



IRISH UNIVERSITIES FOOTBALL UNION

HARDING CUP

2026



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IUFU CHAIRPERSON ADDRESS



Raymond O'Malley
Chairperson IUFCU

On behalf of the Irish Universities Football Union (IUFCU), welcome to the Harding Cup 2026 at University College Dublin (UCD). The Harding Memorial Trophy was first played for in 1970 when it was presented by Albert W.

Harding (Bert), Chairman UCDAFC 1970 - 1975. 'The Harding' is an unique football competition for first year students only that provides the players with their first experience of IUFCU tournament football over three consecutive days.

Due to the once off nature of the competition, predicting a winner is always difficult. Our hosts are also defending champions after securing victory in Maynooth last year. They were the lucky team to receive a bye through the quarter finals with three other quarter finals to take place on day one to complete the Semi Final line up. Due to the odd number of entrants, the Spillane Cup will be decided by a 'round robin' format on day two.

Many thanks to Diarmuid, Ger and all their colleagues in UCD, and to my fellow IUFCU Executive Committee members for their help and organisation of this year's tournament. I would also like to express my gratitude to Eddie Reilly for organising the match officials for the tournament.

Finally, I wish the players, coaches, and managers of each participating Club the best of luck for this year's tournament.

Raymond O'Malley

Chairperson IUFCU



DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL ADDRESS



Diarmuid McNally
Director of Football UCD AFC

On behalf of UCD AFC, I am delighted to welcome you to University College Dublin for the 2026 Harding Cup, and it is a privilege for UCD to host this year's competition. The Harding Cup holds a special place within Irish third-level football, providing first-year students

with the opportunity to represent their universities in a competitive and developmental environment. For many players, this competition marks their first experience of intervarsity football and serves as an important step in their sporting and personal development.

UCD AFC is proud of its long-standing commitment to player development, participation, and performance across all levels of the game. Hosting the Harding Cup reflects these values and our continued support for third-level football in Ireland. We are delighted to welcome teams, officials, and supporters from across the country to our campus and hope you enjoy both the competition and the facilities on offer.

I would like to thank the Irish Universities Football Union for the organisation of the tournament, as well as the referees, volunteers, and staff who contribute so much behind the scenes. Most importantly, I wish all players the very best over the course of the competition and hope it proves to be an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone involved.

I would like to thank the IUFU, all participating universities, players, coaches, officials, volunteers, UCD staff, Sportworks, Estate Services in particular David McCormack and UCD Director of Student Services & Facilities Dominic O'Keeffe. Finally, I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of Joe Veselsky, whose contribution to university football was significant and deeply appreciated across the game. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues.

Diarmuid McNally

Director of Football UCD AFC



Harding Cup Draw 2026





Fixtures Schedule 2026

Monday 26 January 2026

Harding Cup Quarter Finals

MATCH 1 BYE	University College Dublin
MATCH 2 3:30PM ASTRO	University of Limerick v University of Galway
MATCH 3 1:30PM ASTRO	Trinity College Dublin v University College Cork
MATCH 4 11:00AM ASTRO	Maynooth University v Dublin City University

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Harding Cup Semi Finals

MATCH 5 11:00AM ASTRO	Winner of match 2 v Winner of match 3
MATCH 6 2:00PM ASTRO	Winner of match 4 v Winner of match 1

Spillane Cup Round Robin (Games will be held in DLR Stepside Astro)

MATCH 1 11:00AM	Losers of match 4 v Losers of match 3
MATCH 2 1:00PM	Losers of match 3 v Losers of match 2
MATCH 3 3:00PM	Losers of match 2 v Losers of match 4

Spillane Cup Format:

- Games are to be 60 minutes long.
- if 2 teams are level after all games are played then it goes to Goal difference, then Goals scored.
- 1st Place in the Group will be Spillane Cup Winners.
- 2nd Place in the Group will be Spillane Cup Runners up.

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Harding Cup Final

FINAL 2:00PM ASTRO	Winners of match 5 v Winners of match 6
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PREVIOUS WINNERS

IUFU Harding Cup

1970	UCG (NUIG)	1989	UCC	2008	UL
1971	UCD	1990	UUJ	2009	UUJ
1972	UCC	1991	UCD	2010	UCD
1973	UCG (NUIG)	1992	Trinity	2011	UCI
1974	UCD	1993	UCC	2012	Maynooth
1975	UCG (NUIG)	1994	UCG (NUIG)	2013	UCD
1976	Maynooth	1995	UCC	2014	UCD
1977	UCD	1996	UCD	2015	UCC
1978	UCD	1997	Trinity	2016	UCD
1979	UCD	1998	UCD	2017	DCU
1980	Thomond	1999	NUIG	2018	Trinity
1981	UCC	2000	UU Magee	2019	UL
1982	UCC	2001	UCD	2020	UCD
1983	Trinity	2002	UL	2021	-
1984	NIHE Limerick	2003	UCD	2022	Maynooth
1985	UCG (NUIG)	2004	NUIG	2023	UCD
1986	Queens	2005	UCI	2024	UCD
1987	UCD	2006	UCI	2025	UCD
1988	UCG (NUIG)	2007	UCD		

IUFU Spillane Cup

2006	Magee College	2013	NUI Galway	2020	UCC
2007	Magee College	2014	Mary Immaculate College	2021	-
2008	UU Coleraine	2015	Mary Immaculate College	2022	GMIT
2009	Mary Immaculate College	2016	NUI Galway	2023	Maynooth
2010	DCU	2017	Mary Immaculate College	2024	Maynooth
2011	Maynooth	2018	Mary Immaculate College	2025	UCC
2012	DCU	2019	Trinity		



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ALEX DUNNE
CHARLIE MCGRATH
COLEMAN KING
DINO COSTIN
EOGHAN MURPHY
EOIN CUNNINGHAM
EOIN MAHER
EOIN SHEERAN
GEORDY LAVIN
HARRY DOYLE
HUGH SMITH
JACK O'FLAHERTY
KARL ANDRADE
KEVIN SWEENEY
KYLE DONOGHUE
LEO HEALY
LIAM BURKE
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SEAN TULLY
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AARON BRADY
AARON DOWNES
ADAM MULLINS
ADEJUWON ADENIRAN
ALVARO LOPEZ
CHARLIE ENNIS
CILLIAN HORAN
CILLIAN MCGRATH
CONOR LOUGHEED
EWAN HUGHES-AYRES
HARRISON MAHER
JACK O'HANLON
KYLE CRANSTON
LIAM MONAGHAN
MATTHEW GOTI
OLEKSANDR REZNICHENKO
PADRAIC FENNESSY
SAM REYNOLDS
TADHG Ó CATHAIL



**Maynooth
University**
National University
of Ireland Maynooth



MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

ANDREWS OLAJIDE
BENJAMIN ROWE
CONOR NORTON
ETHAN HALL
FEILIM DIKCIUS
ILYA BEDNAKOV
IVAYLO CHATOV
JACK REID
JAMES MCELLIGOT
JOE JACOB
JOSH HALPIN
JOSHUA MASANGO
KIAN BRUNTON
KYLE LAWLOR
LUKE FEIGHERY
LUKE POVAL
MARVEN CHAN
MATHEW CUNNINGHAM
RIAN DOYLE
TADGH KANE
TAYLOR MCCARTHY
WILLIAM SMITH
ZACH BRADY

Management: John O Sullivan (Head Coach), Declan McDaid (Assistant Coach), Mark Ralph (Coach), Brendan O Callaghan (GK Coach), Barry Prenderville (Development Officer)

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN



Trinity
College
Dublin

The University of Dublin



AARON BREEN
ALEC THOMPSON
ALEX LEA
ALEXANDRE JAUNY
CHARLIE CLIFTON
CHARLIE HARTY
CORMAC SHEEHAN
DEXTER STREMMING
HARRY BRYCE
JACK LUFF
JACK O'CROWLEY
JAMIE WEINFURTHNER
KAI FITZSIMONS
KEVIN NDJOROGE
KEVIN RIO CALVIO
LIAM COX
LUC MAHER
MARIO LONGO
MATHEW BRAY
REES DOWLING
SAM COLLINS
SEAN TULLY
SEBASTIAN CHEN
STEFANO SAROLI
SZYMON SKOCZEN

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK



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BEN P O'CONNELL
BRIAN O MAHONY
DANIEL MCCARTHY
DARA MCCORMICK
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DENZEL OGBENE
EMANUAL OLAWUNI
EOIN HOWELL
EVAN LYNCH
FINN BOND SMITH
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JAVIER SERRANO
JAYDEN ADAIR BELL
JIMMY HARTE
MARK KELLEHER
NOAH SOWINSKI
OISIN TWOHIG
ROB BARRY
RONAN O'SHEA
SAM BAILEY
SEAN NOLAN

UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



OLLSCOIL NA
GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY
OF GALWAY



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ADRIAN ROMERO
BRIAN CUNNINGHAM
CHARLIE HEALY
CONOR NOONE
DANIEL O'MALLEY
DANIEL GAFFNEY
DARA KAVANAGH
DAVID CLEARY
DERMOT FORD
FIONN MCNAMARA
LIAM MURPHY
MATTHEW STAUNTON
NARA COLL
PADDY BRADBURY
RORY O'CONNOR
SAM BAKER
SAM GOLDEN
SAM FINNERAN
SCOTT DILLON

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK



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EOGHAN BRADY
EOIN O BRIEN
FINTAN O SULLIVAN
JACK AHERN
JASON O SULLIVAN
JOSH BOWLER
MARCUS LACUESTA
MARK LAVELLE
MARK LYNCH
MATT JONES
MATTHEW FOX
MATTHEW QUINN
MICHAEL MULCAHY
OISIN MARTIN
ROY LAWYER
RUBIN MCCARTHY
RYAN MCPHILLIPS
TOMMY GLYNN
TOMMY LILLIS
TRISTAN JASINSKI

Management: Charlie McShane and Conor Brett (Managers), Aidan O Connor (Coach), Fintan O Kelly (Coach), Mark Forde (Goalkeeper Coach), Colm Kinehan (Coach)

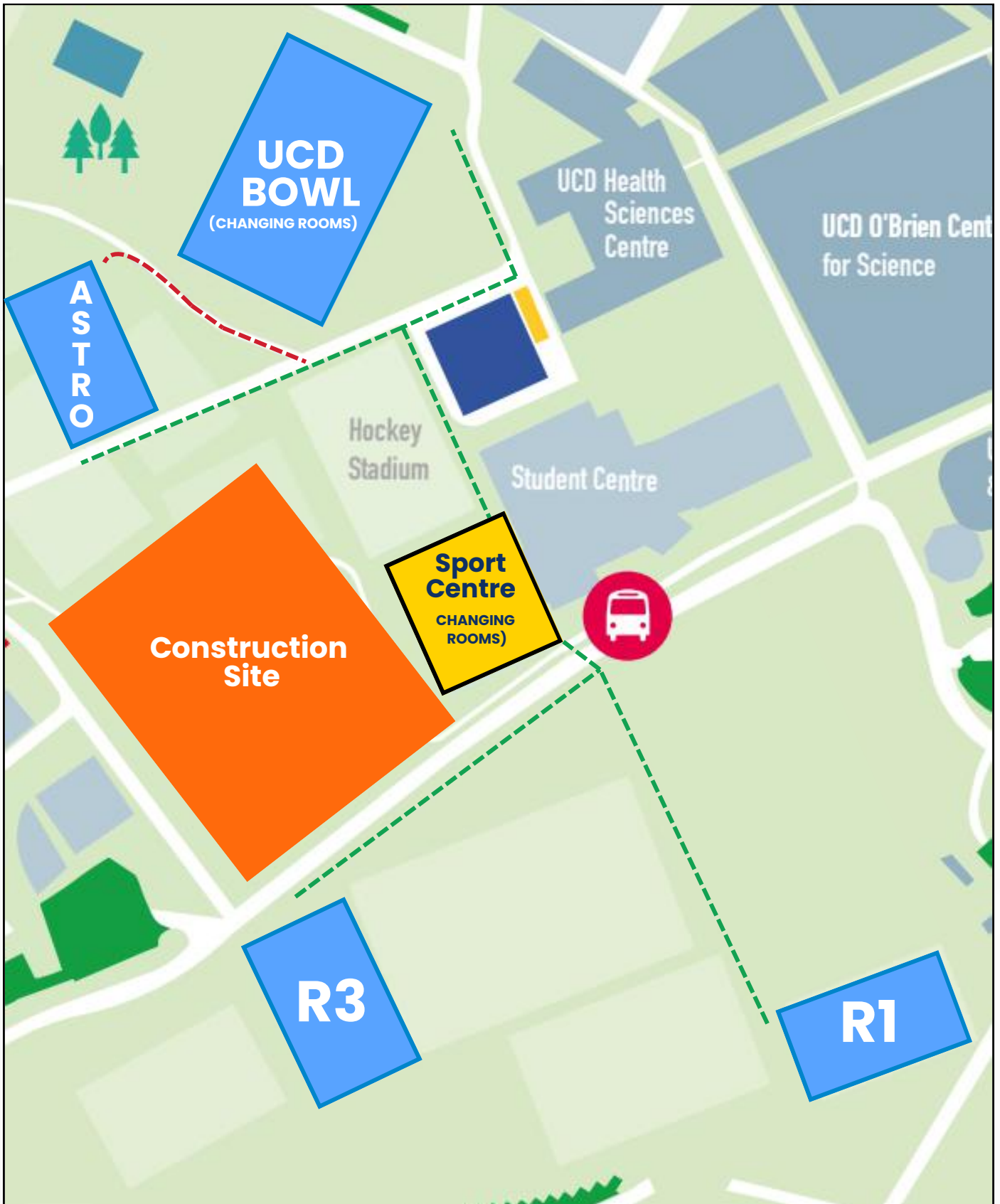








Pitch Map



----- Pedestrian route

----- Team/Player access only

 Pitch

UCD Parking Info

PARKING ON CAMPUS IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.



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Limited hourly paid parking is available in designated car parks and charges apply 08:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays) during the Autumn & Spring UCD teaching trimesters. Outside of these hours car parking is free of charge with the exception of those associated with UCD Sport & Fitness.

Please note:

- Cars parking in pay and display parking spaces must comply with the posted regulations.
- A UCD Parking Permit is not valid in pay and display parking areas.

Premium Rate Parking Spaces



Limited premium rate parking spaces are designed to ensure that short-term parking (1-2hrs) is available. They are marked as yellow spaces and are located:

- Opposite UCD Health Sciences Centre alongside UCD Sport & Fitness Members car park
- In O'Reilly Hall car park (N2)

Parking charges in premium rate car parking spaces apply 08:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays) during the Autumn & Spring UCD teaching trimesters.

Charges

TYPE	CHARGE
Pay and Display Parking	€1 per hour
Premium Rate Parking	€2.40 per hour

UCD Parking Map

