

# Alignment for conference D71 May 2024

Subject to change

Currently some clubs not yet renewed  
and a few new clubs may charter before 30<sup>th</sup> June

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# BACKGROUND

- Realignment is a mandatory annual process – see next page for TMI requirements.
- Usually reflects minor changes in clubs in the current year.
- This year requires more change as the epidemic resulted over the years in considerable club losses and the scope for minor changes has reduced.
- Clubs have fallen in D71 from over 213 (in 2020)
- Likely to end year at 187+4 possibles
- In April 2017 also had 187 paid up clubs, but only 9 divisions
- The number of member payments is down to 8,424 from 9,801 in 2017 which means average size of a club is 14% lower in members.

## **SOME FURTHER HISTORY**

- In 2009 D71 had 196 clubs
  - By 2021 D71 with D91 had risen to 394 clubs, average growth rate of 6%
  - Ireland grew at an average 3% and UK 8%
  - Approximately 5% of clubs are lost a year
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- UK North had 5 divisions, with average of 25 clubs each
  - Ireland had 4 divisions with average 24 clubs each
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- In 2014 Ireland had 5 divisions with average 23 club each
  - After Reform D71 UK North had 3 divisions with average 22 clubs each

## **TI ALIGNMENT CRITERIA**

Geographic proximity

All area 4-6 clubs

Serviceable by Area Directors

Opportunity in Distinguished Area Program

No areas with lots weak clubs

## **DISTRICT 71 ALIGNMENT BRIEF**

Strengthen areas and divisions

Improve District service to clubs, hence member experiences by increasing sizes above the minima the pandemic caused.

Maximise 5 club areas when change needed

Maximise 5 area divisions

Results in reducing 12 divisions to 9

## **METHOD**

Thorough analysis of current and historical data

Extensive discussions with District Leadership Team, Division Directors & Division Representatives

Discussion at District Executive Committee (including Area Directors)

Discussions with interested parties, including club officers and club members

## **COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED**

### **July 2023**

193 Clubs

45 Areas

12 Divisions

4.3 Clubs per Area

3.7 Areas per Division

16 Clubs per Division

### **May 2024**

191 Clubs estimated

41 Areas

9 Divisions

4.7 Clubs per Area

4.6 Areas per Division

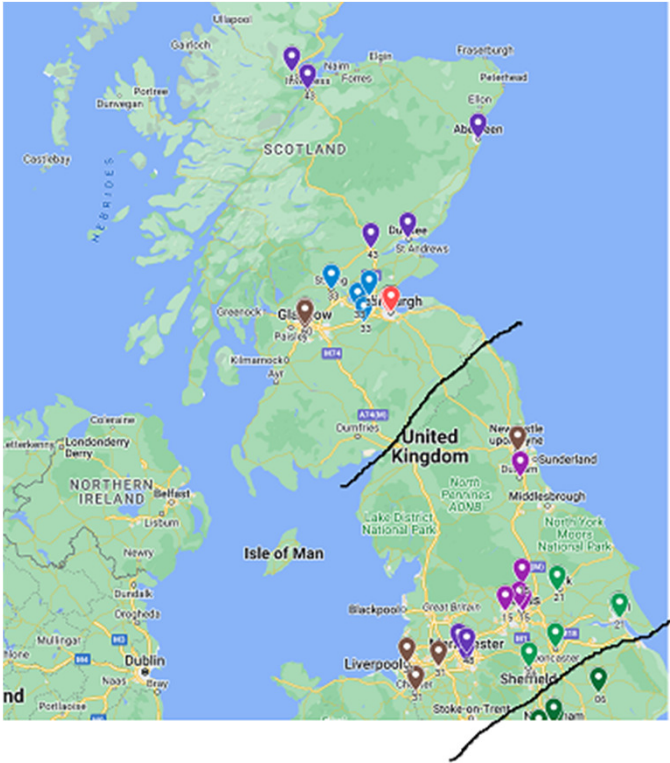
21 Clubs per Division

# Maps UK North

E Midlands – no change  
3 areas



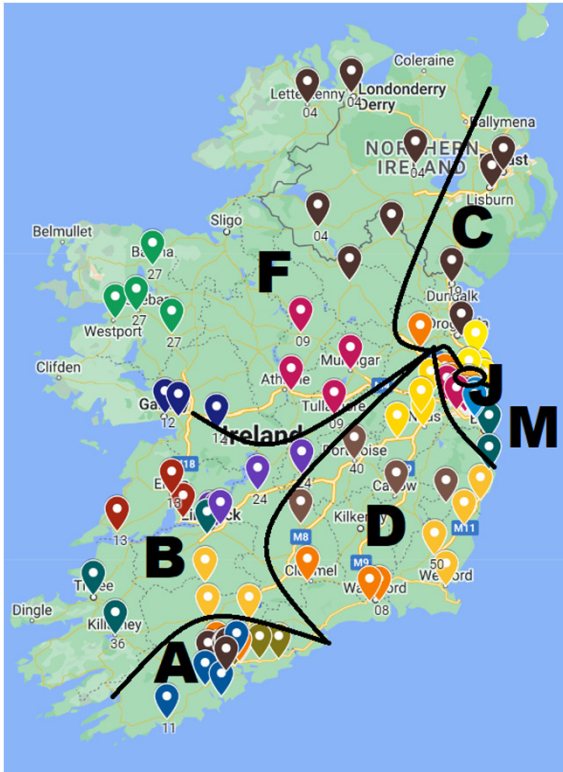
H 4 areas & G reduced to 2 areas  
Combine



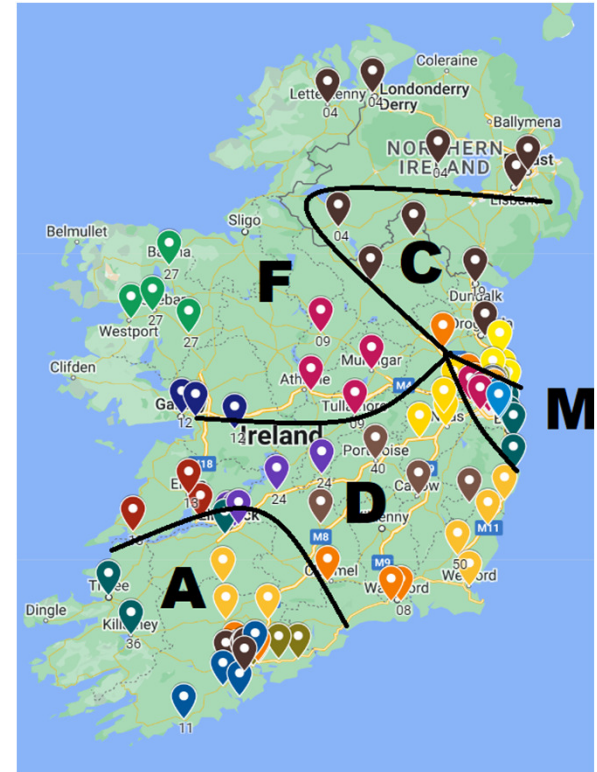
S Scotland & N North – no change  
each 4 areas



# Maps Ireland



Current



Proposed

# SUMMARY

## **UK North**

5 Divisions and 15 areas in 2023

S, N and E: no changes

G: Only 11 clubs; reduced to 2 areas and combined with H

## **Ireland**

7 Divisions and 27 Areas in 2023

F: club exchange between F 04 and C 19

C, J and M: combined into two divisions

A, B and D: combined into two divisions

# FURTHER INFORMATION

We have intentionally not included the club and area detail in this document, for two reasons.

Firstly, the alignment at area level is necessarily subject to change over the next two weeks leading up to the District Council meeting, as indicated above.

Secondly, we want to make this sufficiently concise that every member of the District Council will read it!

If you would like to have the alignment proposals in greater detail as they affect you, and in their latest form, please let one of us know, as applicable.

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# **APPRECIATION**

Very many thanks to all who have assisted in this work.

The Division Directors and their nominated representatives to the Alignment Committee, many Area Directors and the members of the District Leadership Team have all made invaluable contributions.

We trust that this joint effort will bear extensive fruit over the coming year and will support markedly stronger clubs and Areas.