

# Master Fixtures Plan 2011

## **Structures Committee**

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### **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTACHED MASTER FIXTURES PLAN**

The brief of this committee was to put forward a fixtures plan on behalf of all clubs and to reflect the views and sentiments expressed at recent meetings and annual convention. There are many difficulties in trying to put together a workable club fixtures plan against a demanding inter-county schedule in both codes. For instance the gaps between round 1 and round 2 in the club football championship is no way satisfactory, but not commencing these championships on the proposed dates would prevent the commencement of the intermediate and junior championship competitions and possibly jeopardise Clare Participation in the Munster club campaign

While all would accept that it is preferable to play club hurling and football in summer months like June & July, it is extremely difficult to plan club games during these months. If the Clare senior hurlers win the Munster semi-final on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, the Munster final is 3 weeks later. If they lose that semi-final they will be involved in qualifier games possibly two weekends in a row in July with the all-Ireland quarter-final scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> July

On the football front, the Clare senior Footballers play Cork on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, with the winners to play Waterford in the Munster Semi-final on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

- **Senior Football round 1**
  - **If Clare lose to Cork, the first round will be played on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> June**
  - **If Clare win to Cork and lose to Waterford it will be the weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/ 26<sup>th</sup> June**
  - **If they beat Cork and Waterford it will be the 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**We have tried to ensure that dual clubs will have at least five days between championship games in hurling and football. This may not always be possible in the latter stages of the championship, depending on how Clare perform in the all-Ireland series and the requirement to have the county championship completed before the Munster club championship.**

**Dual clubs are not scheduled to play senior hurling and football championship games in the same weekend in the master fixtures plan. However if replays are required at knockout stages, it may not be possible to adhere to this rule. It is also not possible for this committee to ensure that this would apply**