

This weekend is set to see the long awaited beginning of the U15 SSE Airtricity League as we face St Kevin's Boys with kick off in Marley Park at 2pm on Saturday.



This season will see a shortened season beginning this weekend and running until the end of October, before the playoff series in November, with the finals due to be played the last week in November. There will be four groups with six teams competing in each group and the top two teams from each group will then qualify for the finals stage.

All 20 SSE Airtricity League teams are represented with three schoolboy league sides – Kerry Schoolboys League, Mayo League, Monaghan/Cavan Partnership – and St. Kevin's Boys making up the 24 sides in the truncated season.

The four groups are as follows:-

Group 1 – Derry City, Finn Harps, Longford Town, Mayo, Monaghan-Cavan, Sligo Rovers.

Group 2 – Athlone Town, Bray Wanderers, Galway United, Shamrock Rovers, St. Kevin's Boys, UCD.

Group 3 – Cobh Ramblers, Cork City, Kerry, Limerick, Waterford FC, Wexford FC.

Group 4 – Bohemians, Cabinteely, Drogheda United, Dundalk, Shelbourne, St. Patrick's Athletic.

The league will also see the strengthening of our partnership with Mount Merrion, which will hopefully see a number of their current and future underage players following the pathway through their ranks before joining our elite pathway in the National League set up at under 15s before progressing through our under 17s, under 19s and the ultimate goal of our first team in the SSE Airtricity League as well as our College's and Universities sides.

Ahead of the new season, Padraic Fitzpatrick will take charge of our under 15s, rejoining the club after an extremely successful period with Cherry Orchard, having previously worked with Alastair Harvey and our under 19 side when we won the Enda McGuill Cup in 2015. Padraig will be joined by Ronan Crean who is well used to the "UCD" set up having had a successful time with our Leinster Senior League and College's sides while completing his BSc in Sport Management as well as a Diploma in Sport Psychology here in UCD. Ronan also played for Dundrum FC and Mount Merrion, and has recently taken up a number of coaching positions with Mount Merrion under age sides.

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