

DLBB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2025 2026 SEASON

Application to the Dublin Championships (DLBB CUP & SHEILD):

- Any team wishing to participate in the Dublin Championships must send their application form to the League & Cup Administrator by a date to be fixed by the Committee from year to year.
- Participating teams must pay a fee the amount to be fixed from time to time by the Committee, such fee must accompany each application form.
- Any team who fails to submit their entry form and the appropriate fee by the due date will not be allowed participate in the Dublin Championships.
- All teams participating in the Dublin Championships must also play in the corresponding DLBB leagues.

Player Eligibility:

- Only players registered with the DLBB and actively playing on the relevant league teams in a particular season are eligible to participate in the Dublin Championships on that particular team in the same season.
- If your Dublin Championship game takes place before your league games commence all registered players are eligible to play.
- If your Dublin Championship game takes place after your league games commence then all registered players must have fulfilled 50% of those league games to be eligible to play.
- If you are injured early in the season, then you must play at least two league games before competing in the Dublin Championships.
- Senior Players participating in the Dublin Championships may not play up in Dublin Championship matches. DLBB byelaw 3.14 does apply for minor players to the Dublin Championships.

Dublin Championship Rules:

- The first-round draw for the Dublin Championships will be an open draw made at a meeting of the DLBB Committee.
- All games must be played on or before the play-by date.

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- The first named team drawn out for each match is deemed to be the home team, after that the top team on the sheet is the home team.
- The onus is on the home team to arrange the match on or before the play-by date, however the Committee expects both teams to be pro-active in getting the fixture played.
- This fixture must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Administrator and the opposing team at least 21 days prior to the fixture.
- Any team who plays a non-registered / illegal / ineligible player will be automatically disqualified from the competition with no recourse to appeal.

Fixtures:

- First round games will be arranged at the relevant fixture meeting at the beginning of each season.
- Subsequent games will be arranged on instruction from the Tournament Administrator.
- Any fixtures not arranged by the home team 14 days in advance of the play-by date will result in a walkover being awarded to the away team should the game subsequently not take place.
- When arranging a fixture, the home team must offer at least two dates to the away team. These dates must be at least four days apart. The away team must select one of these dates and may change a league game to facilitate the Cup game.
- Games cannot be organised on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday of a bank holiday weekend unless both teams agree and referees are available.
- Any changes to notified fixtures must have the prior approval of the Tournament Administrator.
- The winning team is responsible for sending in the score sheet to the Tournament Administrator within five days of the game being played.
- The Dublin Championship finals will be run over a weekend by the DLBB at a venue to be decided by the committee from time to time.
- Prize giving will take place after each game. Any situations not specifically covered in the Dublin Championship Rules will come under the regulations of the DLBB Byelaws and all final decisions are at the discretion of the committee.

DLBB CUP Finals Weekend is Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2026

DLBB Shield Finals Weekend is Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2026