

Divisions & Eligibility

- **Ladies' Open/A Singles:**
 - Players must be eligible to play in Inter County Senior & Intermediate Championship Grade. Also includes players who have previously won the Ladies' B competition.
- **Ladies' B Singles:**
 - Players must be eligible to play in Junior or Junior B Championship Grade. Players must not have won Ladies' Open Singles, A Singles, B Singles, 19&U or 17&U in Irish Nationals or World Championships.
- **Ladies' C Singles:**
 - Players must have not won a provincial title at juvenile or adult level in any grade/code. Entrants to this grade will be assessed regarding eligibility. Players also may not have won the Ladies' Challenger in a prior year.
- **Ladies' Challenger Singles:**
 - For Mothers & Others who are playing for more than one year.
- **Mother's and Other's Singles A:**
 - For beginners who have been playing more than a year.
- **Mother's and Other's Singles B:**
 - For beginners who have been playing less than a year.
- **Ladies' Over 40's A Singles:**
 - For players who competed at Junior level or higher in any code.
- **Ladies' Over 40's B Singles:**
 - For players who competed no higher than Junior B level and never won any title at Junior B.
- **Mother and Daughter, A Doubles:**
 - Any combination of grades and ages of Mother and Daughter.
- **Mother and Daughter, B Doubles:**
 - Mothers must be a maximum of B Grade; Daughters must qualify to play in Under 13
- **Mother's and Other's A Doubles:**
- **Mother's and Other's B Doubles:**
 - Players must be eligible to compete in the Challenger or Mother's & Other's Categories.
- **11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15 & Under and 17& Under girl's singles:**

Age Limits

Underage Players must meet the age limit as of the 2nd of August.

- Girls 17 & Under Singles players must not have celebrated their 18th birthday prior to the 2nd of August 2026.
- Girls 15 & Under Singles players must not have celebrated their 16th birthday prior to the 2nd of August 2026.
- Girls 13 & Under Singles players must not have celebrated their 14th birthday prior to the 2nd of August 2026.
- Girls 11 & Under Singles players must not have celebrated their 12th birthday prior to the 2nd of August 2026 and must have celebrated their 10th birthday prior by 31st of July 2026.

Overage Players must meet the age limit as of the 12th of September.

- Over 40's players must have celebrated their 40th birthday on or before 31st September 2026.

Formats:

- **Open/A players are put into 4 groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group will comprise players from different seeded pots – Pot 1, Pot 2, Pot 3, Pot 4 etc. Based off National Rankings.
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Group format of 1 game to 21.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - The player who has most points in their group plays the Open Cup Competition semi-finals (2 games to 15, tiebreaker to 11).
 - The player who is second in the group plays in the Open Shield Competition semi-finals (1 game to 21).
 - The player who is third in the group plays the Open Plate Competition semi-finals (1 game to 21, for ranking points only).
 - The player who is fourth in the group plays the A Cup Competition semi-finals (1 game to 21, for ranking points only).
 - The player who is fifth in the group plays the A Plate Competition semi-finals (1 game to 21, for ranking points only).
 - Penn Wallball.
- **B Players are put into 4 groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group will comprise players from different seeded pots – Pot 1, Pot 2, Pot 3, Pot 4 etc based of National Rankings.
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Group format of 1 game to 21.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - The player who has most points in their group plays the Cup Competition semi-finals (2 games to 15, tiebreaker to 11).
 - The player who is second in the group plays in the Plate Competition semi-finals (1 game to 21, ranking points only).
 - Penn Wallball.
- **C Players are put into 4 groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group will comprise players from different seeded pots – Pot 1, Pot 2, Pot 3, Pot 4 etc based of National Rankings.
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Group format of 1 game to 21.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - The player who has most points in their group plays the Cup Competition semi-finals (2 games to 15, tiebreaker to 11).
 - The player who is second in the group plays in the Plate Competition semi-finals (1 game to 21, ranking points only).
 - Penn Wallball.
- **Ladies' Challenger Players are put into 2 groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Group format of 1 game to 21.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - Top two players in each group qualify for Semi-Finals (1 game to 21).
 - 3rd & 4th place players qualify for Plate Semi-Finals (1 game to 15, ranking points only).
 - GAA Handball Big Blue Wallball.

Formats (Cont.):

- **Mothers and Other Singles (A & B Separately) are put into 2 groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Format of 1 game to 15.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - Top two players in each group qualify for Semi-Finals. (1 game to 15)
 - 3rd & 4th place players qualify for Plate Semi-Finals (1 game to 15, ranking points only).
 - GAA Handball Big Blue Wallball.
- **Over 40's A Singles are 1 group, Cup & Plate (Depending on entries):**
 - Dropdown to Plate Competition (Straight Knockout).
 - Format of Cup (1 game to 21).
 - Format of Plate (1 game to 15, ranking points only)
 - Penn Wallball.
- **Over 40's B Singles are 1 group, Cup & Plate (Depending on entries):**
 - Dropdown to Plate Competition (Straight Knockout).
 - Format of Cup (1 game to 21).
 - Format of Plate (1 game to 15, ranking points only)
 - GAA Handball Big Blue Wallball.
- **17 & Under, 15 & Under, 13 & Under Girls Players are put into Two groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Group format of 1 game to 15.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - Top two players in each group qualify for Semi-Finals.
 - Semi-finals & Finals 2 games 15 and tiebreaker 11.
 - 3rd & 4th place players qualify for Plate Semi-Final.
 - Plate Semi-finals & Finals 1 game to 15.
 - GAA Handball Big Blue Wallball.
- **11 & Under Girls Players are put into groups (Depending on entries):**
 - Each group plays off against the players in their group.
 - Group format of 1 game to 15.
 - A player gets 2 points if they win their game, they get 1 point if they get 11 or more points in the game.
 - Top player in each group qualifies for knockout rounds.
 - Semi-finals 2 games 15 and tiebreaker 11.
 - Players take it in turns to serve five consecutive serves. (Cumann na mBunscol rules)
 - GAA Handball Big Blue Ball.
- **Mother and Daughter, A & B Doubles, & Mother's & Other's Doubles (Sunday Only) (Depending on entries):**
 - Split into divisions according to Mothers & daughters / Mother's and Other's playing grade/ability.
 - One game to 21, Rally scoring, straight knockout.
 - GAA Handball Big Blue Ball.

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