TIMELINE

February - March 2025

- Engage NIFL Clubs/Intermediate Leagues and Divisional Associations.
- Expression of interest window.
- NAFL to issue online form and capture data.

April - June 2025

- Review data received from EOI submissions.
- Continue consultation with NIFL and the Irish FA.
- Provide update to football family.

July 2025

- Information Pack released (to include competition structure, ground criteria, regulations, club licensing and accreditation and application process).

August - September 2025

- Application process (one month period) including guidance documents.

October - November 2025

- Ground inspections.
- Ranking of applicant clubs – indicative letters of offer.
- Irish FA to roll-out Facilities Funding Programme.

December 2025 - February 2026

- Confirmation of league clubs.
- Deadline for Facilities Funding Programme.

March - August 2026

- Engagement on conference day-to-day.
- Confirmation of rules and regulations.
- Clubs sign up to Conference Participation Agreement.
- August - kick off first season of new performance pathway structure.