



2026

British & Irish Outdoor Tug Of War Championships

DATE

**Saturday 8 August &
Sunday 9 August 2026**

VENUE

**Cork Showgrounds,
Curraheen Rd, Cork**



WHEN & WHERE

The **British & Irish Outdoor Tug of War Championships 2026** will take place on **Saturday 8 August and Sunday 9 August 2026**, hosted at the **Munster Agricultural Society Showgrounds** (Cork Showgrounds). This two-day outdoor championship will bring together clubs, athletes, officials, and supporters from across Britain and Ireland for one of the most significant fixtures on the annual tug of war calendar.

The championships will be contested on grass in accordance with recognised British & Irish outdoor tug of war regulations, showcasing high-level competition across senior, junior, and mixed categories.

PARTICIPATING NATIONS

The championships will feature competitors representing:

- **England**
- **Ireland**
- **Northern Ireland**
- **Scotland**
- **Wales**

Teams from across these nations will compete over two days of outdoor championship pulling.

WEIGHT CATEGORIES

CLOSED WEIGHTS:

- **Senior Men 600kg & 680kg**
- **Senior Women 520kg & 560kg**
- **Junior Men 560kg**
- **Senior Mixed 580kg**
- **Junior Ladies 520kg**
- **Junior Mixed 540kg**

OPEN WEIGHTS:

- **Senior Men: 600kg, 640kg, 680kg, 560kg**
- **Senior Women: 500kg, 520kg, 540kg, 560kg**
- **Junior Men 560kg**
- **Senior Mixed 580kg**
- **Junior Ladies 520kg**
- **Junior Mixed 540kg**

** Subject to entries in advance **

VENUE

Competition Venue:

Munster Agricultural Society Showgrounds (Cork Showgrounds)
Curraheen Road, Cork, Co. Cork, Ireland

Eircode: T12 AX2F

The venue is located adjacent to the **N22 Motorway**, providing easy access for teams and spectators.

REGISTRATION & WEIGH-IN

Registration and official weigh-in will take place at:

Talbot Hotel Cork
Ballincollig, Co. Cork, Ireland

Eircode: P31 XA02

Exact weigh-in times and procedures will be confirmed in advance.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following three hotels have secured reduced bed-and-breakfast rates for the championships.

- Each individual is responsible for making their own booking
- A booking reference must be quoted
- Booking cut-off date: 10 July 2026
After this date, rooms will return to general availability.

All hotels are within easy access of the competition venue.

TALBOT HOTEL CORK – EVENT HEADQUARTERS

€189 per person sharing – including use of Gym, Swimming Pool, Steam Room, Sauna & Jacuzzi
| 2 nights Bed & Breakfast with dinner on one evening (Friday evening) - 7th & 8th August

- Phone: +353 (21) 420 8400
 - Eircode: P31 XA02
 - Approx. 5.8 km / 10 minutes from the competition arena
 - Official event headquarters
 - Booking Reference: B&I232320 (must be quoted)
 - Location for registration and weigh-in
 - Venue for the Gala Dinner and medal presentations
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ROCHESTOWN PARK HOTEL

€205 per Twin/Double room - including use of Gym, Swimming Pool, Steam Room, Sauna & Jacuzzi
| 2 nights Bed & Breakfast - 7th & 8th August

- Phone: +353 (21) 489 0800
 - Eircode: T12 AKC8
 - Approx. 10.5 km / 15 minutes from the competition arena
 - Booking Reference: B&ITUG070826
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INTERNATIONAL HOTEL CORK AIRPORT

| €205 B&B / room per night single occupancy - 7th & 8th August

| €220 B&B / room per night twin/double occupancy - 7th & 8th August

- Phone: +353 (21) 454 9800
- Eircode: T12 H516
- Booking Reference: B&IGA001246
- Fitness Room
- Approx. 10.5 km / 15 minutes from the competition arena

Gala Dinner

The official Gala Dinner will take place at the event headquarters:

- Venue: Talbot Hotel Cork – Leslie Banqueting Suite
- Date: Saturday 8 August 2026
- Time: To be confirmed
- Cost: €50 per person
- Format: Three-course meal with coffee
- Tickets will be available online in advance of the event

The presentation of medals will take place during the Gala Dinner.

TRAVEL & DIRECTIONS

From Cork Airport / International Hotel to Arena

- Exit airport to the **left**
- Proceed to **N22 Westbound**
- Take **Exit 2 – L2222 to Curraheen**

From Rochestown Park Hotel to Arena

- Exit hotel to the **left**
- Take slip road to **N22 Westbound**
- Take **Exit 2 – L2222 to Curraheen**

From Talbot Hotel to Arena

- Exit hotel to the **right**
- Join **N22 Eastbound**
- Take **Exit 1 – L2222 to Curraheen**

To Talbot Hotel (Headquarters)

- From Airport Hotel or Rochestown Park Hotel
- Join **N22 Westbound**
- Take **Exit 2 – R608 Ballincollig**

Distances:

- Airport Hotel → Talbot Hotel: **16 km**
 - Rochestown Park Hotel → Talbot Hotel: **16 km**
 - Cork Airport → Rochestown Park Hotel: **10 km**
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ABOUT THE HOST CITY: CORK

Cork was selected as the host location for the 2026 Outdoor Championships in recognition of its long and established association with outdoor tug of war and its contribution to the sport at club, national, and international level.

Clubs and individuals from Cork and the wider Munster region have, over many decades, played a significant role in Irish tug of war, with athletes regularly forming part of national panels representing Ireland at international championships. The region has a strong tradition of outdoor competition dating back to the early years of organised tug of war in Ireland, supported by experienced clubs, officials, and administrators.

In addition to its sporting heritage, Cork offers practical advantages for a championship of this scale. **Cork Airport** is located close to the city and the event venue and serves a range of UK (and European) routes, while **Cork Port** provides ferry connections for teams travelling by sea. Combined with suitable facilities and local organisational expertise, Cork provides an excellent setting for the British & Irish Outdoor Championships.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Cork is well connected for visitors, with **Cork Airport** located close to the city and offering on-site car hire. Public transport links are available via **Bus Éireann** services, which connect the airport with Cork city, including Kent Station and Parnell Place. Ireland uses the **euro (€)**. Visitors will find a range of nearby attractions, including **Blarney Castle**, **Fota Wildlife Park**, and Cork city centre, which offers shopping, dining, cultural venues, nightlife, and local amenities. The south coast and sections of the **Wild Atlantic Way** are also within easy reach for those extending their stay.

FURTHER EVENT INFORMATION

Additional updates, including entry information, venue access, parking, and spectator guidance, will be published via official association channels and the TugOfWarIreland.com website closer to the event.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Further details on confirmed weight classes, schedules, and technical arrangements will be issued closer to the event.

ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To follow
