

Time	Fixture	Score	Officials
8.30 men	Tasmania v Geelong		Irish-Australians
9.10 men	Gold Coast v Irish Australians		Geelong
9.50 women	Tasmania v Irish Australians		T.B.A.
10.30 men	Gold Coast v Geelong		Tasmania
11.10 men	Tasmania v Irish Australians		Gold Coast
11.50 women	Irish Australians v Tasmania		T.B.A.
12.30 men	Tasmania v Gold Coast		Geelong
1.10 men	Irish-Australians v Geelong		Gold Coast
2.00 men	Semi-final 1 st v 4 th		2 nd
2.45 men	Semi-final 2 nd v 3 rd		1 st
3.45 women	Women's Final Tasmania v Irish Australians Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, Governor of Tasmania		T.B.A.
4.30 men	Men's Final v		T.B.A.

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AUSTRALASIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



GAELIC FOOTBALL

830-5 Australasian Regional Championships
Olinda Grove Sportsfields, Mt Nelson
1945 Presentation of All-Star teams
Hotel Soho, 124 Davey St, Hobart
#ARC2017Gaelic



Hobart, 18 November 2017

In what is the first type of tournament outside the Australasian Games for the GFHAA, it gives me great pleasure to welcome players and supporters from Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and indeed Tasmania to the inaugural Regional Championships in Hobart.

I'd like to express the thanks of the Association to all of those who have invested so much time and energy into the development of the concept across the participating teams. At the Australasian Convention in Melbourne last February everyone was in agreement that we should look at giving an opportunity to players to compete against others in a competition played at a different level to the Australasian Games. From this discussion came the Regional Championships and I would particularly like to thank the following people who have made this concept a reality. Firstly to Tasmania and their Australasian Vice-President Alan Whykes, then to John Reaney in Geelong, Matt Doecke in Adelaide and Brendan Ryan at the Gold Coast all of whom have worked tirelessly with the Australasian Secretary to make the concept a reality.

I am sure when players take to the field they will appreciate the amount of work made by the Tasmanian association to make an enjoyable competition. Australasia will review how the Championships went and will look at how to maybe incorporate the concept into the Australasian Games in 2018 or even improve as a stand alone competition.

In conclusion I hope that the Regional Championships turn out to be an outstanding success both on the pitch and at the evening function when the "All-Star" teams will be announced.



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About the ARC 2017 teams

The Irish Australians Gaelic Football Club was formed in Adelaide by ex-players of a Sydney-based club of the same name, with men's and ladies' teams being established in the late 90s. They play in the GFHASA State League and also provide players for South Australian representative teams. IA men were winners of the Tassie 7s Blitz in 2015, defeating Geelong in a very tight grand final.



Finally best of luck to all visiting teams, their coaches, managers, referees and supporters.

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President

GFHA Australasia

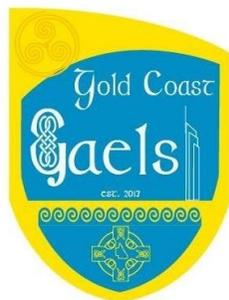
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Geelong's GAA history goes back to 1952. Over the years Geelong found it difficult to put teams together. This was mostly because the Irish people who came to the area were not staying long due to a lack of work opportunities. Geelong compete in the Victorian GAA league and their main goal is to promote the GAA to the entire Geelong community no matter their background.

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The **GC Gaels** are the first properly affiliated Gaelic sports club on the Gold Coast. They have been playing in the Queensland league since 2014. Gold Coast are attempting to develop youth and women's teams to go with the men's football side to round out the club. In keeping with the GAA tradition, the club hosts frequent social events with Irish culture in mind.



Gaelic football was launched in **Tasmania** in 2007 and the TGFHA was formed that year. Since then competitions of various formats have been played regularly in Tasmania. The Association does a lot of promotion and is always keen to welcome new players to this wonderful sport. Tasmania is looking to pursue more opportunities for both social players and the state representative teams: The Pademelons (men) and The Swift Parrots (ladies).

A portrait of Elise Archer, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue blazer, smiling. The background is a solid blue color.

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Playing Rules of Gaelic Football

The history of Gaelic football goes back thousands of years. The rules were first formally codified in the late 1800s and have been undergoing refinement ever since. Sharing a similar field to the spectacular game of hurling, Gaelic football has the objective of accumulating points by scoring over the crossbar (1 point) or into the goal (3 points). Points can be kicked or handpassed, goals kicked or punched but not handpassed.

The game is started with a throw-in at the beginning of each half. Hands and feet can be used by all players. Players can run 4 steps and then must either bounce or 'solo' to continue running.

Disposal can be by kick or handpass to team-mate or as a shot at goals. A 'tackle' in Gaelic football is focussed on stripping the ball rather than physically impeding the progress of an opponent. As in AFL, tripping, pushing, high tackles and so on are not permitted.

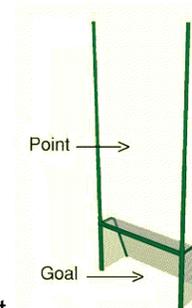
After any score, or missed shot at goal, play is re-started by a kick-in from the defending team. If the ball is touched over the end-line by the defence, the attackers get a free from the 45m line that must be kicked off the turf. When the ball goes out over the sidelines, play is also re-started with a kick-in.

There is no 'mark' in Gaelic other than from goalkeeper kick-ins. A player taking this mark can either take his free kick or play on. Other than that situation, it is not permitted to 'play-on' or handpass from free kicks.

There are minor rule differences between the men's and ladies' versions of Gaelic football, the main one being that men cannot touch the ball while it is on the ground. Another is that all free kicks can be taken from the hands whereas some in the men's game must be kicked off the ground.

There various technical rules but in practice the game is generally free-flowing and attractive to watch. Skills in Gaelic are somewhat similar to other football codes with speed, balance, agility, kicking accuracy, hand-eye coordination, determination, 'touch' and field awareness all being useful attributes of a great player.

Lots of clips from the latest games can be seen at <http://www.gaa.ie/gaa-now/> You can learn a lot by observing games and how the play unfolds.



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Key

1 - Clubhouse:
changerooms,
bar, food, toilets,
merchandise.
Please do not
block the stairs.

2 - Warm-up
areas

3 - Team
dugouts

4 - Kids Zone

5 - Tournament
Manager tent:
team sheets,
info & programs,
practice balls,
phone charging

6 - Results board

7 - St Johns

8 - Main pitch
(all matches)

9 - Parking

10 - Spectator
areas (also
Clubhouse and
decks)



- please **keep
this area clear**
at all times

