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Irish Sports Continental Youth Championships Come to Dublin, California

DUBLIN, CALIFORNIA – From Thursday, July 27, to Sunday, July 30, the City of Dublin, California, will host the Continental Youth Championships (CYC), a four-day series of sporting competitions featuring the Irish sports of Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie. CYC brings together thousands of players, ages 6-18, from regional Gaelic Athletic Associations (GAA) across North America for over 250 separate matches in Dublin’s Emerald Glen Park (4201 Central Parkway).

Each year, the Continental GAA selects a different location to host this competition and this year chose Dublin, CA, for its deep historical roots with the Irish-American community; its prime location in the San Francisco Bay Area; the availability of high quality fields; and the city’s commitment to supporting high quality recreational events.

“It is an honor for the City of Dublin, California, to host the upcoming Gaelic Games, and to welcome the many dignitaries from Ireland who are traveling a great distance to celebrate this event,” said Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez. “I wish the many competitors a successful tournament.”

The Irish Consulate in San Francisco will host a “Pop Up Consulate” at the site of the competitions, where they will provide information on Ireland and the Consulate’s activities, as well as aid eligible attendees in applying for Irish citizenship, passports, and visas.

Vice Consul Jennifer Chadwick said, "The Consulate is very lucky to be able to participate in this incredible competition. Our staff and I will be on-site at the games, excited to meet both the local and continental communities, and cheer on some of the most talented children and young people in Irish sport. A huge thank you and congratulations to all the organizers!"

James Quinn, board member from the San Francisco Youth Gaelic Athletic Association (SFYGAA), estimates that more than 250 separate games will be played on pitches in Dublin, California's, Emerald Glen Park during the four-day event.

"The City of Dublin and the team at Visit Tri-Valley have welcomed these games and this community with open arms," said Quinn. "It was an absolute pleasure to work with Dublin and the Tri-Valley leaders, and we're deeply appreciative for all they've done to welcome the games to Dublin."

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