

12TH MAN



**NORTHERN IRELAND
v ESTONIA**
THURSDAY 21 MARCH
Kick off 19.45

**NORTHERN IRELAND
v BELARUS**
SUNDAY 24 MARCH
Kick off 19.45



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WELCOME FROM MICHAEL O'NEILL



I know it is a well worn cliché but there are no easy matches in international football.

I believe it is important to remember that as we commence our Euro 2020 qualification matches.

It would be too easy to dismiss Estonia, who we face on Thursday, and Belarus, our opposition on Sunday, and concentrate on the supposedly more difficult matches against Germany and The Netherlands which we will be facing in the autumn.

However these four games – two at home in March and two away in June – represent a major challenge for us.

It is vital we get off to a strong start in the campaign, as we were able to do in 2014-15 in our last set of Euro qualifiers, because points on the board now will certainly put pressure on the others.

Our games last autumn both in the Nations League and the friendlies were important in bleeding new players and bringing younger players into the group.

With a relatively small group to choose from I really do want to see our players playing regularly and consistently for their clubs. The international break is often a great opportunity for players who are not playing regularly to refocus and use the different dynamic of the international squad to gain confidence and hopefully return to their clubs in a positive frame of mind.

Thanks for your continued support.

Michael O'Neill
National Team Manager

WELCOME FROM GARY MCALLISTER

As we embark upon our quest to qualify for Euro 2020 the team are certainly faced with a difficult proposition with Germany and the Netherlands in our group.

Let's not get ahead of ourselves, though, as we begin the campaign here against Estonia and Belarus.

Our last two meetings with the Estonians ended in defeat and this will be an opportunity to put that right while collecting three important points to get off to the best possible start.

We of course last played Belarus in a friendly in the run-up to Euro 2016. We won that game at a canter, however we are expecting a much tougher game this time around.

I'd like to mention our London NISC who have undertaken a novel way of raising up to £10,000 for a number of local charities – by selling the Wee Michael O'Neill toy figure. You may have seen the Wee MON on social media platforms in recent months.

Members of London NISC will be selling the figures at the stadium before the Estonia match so if you see them please buy one and support the wide range of charities that this will benefit.

I hope that you find the information in this guide helpful. Let's get off to a great start – enjoy the matches!

Gary McAllister
Chairman, AONISC

FAN ZONE

FREE ENTRY

Everyone welcome!

FROM 6.00PM AT OLYMPIA 3G
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KIOSKS

Our concession units will be open from 6.15pm. There are 12 of these in operation around the ground with snacks and drinks available to purchase.

Please note alcohol will only be sold up until the end of half time and it will not be possible to take alcohol into the stadium bowl.



TRAVEL ADVICE

We are expecting extremely heavy traffic in the area around the stadium and ask all fans to travel early and arrive in plenty of time for kick-off. Train services to Adelaide or Metro service 9 buses will help you on your journey to and from the match. *Plan your journey now <http://journeyplanner.translink.co.uk/>*

Behaviour at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park

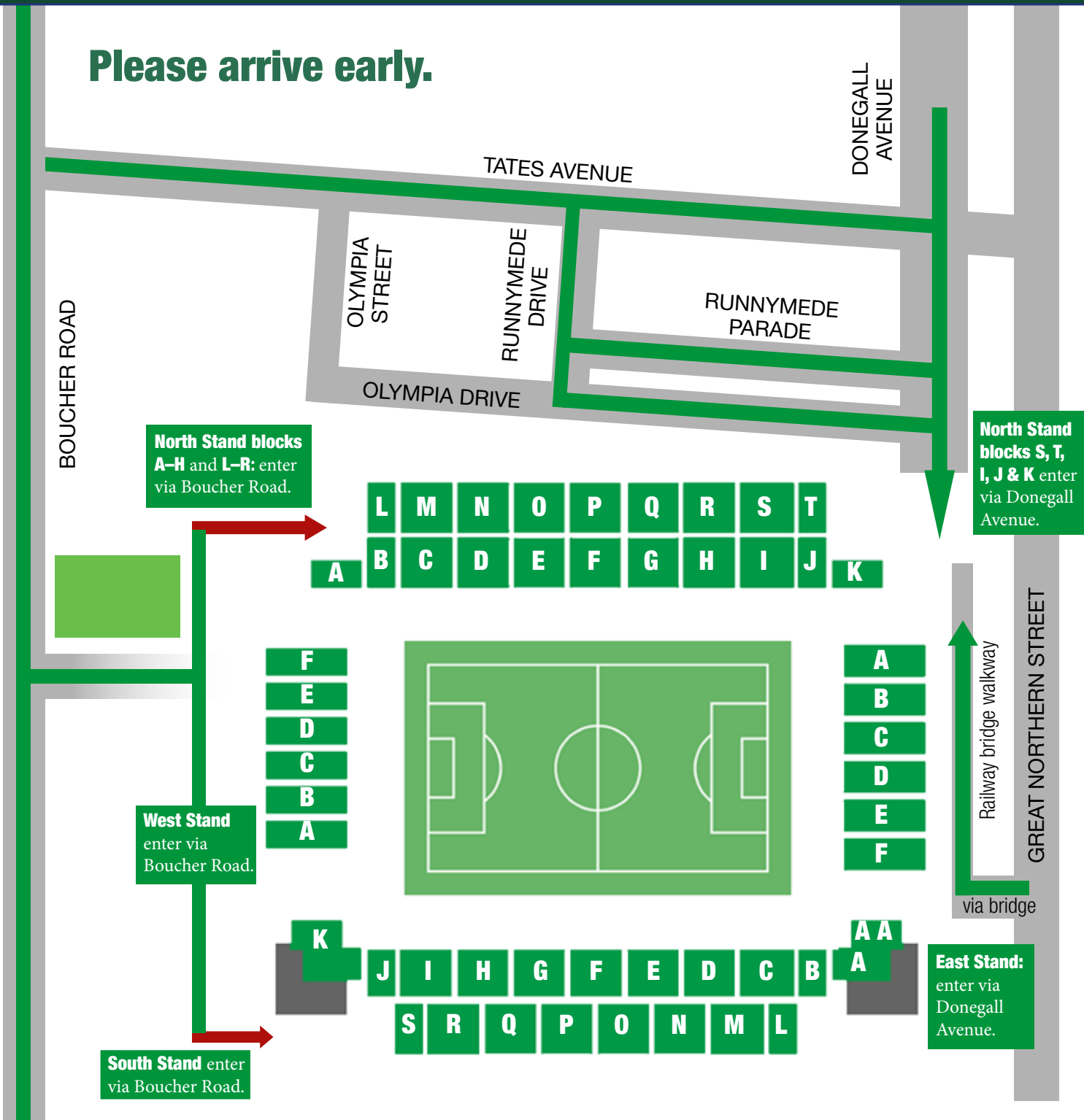
All ticket holders must ensure they are not in breach of the football provisions of the Justice Act (NI) in regards to Section 36 (throwing of articles capable of causing injury), Section 37 (chanting of a sectarian, indecent or racial nature), Section 38 (going on to the playing area) and Section 39 (possession of fireworks, flares etc).

The Irish FA has the right in the case of any serious or persistent breach of these provisions to cancel and/or withdraw any ticket or Campaign Card issued to you. In the event of such cancellation and/or withdrawal no refund will be paid.

Getting there

Please check the map to see which entrance you need to use as this may have changed.

Fans entering via Boucher Road can park at Apollo Road via Stockman's Lane. Fans entering via Donegall Avenue can park in the Lower Windsor area. All fans should be mindful of our neighbours within the area of the Stadium. Vehicle movement will be restricted post-event until all fans are clear of the area.



Northern Ireland fan, Football For All ambassador, sports, radio and television presenter Colin Murray has thrown out a new charity challenge to football fans and the wider public in 2019.

He is asking for 100 people to raise at least £100 in the next 100 days to support the Cancer Fund for Children and the work of the Irish FA's Foundation working with disadvantaged youth all across Northern Ireland.



100 PEOPLE £100 100 DAYS



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cancer fund
for children

NI Charity Commission No. NIC100532

Colin said: "This is a good chance to do something for great causes right in our own backyard and have some fun at the same time.

"It is totally up to you what you want to do. Anything goes, and I mean anything. I walked through Belfast city centre in a mankini for Football For All so go for it.

"Hopefully we can find 100 members of the Green and White Army to take up the challenge. What we've done off the pitch so far this century is just as important as on it."

Irish FA Foundation Director of Football Development Michael Boyd added: "Approximately one in every five children in Northern Ireland are involved in our foundation's Football For All, health and education programmes.

"Both our foundation and the Cancer Fund for Children carry out essential services caring for young people and their

well-being. All money raised from the fundraising shall be split 50-50 between our charity and the Cancer Fund for Children."

Phil Alexander, Cancer Fund for Children Director of Services, said: "Last year Cancer Fund for Children supported 464 families impacted by cancer.

"This includes children diagnosed with cancer and their parents and siblings, and also children who have a parent diagnosed with cancer. We quite simply could not provide essential, practical, financial and emotional support to these young people and their families without the backing of the local community.

"We would urge the Green and White Army to throw their support behind Colin's charity challenge so that we can connect, empower and strengthen even more young people and families across Northern Ireland in 2019."

The rules of the charity challenge are simple:

1. Contact Richard Forsythe at the Irish FA Foundation (richard.forsythe@irishfa.com) to register for the challenge. Richard can provide advice and a list of fun fundraising activities to help spark an idea. The first 100 people to register shall have their names published on the Irish FA website as our Charity Challenge Champions for 2019 and each will receive a personal thank-you letter from Michael O'Neill upon completion of their event.
2. Hold your fun fundraising event between 1 March and 8 May 2019 using the hashtag #FFAchallenge19 to help promote your good work online.
3. Submit the funds you have raised to Richard Forsythe by 31 May 2019.

Special Money Can't Buy Prizes

1. There will be a special prize for the top fundraiser, the person who raises the most money. The top fundraiser shall receive 4 VIP tickets to the Northern Ireland v Luxembourg game on 5 September 2019, travelling to the match on the official team bus with the Northern Ireland players.
2. The fundraiser who organises the funniest challenge event shall win a special mystery prize. Colin Murray shall select the winner for this.

#FFAchallenge19

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD

Goalkeepers:

Michael McGovern (Norwich City)

Bailey Peacock-Farrell (Leeds Utd)

Conor Hazard (Partick Thistle *loan*)

Defenders:

Gareth McAuley (Glasgow Rangers)

Jonny Evans (Leicester City)

Craig Cathcart (Watford)

Aaron Hughes (Heart of Midlothian)

Conor McLaughlin (Millwall)

Patrick McNair (Middlesbrough)

Jamal Lewis (Norwich City)

Tom Flanagan (Sunderland)

Daniel Ballard (Arsenal)



Midfielders:

Steven Davis (Glasgow Rangers)

Niall McGinn (Aberdeen)

Corry Evans (Blackburn Rovers)

Shane Ferguson (Millwall)

Stuart Dallas (Leeds Utd)

George Saville (Middlesbrough)

Jordan Jones (Kilmarnock)

Gavin Whyte (Oxford United)

Jordan Thompson (Blackpool)

Forwards:

Kyle Lafferty (Glasgow Rangers)

Conor Washington (Sheffield United)

Liam Boyce (Burton Albion)

Paul Smyth (Accrington Stanley *loan*)

Josh Magennis (Bolton Wanderers)



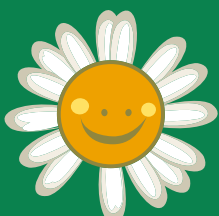
Irish FA proudly supporting Cancer Fund for Children's Road Miles Scheme

helping local families cover the cost of travelling to and from the main cancer treatment centres in Northern Ireland.



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To donate £5

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