

Croke Park Community Ticket Scheme — FAQ

Who can apply?

Q: Am I eligible?

If you live within **1.5km of Croke Park**, you can register for the scheme.

Q: How do I register?

Sign up here:

<https://crokepark.ie/communityregister>

Q: Do I need to reapply every year?

No—but keep your details up to date.

What kind of tickets are available?

Q: What can I get through the scheme?

There are three types of offers:

1. **Free tickets (lottery)** – mainly for concerts
 2. **Presale access** – chance to buy before public sale
 3. **Match tickets** – sometimes free, sometimes paid
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Free Ticket Lottery

Q: How many free tickets are available?

Typically **100 pairs (200 tickets) per concert night**.

Q: How are winners chosen?

By a **random lottery**, overseen by An Garda Síochána.

Q: Do I need to apply each time?

No—if you're registered, you're automatically included.

Q: What are my chances?

There's high demand and limited supply - it's purely the luck of the draw.

Presale Tickets (Buy Early)

Q: Do residents get early access to buy tickets?

Sometimes—this depends on the concert promoter, not Croke Park.

Q: How does it work?

It varies from concert/match/event depending on estimated demand

- You can be asked to apply to receive a **code**
- It may be **first-come, first-served**

- Numbers can be limited (e.g. first 1,500 residents)

Q: Does registering guarantee me a presale code?

No.

Match Tickets

Q: Are tickets offered for matches?

Yes, for some matches (e.g. the 2025 Leinster Rugby games).

Q: How are they allocated?

Usually **first-come, first-served** until they run out.

All-Ireland Finals

Q: Can I get All-Ireland Final tickets through this scheme?

Yes—but limited to 100 pairs per final

Q: How many?

100 pairs are made available to residents.

Q: Are they free?

No—they are **offered for purchase**.

Q: Why so few?

Most tickets are allocated to county boards and GAA clubs.

Does where I live affect my chances?

Q: What is the “cordon” system?

Residents are split into two groups:

- **Inside event-day cordon** → 60% of tickets
 - **Outside cordon (within 1.5km)** → 40%
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How does the draw work?

Q: How are winners selected?

- Each resident gets a **random number**
- Lists are split (cordon / non-cordon)
- Winners are selected from the top of each list

Q: How will I know if I’ve won?

You’ll get an **email notification**.

Communication & Timing

Q: How will I hear about offers?

By email only.

Q: Do I need to respond quickly?

Yes—some offers are time-limited or first-come-first-served.

Q: What happens if I miss the email?

You miss that opportunity.

Important Things to Know

Q: Does registering guarantee tickets?

No—registration gives you a **chance, not a guarantee**.

Q: Why do systems change (lottery vs codes)?

Because the promoters and ticket agents decide how tickets are released.

Q: Can non-residents access these offers?

Measures are in place to prevent this but no system is 100% perfect.

Q: Who is responsible for ticket sales?

- **Concert tickets:** promoter & ticket agent
 - **Croke Park:** no role in ticket sales
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Bottom Line

- You are getting **access to opportunities—not guaranteed tickets**
- Free tickets are **limited and highly competitive**
- Your best chance:
 - Stay registered
 - Check emails regularly
 - Respond quickly