior, and maybe lot more
- The need for club players to accept the position of an extended break in the Senior League 1 & 2 fixtures programme – for example: from Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> (except for the coincidence of a rescheduled mid week fixture from Tues May 14<sup>th</sup> to Tues July 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Starting our club fixtures earlier when the enthusiasm levels and squad preparations are on the rise?
- Leaving games to later in the season and training & playing in the months of November & December
- The commitments and intensity levels of the county player group.
- Can you claim your entitlement to play your league football /our games in the prime playing months of April, May June July?
- Can you avoid **the lack of continuity and uncertainty** in the programme of games and related problems like the overspill beyond targeted completion dates, teams left hanging around waiting on others to complete, the staleness, the tiredness, mediocrity and the plain lack of interest towards league activity in late October, November-



December – with the added possibility of having to wait around for deferred League Finals

- Allowing football to flourish at its base for the cause of the dedicated club man is the way ahead for a progressive club whose big objective is to win a championship, at whatever level.

### Discussion Point 6 - Senior Club Team Management

- The importance of league performance in our present league and championship formats.
- The pressure to give and look for nearly it all in both the league and the championship.
- The contrasts in having 3 – 4 games in a short period followed then by a period of few or no games.
- The need to give the club player group the type of continuity and game time that their training and time deserve.
- Managing the content and level of training.
- Leagues are an opportunity to discover and develop a youthful and enthusiastic squad, and raise the standards and the experience levels of a bigger panel of senior players for the challenges of championship football.
- To claim to speak on behalf of the club man player and then block and oppose his opportunity (and 17, 18 or 19 others) to play regular league football, is there a contradiction here?

*“League games are for playing and championship games are for winning” Mick O’Dwyer*

### Discussion Point 7 – A flavour of what our Ulster counties are doing

The information in the table below gives us an insight into the arrangements other counties employ and how far down the road they are in to sorting *“The County versus Club conflict”*

#### Ulster Counties 2013 League & Championship Formats

County	SFL Start Date	SFL End Date	No. SFL Rds	Top 4		SFL Final Date	Starred Games		C/Ship Format	League & C/Ship Linked		Reserve League Format	Mid Week Games	
				Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
<b>Cavan</b>	17.02.13	13.10.13	18/20	Yes	-	27.10.13	-	No	Back Door	-	No	Same as SFL	Yes (1)	-
<b>Derry</b>	07.04.13	08.13	16	Yes	-	31.08.13	Yes	-	League	-	No	Same as SFL	Yes (3)	-
<b>Monaghan</b>	07.04.13	06.10.13	18	Yes	-	20.10.13	-	No	Back Door	Yes	-	Not linked to SFL	Yes	-
<b>Donegal</b>	29.03.13	31.10.13	16	-	No	31.10.13	Yes (2)	-	League	-	No	Same as SFL	-	No
<b>Tyrone</b>	01.04.13	15.10.13	15	Yes	-	01.12.13	Yes (3)	-	Knock-Out	Yes	-	Same as SFL	Yes (3)	-
<b>Armagh</b>	14.04.13	11.08.13	15	-	No	N/A	-	No	Knock-Out	Yes	-	Not linked to SFL	Yes (6)	-
<b>Down</b>			15	-	No	N/A	Yes	-	League	Yes	-	Not linked to SFL	Yes	-
<b>Antrim</b>	13.04.13		18											

This consultation exercise with other Counties was very interesting. If any of you are in a position to acquire any additional information, and share it later in the process, this would be much appreciated.

*E.g. Derry operate a top 4 semi-final / final and a relegation play-off for their football leagues*

# Current Fermanagh Senior Squad Competitions

## **Senior Football Championship**

- 12 teams consisting of the 10 teams in this year's SFL 1 and the two sides relegated in the previous season.

## **Discussion Point 8**

- 4 teams getting byes into the quarter finals!
- The need and the possibility of having more competitive championship games and a greater engagement opportunity with “the championship” against teams of similar ability and ranking.

## **Discussion Point 9**

The specific and difficult problem (which has effected Lisnaskea and Teemore in recent years) of the confusion in championship status for clubs involved in down- up down movements between Divisions 1 & 2 (*This is dealt within Ciaran Carey's (Aughadrumssee) proposal see Appendix 1*)

## **Discussion Point 10 - Junior Championship**

- The anomaly of being the only county in Ulster that does not organise a Junior Football Championship.

## **Discussion Point 11 - The different types of championship format**

- The one game, knock out .....Which we currently have.
- Back door .....With the guarantee of at least one more game.
- Round robin.
- League championship e.g. two groups of four teams, playing each other, top two from each group enters championship semi-finals and bottom two from each group enters relegation semi-finals.

## **Discussion Point 12 - Senior League Competitions**

- The number of games in our current Senior Leagues 1 & 2.
- The uncertainty and lock down on the flow of senior league games etc.
- The lack of calendar spaces for a new look championship due to the current number of senior league games.
- The reality of a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ability group, and the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> league grouping within our league structures with the incentives of promotion and relegation.
- The business end of the league season needs a competitive edge to it, from top to bottom, within each of the leagues, senior & reserve.
- To allow the programme of league fixtures flow from the first weekend in April - use the end of leagues play off model i.e. **top** 4 / 3 play off and **bottom** 4/3 play offs and so ensure clubs have the opportunity, with their full crews on board, to win a league or to safeguard their league status.

## **Discussion Point 12 (Cont.) - Senior League Competitions**

- Separate league & championship, each with their own independent promotion and relegation arrangements.
- Leagues are an opportunity to discover and develop a youthful and enthusiastic squad, and raise the standards and the experience levels of the full panel of senior players for the challenges of championship.

## **Reserve Team Competitions**

### **The current Reserve “A” and “B” Championships**

- 7 teams in Reserve “A”
- 15 teams in Reserve “B”

### **Discussion Point 13**

- The imbalance in the number of teams

### **Discussion Point 14 - With regard to Erne Cups 1 & 2**

- Towards the end of the league, the practice of highly placed teams deciding not to play games against lower ranking opposition because they didn't need the points and the implications of this for the group of clubs struggling to avoid relegation.
- The “head start” issues associated with the sorting of 1<sup>st</sup> 13 lists in the early part of the season will be less of an issue in Top 4 and Bottom 3 play-off system.
- A Top 4 and bottom 3 play off system means that there are no meaningless games because the competitive element of the league will be alive and strong until the last game.

### **Discussion Point 15 – Scheduling in a new possible format**

#### **The shape of the season**

- To avoid the negative effects for league football of going out of the championship, schedule in a manner that all league rounds are completed before the first weekend in August, when the championship phase of the season starts (with most of Top 4/3 and Bottom 4/3 play off games to come in October – though it would be possible to have some play offs earlier depending on the different results).
- Scheduling of Senior League games to be done by random chance of the computer **or** pre- set pairings by the scheduler to ensure the maximum number of evenly balanced pairings in terms of county panellists.
- With the bigger period to schedule within, very few mid week games except in the case of postponements.
- The absence of need to geographically schedule mid week rounds increases the possibilities for pairing – they will not be perfect but they will be fair.

- A fixture is a promise to at least 50 to 60 people including players and the volunteers involved and needs to be respected.

### Discussion Point 16 - CCC scheduling objectives

- To acknowledge the status of an adult championship county final opportunity with a preparation weekend the week before.
- Regular football for the club player with a maximum gap of two weeks between games.
- To ensure that all league finals are completed within a schedule which :
  - Gives our Senior & Intermediate championship winners a preparation weekend before their Ulster club championship involvement.
  - Avoids the entanglement of Ulster club and our local fixtures (and the inevitable delay in being able to finish our programme).
  - Grants to our core group of “4, 5, 6, 7 day a week volunteers” – club & county the time needed to recharge the energy and enthusiasm drives which are needed to sustain the year on year involvement in the variety of roles that keep the club & county groups doing what they need to do, if they are to draw in the interest and loyalty of the community.

### Discussion Point 17 - Finishing dates for leagues in recent years

Years	SFL1		SFL2		SFL3	
	Last Rd	Final	Last Rd	Final	Last Rd	Final
2008						
2009						
2010						
2011						
2012						

### Discussion Point 18 - Finance Committee

Gate returns with a revised championship format

### Discussion Point 19 - Transitional issue(s)

If a new format was to be adopted should it be introduced...?

- (a) In 2014?
- (b) Or 2015?

There are two kinds of thinking in our decision making:

- “Big Picture” thinking.
- Short term thinking influenced by the self interest of the moment.

**Which is it to be?**

## **Discussion Point 20 - County Committee**

- Have we any plans?
- Can we afford the continuation of the present “do nothing about it” situation?
- What are we prepared to do for the sake of both the club and the county player?

**Paraic Duffy, GAA Director General in his Annual Report to Congress this Easter, March 2013 told us clearly that...**

*“The Association at national level has no magic wand it can wave to solve fixture planning issues ....Each county must come up with the solution to the unique challenges it faces in addressing the problem of club fixtures”*

**All of these documents will go up on the Fermanagh GAA website.**

## Appendix 1 – Ciaran Carey (Aughadrumsee)

### **League & Championship Format submission**

The purpose of this proposal – to address the specific problem of the confusion in championship status for clubs involved in down- up down movements between Divisions 1 & 2

#### **CURRENTLY..... COMPETITIONS – RULE 10**

**(a)**The senior football championship shall consist of all teams in the previous year's SFL 1 and the top two teams from the previous year's SFL 2 except on the occasion when the IFC winning team is not in the top 2 (10 plus 2 )

**(b)**The intermediate football championship shall consist of the rest of the team in the previous year's SFL 2 (8 teams)

**The present format** promotes the senior championship status of a club that in 2012 came second in Division 2 – not just for this coming year – 2013 – but also for the following year 2014 – even if they are again relegated from Division 1 at the end of 2013

This is because of the current 10 plus 2 senior championship format.

#### **A Proposal for 2013/14**

NB. In 2013 it is understood that the leagues and championships will proceed as planned but performance in 2013 will have different consequences (in the event of this proposal being approved) than before so everyone needs to know exactly what they are playing for before competition starts.

**In 2014** the senior championship will be contested by the ten teams in Div. 1 only. The 2014 Intermediate championship will be contested by the ten Div. 2 teams. Should the 2013 Intermediate champions not be in Div. 1 in 2014 that team would stay in The Intermediate championship in 2014. Should they retain the Intermediate championship in 2014 they will not be able to represent Fermanagh in the Ulster competition, instead the county will be represented by the runner up.

**From 2014** the winner of the Intermediate championship (contested by all the Div. 2 clubs) will gain automatic promotion to Div 1 for the following year. The other promotion place will be gained by the team winning the Div. 2 league trophy. Should a team do the Div. 2 league trophy/ Intermediate championship double the second promotion place will go the league final runner up.

Should Newtown or Teemore win the 2013 senior championship and not finish in the top two in Div. 2 they would still gain promotion to Div. 1 for 2014. In that case only the top team in Div 2 would go up through the league.

Should a team finishing in the bottom two in Div. 1 in 2013 win the Senior championship that team will not be relegated. In this case the third team from bottom will go down instead.

## Appendix 2 – Damian Campbell (Tempo)

### **League & Championship Submission**

The championship and league to be restructured on the lines currently in operation at youth board level

Initially three league sections, termed A B and C comprised of seven, seven and six.

Top seven in 2013 SFL One to compete in A **in 2014**

Bottom three of SFL One and top four in SFL Two to compete in B

The remaining six clubs in SFL Two to compete in C.

Double round of fixtures after which, coming down from the top, the clubs divided into five separate divisions. Perhaps double round of fixtures, total of six games, top two in divisional final.

Promotion/relegation on the lines of one club moving between the relevant sections for the following season.

**Senior championship** to be contested by the eight clubs who have qualified for divisions one and two.

**Intermediate championship** contested by the eight clubs who will have featured in divisions three and four.

**Junior championship** to be contested by the remaining four clubs who are in division five.

If the above format was in operation for 2013 the makeup of the initial 3 sections would be :

**Section A** – Ederney St. Joseph’s, Roslea, Tempo, Lisnaskea, Devenish, Derrygonnelly and Belcoo.

**Section B** – Erne Gaels, Teemore, Newtownbutler, St. Patrick’s, Kinawley, Enniskillen, and Maguiresbridge.

**Section C** – Coa, Irvinestown, Derrylin, Belnaleck, Aughadrumsee and Brookeboro

If the above Sections finished out as in the tables of last autumn, the 5 divisions would have been:

**Div 1** - Ederney St. Josephs, Roslea, Tempo and Lisnaskea

**Div 2** - Devenish, Derrygonnelly, Belcoo and Erne Gaels

**Div 3** - Teemore, Newtownbutler, St. Patrick’s and Kinawley

**Div 4** - Enniskillen, Maguiresbridge, Coa and Irvinestown

**Div 5** - Derrylin , Belnaleck , Aughadrumsee, and Brookeboro.

To conclude -

**The senior championship** contested by teams in Divisions 1 & 2 - 8 teams

**The intermediate championship** “ “ “ “ Divisions 3 & 4 - 8 teams

**The junior championship** contested by teams in Division 5 - 4 teams



# Discussion Document Reformat of Fermanagh Adult Football Championships 2014

## Fearghail O'Conchubhair (Oifigeach na Paiste Chontae Fhearmanach)

This year, 2013, our football championships shall proceed as discussed at the first County Committee Meeting of 2013.

It is however, proposed, as a transitional arrangement, that 2013 league performances and finishing positions will determine the 2014 Championship placings for all adult championships (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Reserve "A" & Reserve "B").

It is very important that all clubs and their adult players are clear on this.

### Current Adult Football Championship Format

- SFC .....12 teams contest
- IFC ..... 8 teams contest
- JFC ..... we do not have such a competition
- Reserve A Championship ..... 7 teams contest
- Reserve B Championship ..... 15 teams contest

**The aim** is to provide more competitive Championship matches, and a greater number of them. To get better balances in the numbers across the different competition groupings and avoid byes. To offer a proposal to deal with the anomaly of being the only county in Ulster that does not organise a Junior Football Championship. To improve the profile of the County as a competitor at the 3 club levels in Ulster and to become more competitive at Ulster level.

### The Proposed Adult Football Championship Formats for 2014

- SFC to consist of 8 teams
- IFC to consist of 8 teams
- JFC to consist of 4 teams
- Res. "A" to consist of 10 teams
- Res. "B" to consist of 10 – 12 teams (allowing for 3rds)

### How do we get to these proposed formats?

- Use the finishing positions in the 2013 SFLs 1&2 & Erne Cups 1,2,&3 to decide which Championship a club's teams will play in for the 2014 season.
- Each team shall be ranked from 1- 20/21 based solely on the finished league positions for 2013.
- Appendix 3 will again provide more clarity.

# **Discussion Document Reformat of Fermanagh Adult Football Leagues 2014**

## **Fearghail O'Conchubhair (Oifigeach na Paiste Chontae Fhearmanach)**

This year, 2013, our football leagues are proceeding as discussed at the first County Committee Meeting of 2013. However, 2013 league performances and finishing positions for a club's two teams will determine 2014 League positions.

It is very important that all clubs and their adult players are clear on this.

### **Current Adult Football Leagues Formats**

- SFL 1 - 10 teams contest
- SFL 2 - 10 teams contest
  
- Erne Cup 1 - 7 teams contest
- Erne Cup 2 - 8 teams contest
- Erne Cup 3 - 6 teams contest

### **The aims:**

- To hold on to the current very competitive edge among the top eight.
- To increase competition, at both ends of the table, within the next league grouping of six teams.
- To recognise that there is, a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ability group, again with six teams in it.
- And a practical aim, to reduce the number of games in our senior leagues - eighteen plus semi-finals and finals (the biggest number in any senior league in Ulster). This may be necessary if we are to accommodate the extra championship games.

### **Proposed Adult Football Leagues Formats for 2014**

- SFL 1 - 8 teams contest
- SFL 2 - 6 teams contest
- SFL 3 - 6 teams contest
  
- Erne Cup 1 - 7 teams contest
- Erne Cup 2 - 7 teams contest
- Erne Cup 3 - 7 teams contest

### **How do we get to these proposals?**

- Use the finishing positions in the 2013 SFLs 1 & 2 and Erne Cups 1, 2 & 3 to decide the 2014 levels of league for each club's senior & reserve teams.
- Each team shall be ranked 1 – 20/21 based solely on the finished league positions in the previous year.
- Appendix 4 will again provide more clarity.

## Ferghal O'Connor Proposal Overview

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Minimum No. of Matches</b>	<b>Semi-Final</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Maximum No. of Matches</b>
<b>SFL D1</b>	14	+1	+1	16
<b>SFL D2</b>	10	+1	+1	12
<b>SFL D3</b>	10	+1	+1	12
<b>RFL D1</b>	12	+1	+1	14
<b>RFL D2</b>	12	+1	+1	14
<b>RFL D3</b>	12	+1	+1	14
<b>SFC</b>	3	+1	+1	5
<b>IFC</b>	3	+1	+1	5
<b>JFC</b>	6	-	+1	7

### Appendix 3 - Proposed 2014 Football Championship Rankings

2012 SFL Div 1	Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
	1	Ederney St Joseph's	18	10	4	4	24
	2	Roslea Shamrocks GFC	18	10	3	5	23
	3	Tempo Maguires	18	9	4	5	22
	4	Lisnaskea Emmetts	18	9	3	6	21
	5	Devenish St Mary's	18	7	4	7	18
	6	Derrygonnelly Harps	18	7	2	9	16
	7	Belcoo O`Rahilly's	18	7	2	9	16
	8	Erne Gaels Belleek	18	7	1	10	15
	9	Teemore Shamrocks	18	6	2	10	14
	10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	18	4	3	11	11

2012 SFL Div 2	Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
	11	St Patrick's Donagh	18	17	0	1	34
	12	Kinawley Brian Borus	18	14	0	4	28
	13	Enniskillen Gaels	18	11	1	6	23
	14	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	18	11	1	6	23
	15	Coa O`Dwyer's	18	8	2	8	18
	16	Irvinestown St Molaises	18	6	3	9	15
	17	Derrylin O Connells	18	6	1	11	13
	18	Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs	18	5	2	11	12
	19	Aghadrumsee St McCartans	18	3	1	14	7
	20	Brookeboro Heber McMahons	18	3	1	14	7

### Proposed 2014 Senior Football Championship Format

- Teams ranked 1 – 8 compete in 2014 SFC

Rank	Team
1	Ederney St Joseph's
2	Roslea Shamrocks GFC
3	Tempo Maguires
4	Lisnaskea Emmetts
5	Devenish St Mary's
6	Derrygonnelly Harps
7	Belcoo O`Rahilly's
8	Erne Gaels Belleek

- Two groups of 4 teams are formed
  - *SFC League 1 & SFC League 2*
- Using the Rank numbers complete an open draw putting 4 teams into each SFC League
- Two groups of 4 teams are formed SFC League 1 & SFC League 2

Rank	SFC League 1	Rank	SFC League 2
6	Derrygonnelly Harps	8	Erne Gaels Belleek
5	Devenish St Mary's	2	Roslea Shamrocks GFC
4	Lisnaskea Emmetts	3	Tempo Maguires
1	Ederney St Joseph's	7	Belcoo O'Rahilly's

- Each team plays one another, total of 3 matches
- Top two teams from each league play in SFC Semi-Finals (Open Draw), winners play in SFC Final
- Bottom two teams in each league play in SFC Relegation Semi-Finals, losing teams play in Relegation Final with the loser entering the 2015 IFC

### Proposed 2014 Intermediate Championship Format

- Teams ranked 9 – 16 compete in 2014 IFC

Rank	Team
9	Teemore Shamrocks
10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs
11	St Patrick's Donagh
12	Kinawley Brian Borus
13	Enniskillen Gaels
14	Maguiresbridge St Mary's
15	Coa O'Dwyer's
16	Irvinestown St Molaises

- Two groups of 4 teams are formed
  - *IFC League 1 & IFC League 2*
- Using the Rank numbers complete an open draw putting 4 teams into each IFC League
- Two groups of 4 teams are formed IFC League 1 & IFC League 2

Rank	IFC League 1	Rank	IFC League 2
11	St Patrick's Donagh	9	Teemore Shamrocks
13	Enniskillen Gaels	12	Kinawley Brian Borus
14	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	15	Coa O'Dwyer's
10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	16	Irvinestown St Molaises

- Each team plays one another, 3 matches

- **Top two teams from each league play in IFC Semi-Finals (Open Draw), winners play in IFC Final**
- **Bottom two teams in each league play in IFC Relegation Semi-Finals, losing teams play in Relegation Final with the loser entering the 2015 JFC**

**Proposed 2014 Junior Championship Format**

- **Teams ranked 17 – 20 compete in 2014 JFC**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Derrylin O Connells</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Aghadrumsee St McCartans</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Brookeboro Heber McMahons</b>

- **One group of 4 teams named JFC League**
- **Each team plays each other twice, Home & Away**
- **Top two play in final, winner enters 2015 IFC**

## Proposed 2014 R“A”& “B” Football Championship Format

Reserve league positions shall determine Championship placings

### *B. McCaffrey & Sons Erne Cup 1*

Rank	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Devenish St Mary’s	12	9	0	3	18
2	Tempo Maguires	12	8	1	3	17
3	Derrygonnelly Harps	12	6	1	5	13
4	Newtownbutler 1st Fermanagh’s	12	5	2	5	12
5	Roslea Shamrock’s	12	5	1	6	11
6	Belcoo O’ Rahilly’s	12	5	1	6	11
7	Irvinestown St Molaise’s	12	0	0	1	0

### *B. McCaffrey & Sons Erne Cup 2*

Rank	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
8	Teemore Shamrock’s	14	11	0	3	22
9	Enniskillen Gaels	14	10	0	4	20
10	Lisnaskea Emmett’s	14	9	0	5	18
11	Kinawley Brian Boru’s	14	7	1	6	15
12	Ederney St Joseph’s	14	7	0	7	14
13	St Patrick’s Donagh	14	6	0	8	12
14	Brookeboro Heber McMahan’s	14	5	1	8	11
15	Derrylin O Connell’s	14	0	0	14	0

### *B. McCaffrey & Sons Erne Cup 3*

Rank	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
16	Maguiresbridge St Mary’s	10	8	0	2	16
17	Aughadrumsee St McCartan’s	10	7	0	3	14
18	Erne Gaels Belleek	10	5	0	5	10
19	Coa O’Dwyer’s	10	4	0	6	8
20	Belnaleck Art McMurrough’s	10	4	0	6	8
21	Tempo Maguire’s	10	2	0	8	4

- **Teams ranked 1 – 10 compete in 2014 R“A”FC**
- **Teams ranked 11 – 21 compete in 2012 R“B”FC**
- **Straight open draw for both competitions**

## Appendix 4 - Proposed Adult Football League Format 2014

- **SFL Division 1 - 8 teams contest**
- **SFL Division 2 – 6 teams contest**
- **SFL Division 3 – 6 teams contest**
- **Erne Cup 1 – 7 teams contest**
- **Erne Cup 2 – 7 teams contest**
- **Erne Cup 3 – 7 teams contest**

## **How do we get to the proposal?**

- **Using the finishing positions in the 2013 SFL's 1 & 2 & Erne Cup 1,2 & 3 to determine which Leagues teams partake in 2014**
- **Each team shall be ranked from 1 – 20/21 based solely on the finished league position in the previous year**
- **The next few pages, using the finishing league positions in 2012, shall provide more clarity of the proposal**



## Proposed 2014 Football League Rankings

2012 SFL Div 1	Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
	1	Ederney St Joseph's	18	10	4	4	24
	2	Roslea Shamrocks GFC	18	10	3	5	23
	3	Tempo Maguires	18	9	4	5	22
	4	Lisnaskea Emmetts	18	9	3	6	21
	5	Devenish St Mary's	18	7	4	7	18
	6	Derrygonnelly Harps	18	7	2	9	16
	7	Belcoo O`Rahilly's	18	7	2	9	16
	8	Erne Gaels Belleek	18	7	1	10	15
	9	Teemore Shamrocks	18	6	2	10	14
	10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	18	4	3	11	11

2012 SFL Div 2	Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
	11	St Patrick's Donagh	18	17	0	1	34
	12	Kinawley Brian Borus	18	14	0	4	28
	13	Enniskillen Gaels	18	11	1	6	23
	14	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	18	11	1	6	23
	15	Coa O`Dwyer's	18	8	2	8	18
	16	Irvinestown St Molaises	18	6	3	9	15
	17	Derrylin O Connells	18	6	1	11	13
	18	Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs	18	5	2	11	12
	19	Aghadrumsee St McCartans	18	3	1	14	7
	20	Brookeboro Heber McMahons	18	3	1	14	7

- Teams are ranked from 1 – 20
  - Teams ranked 1 – 8 compete in 2014 SFL Division 1
  - Teams ranked 9 – 14 compete in 2014 SFL Division 2
  - Teams ranked 15 – 20 compete in 2014 SFL Division 3

### Teams ranked 1 – 8 compete in 2014 SFL Division 1

Rank	Team
1	Ederney St Joseph's
2	Roslea Shamrocks GFC
3	Tempo Maguire's
4	Lisnaskea Emmetts
5	Devenish St Mary's
6	Derrygonnelly Harps
7	Belcoo O`Rahilly's
8	Erne Gaels Belleek

- Each team plays each other twice (Home & Away – 14 matches)
- Top 4 contest league S/F's with winners contesting Final
- Bottom 4 contest relegation S/F's, losers contest relegation final, losers relegated to SFL Division 2
- Minimum of 15 league matches, maximum of 16 league matches not counting replays or play-offs

### Teams ranked 9 – 14 compete in 2014 SFL Division 2

Rank	Team
9	Teemore Shamrock's
10	Newtownbutler 1st Fermanagh's
11	St Patrick's Donagh
12	Kinawley Brian Boru's
13	Enniskillen Gaels
14	Maguiresbridge St Mary's

- Each team plays each other twice (Home & Away – 10 matches)
- Top team (Team 1) enters league final
- Teams 2 & 3 contest league S/F with winners contesting Final
- League winners are promoted to SFL Division 1
- Bottom team (Team 6) enters relegation final
- Teams 4 & 5 contest relegation S/F's, loser contests relegation final with team 6, losers relegated to SFL Division 3
- Minimum of 10 league matches, maximum of 12 league matches not counting replays or play-offs

### Teams ranked 15 – 20 compete in 2014 SFL Division 3

Rank	Team
15	Coa O`Dwyer's
16	Irvinestown St Molaise's
17	Derrylin O Connell's
18	Belnaleck Art McMurrough's
19	Aghadrumsee St McCartan's
20	Brookeboro Heber McMahon's

- Each team plays each other twice (Home & Away – 10 matches)
- Top 4 contest league S/F's with winners contesting Final
- League winners are promoted to SFL Division 2
- Minimum of 10 league matches, maximum of 12 league matches not counting replays or play-offs

Proposed 2014 Reserve Football League Rankings

***B. McCaffrey & Sons Erne Cup 1***

Rank	Team
1	Devenish St Mary's
2	Tempo Maguires
3	Derrygonnelly Harps
4	Newtownbutler 1st Fermanagh's
5	Roslea Shamrock's
6	Belcoo O' Rahilly's
7	Irvinestown St Molaise's

***B. McCaffrey & Sons Erne Cup 2***

Rank	Team
8	Teemore Shamrock's
9	Enniskillen Gaels
10	Lisnaskea Emmett's
11	Kinawley Brian Boru's
12	Ederney St Joseph's
13	St Patrick's Donagh
14	Brookeboro Heber McMahon's
15	Derrylin O Connell's

***B. McCaffrey & Sons Erne Cup 3***

Rank	Team
16	Maguiresbridge St Mary's
17	Aughadrumsee St McCartan's
18	Erne Gaels Belleek
19	Coa O'Dwyer's
20	Belnaleck Art McMurrough's
21	Tempo Maguire's

## Proposed 2014 Reserve Football League Rankings

- **Teams are ranked from 1 – 21**
  - Teams ranked 1 – 7 compete in 2014 Erne Cup 1
  - Teams ranked 8 – 14 compete in 2014 Erne Cup 2
  - Teams ranked 15 – 21 compete in 2014 Erne Cup 3
  - Reserve league positions shall determine Championship placings, Teams Ranked 1 – 10 shall compete in the Reserve “A” Championship & Teams Ranked 11 – 21 shall complete in the Reserve “B” Championship

### Teams ranked 1 – 7 compete in 2014 Erne Cup 1

Rank	Team
1	Devenish St Mary's
2	Tempo Maguires
3	Derrygonnelly Harps
4	Newtownbutler 1st Fermanagh's
5	Roslea Shamrock's
6	Belcoo O' Rahilly's
7	Irvinestown St Molaise's

- Each team plays each other twice (Home & Away)
- Top 4 contest league S/F's with winners contesting Final
- Bottom team (Team 7) enters relegation final
- Teams 5 & 6 contest relegation S/F, losers enter relegation final
- Losers of relegation S/F and Team 7 contest relegation final, losers are relegated to Erne Cup 2
- Minimum of 12 league matches, maximum of 14 league matches not counting replays or play-offs

### Teams ranked 8 – 14 compete in 2014 Erne Cup 2

Rank	Team
8	Teemore Shamrock's
9	Enniskillen Gaels
10	Lisnaskea Emmett's
11	Kinawley Brian Boru's
12	Ederney St Joseph's
13	St Patrick's Donagh
14	Brookeboro Heber McMahan's

- Each team plays each other twice (Home & Away)
- Top 4 contest league S/F's with winners contesting Final
- Final winners are promoted to Erne Cup 1
- Bottom team (Team 7) enters relegation final
- Teams 5 & 6 contest relegation S/F, losers enter relegation final
- Losers of relegation S/F and Team 7 contest relegation final, losers are relegated to Erne Cup 3
- Minimum of 12 league matches, maximum of 14 league matches not counting replays or play-offs

**Teams ranked 15 – 21 compete in 2014 Erne Cup 3**

Rank	Team
15	Derrylin O Connell's
16	Maguiresbridge St Mary's
17	Aughadrumsee St McCartan's
18	Erne Gaels Belleek
19	Coa O'Dwyer's
20	Belnaleck Art McMurrrough's
21	Tempo Maguire's 2

- Each team plays each other twice (Home & Away)
- Top 4 contest league S/F's with winners contesting Final
- Final winners are promoted to Erne Cup 2
- Minimum of 12 league matches, maximum of 14 league matches not counting replays or play-off

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