



IRISH UNIVERSITIES FOOTBALL UNION

# HARDING CUP

## 2026



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# IUFU CHAIRPERSON ADDRESS



**Raymond O'Malley**  
Chairperson IUFU

On behalf of the Irish Universities Football Union (IUFU), 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 IUFU 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 IUFU 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 IUFU



# 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, Sportsworks, 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*

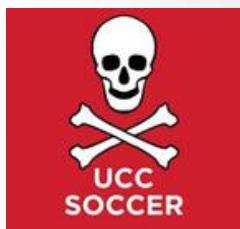
Director of Football UCD AFC



# Harding Cup Draw 2026



The University of Dublin





# Fixtures Schedule 2026

## Monday 26 January 2026

### Harding Cup Quarter Finals

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

## Tuesday 27 January 2026

### Harding Cup Semi Finals

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

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

<b>MATCH 1   11:00AM</b>	Losers of match 4 v Losers of match 3
<b>MATCH 2   1:00PM</b>	Losers of match 3 v Losers of match 2
<b>MATCH 3   3:00PM</b>	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

<b>FINAL   2:00PM   ASTRO</b>	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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AIDAN KANE  
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  
SAM NEVILLE  
SEAN TULLY  
THOMAS MORLEY

# DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

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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

Management: Keith McMahon (Manager), Aoibhe Whelan (Physio), Se Blake (Physio)



# MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY



**Maynooth University**  
National University  
of Ireland Maynooth



ANDREWS OLAJIDE  
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CONOR NORTON  
ETHAN HALL  
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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

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ALEC THOMPSON  
ALEX LEA  
ALEXANDRE JAUNY  
CHARLIE CLIFTON  
CHARLIE HARTY  
CORMAC SHEEHAN  
DEXTER STREMMING  
HARRY BRYCE  
JACK LUFF  
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SEAN TULLY  
SEBASTIAN CHEN  
STEFANO SAROLI  
SZYMON SKOCZEN

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BRIAN O MAHONY  
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DARA MCCORMICK  
DARA WALSH  
DENZEL OGBENE  
EMANUAL OLAWUNI  
EOIN HOWELL  
EVAN LYNCH  
FINN BOND SMITH  
JACK BRADY  
JACK O'SULLIVAN  
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



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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



ANDREW KEARNEY  
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

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**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN**



**DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY**





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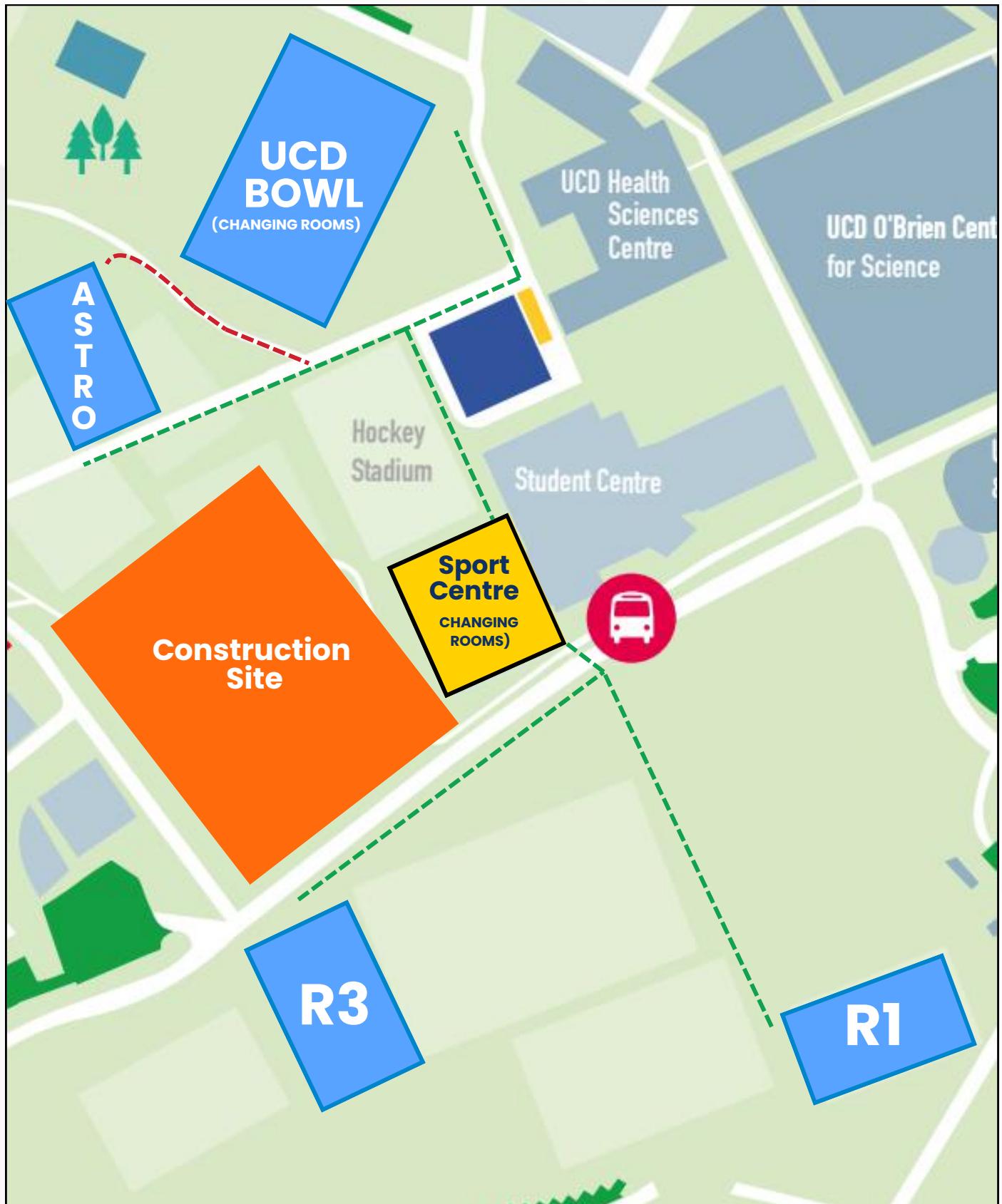
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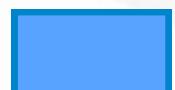
## UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK



# Pitch Map



----- Pedestrian route



Pitch

----- Team/Player access only

# UCD Parking Info

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## Pay and Display Parking

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**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

UCD Car Parks – Belfield

