

# Gaelic Football

Teams from  
Madrid  
Ireland  
Scotland  
England  
Belgium

JUVENILE INTERNATIONAL GAELIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT  
ORGANIZED BY THE MADRID HARPS

It gives us great pleasure to welcome all visiting teams to Madrid  
for our annual Kids Gaelic Football Tournament weekend



Madrid Harps would like to welcome the following teams:

- Dunedin Og, Scotland
- Saint Mary's, England
- Naomh Barróg, Dublin
- Saint Finians, Dublin
- Fingal Ravens, Dublin
- Brussels Juvenile, Belgium
- Colegio Los Peñascales (Las Rozas, Madrid)

Saturday, 10th of October 2015

Parque Deportivo Puerta de Hierro

Ctra. del Pardo, km. 1 • Madrid (salida 23B de M30 o Ctra. La Coruña, km 7)

Saturday, 24th of October 2015

Centro Deportivo Municipal Vicálvaro

Paseo Polideportivo, 3 • 28032 Madrid (Salida 12 de M-40)

# OUR GUESTS

## ST. MARYS GAA CLUB

St. Marys GAA Club is a self-funded Gaelic Football Club based in Levenshulme, Manchester. We formed in 2002 with just 8 players and have now got 80 registered members.

We train children from 7 to 16 years many of which attend or have attended our local primary school, St. Marys. We not only draw on St. Marys Primary School but many of the other primary school in the local area.

Although our sport is traditionally an Irish sport many of our children are from various different ethnic groups, who come together each week for training and competitions. We feel that this sort of community cohesion has enabled our club to grow from strength to strength. Since the club first formed we have won many accolades across all age groups and each year many of our players have been selected to represent Lancashire at the annual Feiladh.



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## Dunedin ÓG GFC

2012 saw the birth of the first underage GAA club in the history of Edinburgh. This was the culmination of two years hard work and coaching in the city's primary schools by local Gaelic football enthusiasts. We named the club Dunedin Og GFC and we have been generously sponsored by the Glennon Brothers, of Longford GAA fame, ever since. They also sponsor an Edinburgh schools league which we have run over the past three years. This, to my knowledge, is the only out of school competitive league competition in Britain catering solely for school teams.



We currently field UI0, UI2 and UI4 teams, all of whom compete as mix gender but we are hoping to start some 'girls only' teams in 2016. Most of our players have been involved since we first started and that commitment is now being reflected in their skill levels on the field. Indeed, this year we had our first representatives on a Scottish feile team when eight of our players were selected for the team and one of our players made the Scotland UI16 team.

Providing players with positive experiences beyond the playing field is important to our club and we have brought teams to London and Dublin, which included a trip to Croke Park for the Dublin Donegal semi final of 2014.

We pride ourselves on being a family focused club and increasingly our player's parents are becoming more involved in the club. This will only strengthen the club and should help us further develop in the future. We'd like to thank Keith, Brendan, Carlos and all those involved in Madrid GAA for this opportunity and what should be a great weekend of football and craic.



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## Colegio Los Peñascales

We are a secular, private, independent center, managed by a cooperative of teachers with over 35 years experience in management and teaching. We use an active learning methodology adapted to the individual characteristics of each pupil / student in an environment of mutual respect.

The school Gaelic Football Began with classes in 2013 and now have weekly classes Involving 5th and 6th of Primary and 1st and 2nd year of Secondary school classes as well as every trimester for the whole school.



## Madrid Harps

Madrid Harps GAA Club was founded in 2004. Its Juvenile section was created in 2010. The club promotes Gaelic football and hurling throughout Madrid. Membership is diverse with a mix of Spanish, Irish and Spanish children of Irish origin aged between 3 and 15. With training held on a weekly basis, the club serves as an easily accessible and family oriented platform for Spanish families to savour Irish culture at first hand, while simultaneously enabling children of Irish families living in Madrid to maintain a cultural link with Ireland.

The club competes in both domestic and international GAA tournaments. In April 2014 we travelled to our first international tournament in Liffre, France and hosted Iberia's first international juvenile tournament in October 2014. The event was attended by over 150 children from 7 clubs in Ireland, Spain and Belgium. In July 2015 we attended an international tournament in Dublin.

At the start of 2015 the club was awarded a GAA and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade sponsored grant in recognition of its grass root development plan. Central to this plan is the creation of a Madrid Juvenile Mini League. Games for children aged between 8 and 15 will commence this autumn. The league will include games in Seville, Valencia, Galicia and Marbella and regular matches in Madrid fostering the promotion of Irish culture.



## TRANSPORT

A coach service will be provided to shuttle teams from Madrid Airport to the tournament hotel and from the hotel to the ground and then back to the hotel on the day of the tournament. Prices are quoted below.

For those travelling independently from your club's main party, we recommend you take a taxi from the airport to the hotel. The hotel is close to the airport, by law, the fare is supposed to be a flat rate of €20.

## Hotel

Ibis Hotel. Calle Valentín Beato, 20. 28037 Madrid, Spain

We have negotiated the following prices:

- Double Room: €69 per night based on 2 people sharing. This includes breakfast and local taxes
- Triple Room: €85 per night based on 3 people sharing. This includes breakfast and local taxes

## Food

There is a cafeteria on-site at the sports ground that serves tea and coffee at competitive prices.

### Lunch and Afternoon Snack €7

2 ham & cheese sandwiches, fruit, crisps and soft drinks for kids and adults.

*Dinner 18:00 - 21:30h*

### Adults Dinner €24,50

Spanish omelette (Tortilla Española), salad (Ensalada), spicy sausage (Chorizo), meat ragout and pudding (Morcilla).

Vegetarian option available/ Hay opción vegetariana

The price includes a free bar (Beer & Wine). Please apply common sense/ El precio incluye Barra Libre. Se ruega beber con moderación.

### Childrens' Dinner €9,50

Cheese and bacon burger (Hamburguesa con queso), chips (patatas fritas), ice cream (helado) and soft drink (refresco).

## Bus

Private Airport Coach return €11

Private Tournament Coach €13

Special Pack Price: Lunch-Dinner-Bus Child €29,50, Adult €44,50

## SATURDAY, TOURNAMENT DAY

You will be picked up at your hotel on the morning of the tournament (time to be confirmed) and driven to the ground. A "Meet and Greet" session will then take place before tournament throw in.



### Games

Games will be 7 and 6 a-side (U10 category only) and all kids will participate. In the morning the teams will be divided into a number of groups. All teams within a given group will play each other. Afterwards there will be knock out games in which all teams will be involved. We will have a medal ceremony for the children at the evening dinner. A fixture list will be distributed before the tournament on the Saturday.

### Raffle

Ticket Price: €2. As we are not charging a tournament fee, we expect teams attending to strongly support the raffle with a view to contributing to the future growth of Madrid Harps.

## SUNDAY, SIGHT SEEING DAY

For those of you wishing to explore the city on Sunday, the following websites and tips should set you on your way:

### Websites

[www.madrid-guide-spain.com](http://www.madrid-guide-spain.com)

[www.guiadelocio.com/madrid](http://www.guiadelocio.com/madrid)

[www.in-madrid.com](http://www.in-madrid.com)

[www.lanetro.com/madrid](http://www.lanetro.com/madrid)

### Family Activities

- THE TOURIST BUS. It's a jump on jump off-system. There are 3 different routes with the historic option being the most popular
- CASA DEL CAMPO. Has a lake. Pleasant for lunch. There is also a Zoo and an attraction park for kids.
- RETIRO PARK. Situated right in the center. Very pleasant on a weekend afternoon. You can hire a paddle boat while soaking up the sun
- RASTRO MARKET. Takes place on Sunday mornings in La Latina
- REAL MADRID AND ATLETICO DE MADRID SOCCER STADIUM TOURS

# Tournament Rules

## Tournament Objectives

To ensure all children have an enjoyable tournament and are able to participate in the matches.

As per other European tournaments, we will implement measures to help avoid lopsided matches

## Streaming

- Teams entering more than one team in a given category must stream their teams according to ability
- There are 10 teams attending the tournament of different ages, abilities and playing experience. The difference between teams is not known ahead of the tournament and on the day the organisers may take actions to assist a weaker team in being able to compete.
- The weaker teams will in general be permitted to field an additional player
- A number of non-Irish clubs will have players ranging in ages from 6 to 15

## Playing Rules

- Play commences with a throw up in the centre
- Goal kicks commence with a kick out of the hands of the goalkeeper from the edge of the large square
- A player can carry a ball for one hop and one foot solo
- For U14/15 matches this rule may be waived
- The player who is fouled must take the free from his hands
- Pick up directly off the ground with the hands is permitted, once the player is in a standing position
- 45' are applied and taken from the hands
- Penalties are applied for fouls in the small square
- Ball cannot be hand passed into the goal

