

Deise's opening 2017 fixtures are announced

Derek McGrath and Tom McGlinchey now know the majority of their fixtures for the first half of 2017.

The Munster Senior Hurling League is due to commence on Sunday, January 8th with the final fixed for Sunday, January 29th. While Tipperary will not take part again, the draw for this competition will be made in the coming weeks.

In the National Hurling League, Waterford will begin their campaign with an away game to Kilkenny at Nowlan Park on February 12th and face All-Ireland Champions Tipperary at Walsh Park a week later.

Waterford have a Croke Park date with Dublin on March 4th, with the game having a 5pm throw in and they round off the league with games against Cork at Walsh Park on March 12th and an away game with League champions Clare a fortnight later.

Waterford's Munster Championship semi-final meeting with either All-Ireland Champions Tipperary or Cork will take place on June 18th. Next year's Munster Final will take place on July 9th.

In Football, Tom McGlinchey's side have been handed a favourable draw in the McGrath Cup, avoiding the big three in Munster.

Waterford who won this competition for only the second time in 2015 are in Group Two along with Clare and Limerick.

Waterford begin away to Clare in Ennis on January 8th and play Limerick a week later at Fraher Field. In between, Clare and Limerick will meet with the group winner advancing to the final on January 22nd.

Waterford's first game in the National League will be a tricky game against London on February 5th at Lemybrien. Waterford have another home game on February 11th when they take on Wicklow under the lights at Fraher Field.

Waterford's first League game on the road will take place at Innovate Wexford Park at the end of February.

Westmeath will come to Fraher Field for Waterford's fourth outing on March 5th, and it's up the M9 for Round 5 when Waterford take on Carlow at Network Cullen Park.

Waterford's last home game is another game under lights on March 25th against Limerick at Fraher Field, and their last game will see Waterford journey to Leitrim on April 2nd.

In the Munster Senior Championship, Waterford will play Cork at Fraher Field on either May 27th or 28th, with the winners to face Tipperary.

Should Waterford advance, they'll travel to Thurles. Next year's Munster Senior Football Final will take place on July 2nd.