

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS 2024-25 SEASON

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Dear all

I hope this email finds you well, and preparations are well under way for the new season.

Just an update to advise that the NLMC have met to consider the team entries for the coming year, for Premier Division and Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Please find below some updates in relation to the season ahead.

Team Entries

We have received expressions of interest from 63 teams to take part in the NL this coming season and, in addition, 37 teams in Division 3. Provisional league allocations are attached but, in short, there were no opportunities to move clubs up the divisions. Once we know the final number of confirmed teams in each of the Division 2 competitions, the NLMC will finalise the formats but, as it stands, we may be able to repeat what we did last year, with two regional divisions in each.

Division 3 is proving slightly trickier to organise, simply because of the numbers involved, but groupings will be largely geographical and, based on feedback from last year, we are looking at a programme of up to 8 matches per team followed by knockout playoffs.

Next Steps

In order to confirm your teams in the National League, we now require payment of entry fees for the season, which have been frozen again this year at €70 per team in Division 2 and above, and €25 per team in Division 3. In addition, affiliation fees also need to be paid at this time and are €75 per club, except for clubs who are only playing in Division 3, for which the associate club affiliation fee is €25. Attached are the current fees per club, based on team entries to date – clearly, if your team needs should change, please advise asap so that we can correct your dues accordingly and update the team entry list.

We will prepare invoices in the coming days for you, but if you wish to pay through JustGo please let me know and I'll send you the link.

The closing date for payment of entry fees is 5pm on Friday 30th August. Given the timelines, we will have little opportunity to chase, so if you're away on holiday or similar, please ensure payment is made by the club promptly. Please don't expect us to chase you because we may not!

If you need to drop a team for the season, this is your last chance to do so without penalty, so please let me know asap if this is the case.

End of Season Arrangements

The NLMC considered the feedback from the Premier players' survey and made recommendations to the Board on end of season competition arrangements. The following have been approved by the Board for Premier Division competitions for 2024/25:

- At the end of the league stage, the top 4 teams will progress to the playoffs, and play in a pair of Semi-Finals (1 v 4, 2 v 3), with the winners playing for the Premier Division title.
- Details of the scheduling of these will follow in due course.

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The confirmed calendar for the 2024/25 season is attached.

Player Transfers

Please note that until teams are confirmed for the season as above, players cannot transfer clubs (technically there are no teams to move to). So if players are intending to move to your teams, please ask them to wait until we have finalised all teams and competitions, whereupon we can circulate the updated player transfer form for the coming season.

As always, any queries please let me know asap. The sooner everyone responds, the sooner we can finalise a fixture list for the coming season.

Attachments:

[National League Team Entries - 2024-25 Season as of 16.08.pdf](#)

[VLY Calendar 2024-25 Season - Final 16.08.24.pdf](#)

[National League Team Entries - Fees Due.pdf](#)