

WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IRELAND 2012



One-Wall Events:

Thursday 5th April 2012 - Sunday 8th April 2012

40x20 Events:

Monday 9th April 2012 - Sunday 15th April 2012

IRELAND... Did you Know?

In 1990, Mary Robinson was elected the first female President of the Republic of Ireland.

There are more mobile phones in Ireland than there are people.

The ancestors of U.S. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan were Irish.

The longest place name in Ireland is Muckanagherdauhaulia, in County Galway.

The original Guinness Brewery in Dublin has a 9,000 year lease on it's property.

The best Irish proverb? "A man is incomplete until he marries. Then he is finished."

We drink more tea per head of population than any other country

Ireland has a population of 3,917,203

The famous Titanic ship was built in Belfast.

Irish born architect James Hoban designed the White House and also the official residence of the Irish president, Aras an Uachtarain.

One of the largest and most famous festivals in the world starts on St.Patrick's Day, March 17th, when over 500,000 people will line the streets of Dublin to watch the St.Patrick's Day Parade.



The 2012 World Handball Championships to be held in Ireland could well be the best ever. It is the only place to be in 2012!

Michael 'Ducksy' Walsh
All Ireland record holder



I have played all over the World and it is exciting to see and hear of the plans for the 2012 Worlds in Ireland. Don't miss it!

Paul Brady
World Senior champion 03, 06



There is no doubt that Ireland will be the place to be in 2012 at the World Championships - an event no handballer should miss!

Fiona Shannon
World Senior champion 03, 06



Internationally, handball is flying the flag for the GAA and will ensure another amazing spectacle in Ireland in 2012...

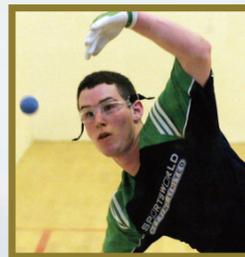
Mickey Harte,
All Ireland winning manager

GAA Handball... Looking ahead

Irish handball is very proud to be part of the biggest sporting organisation in Ireland, the GAA - Gaelic Athletic Association. We have rebranded ourselves in 2009 to further highlight this close affinity and are now known as **GAA Handball** in Ireland. With this in mind, major growth in 'The Perfect Game' in Ireland is envisaged in the months and years ahead and by the time we come around to officially hosting the world championships in 2012, optimism is high that the popularity of our game will be at an all-time high. With major initiatives in the sport planned in the not too distant future, a considerable rise in participation should see Handball catapulted very much to the forefront of Irish Sport. This included recently seeing the Irish Official Handball team paraded in front of 83,000 spectators in the middle of the field at Croke Park on All-Ireland final Day. Included in the upcoming plans for future handball development will be the anticipated state of the art handball facilities to be built at Croke Park and ready for the world championships in 2012. This would further enhance what will unequivocally be an amazing event! Irish Handball would be delighted to welcome everyone to Ireland in 2012 and will have no doubt in saying that it will be an occasion that every visitor will cherish forever more!



Croke Park Stadium, Dublin



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